

# DRAFT



19<sup>th</sup> October, 2016

## Annual General Meeting of Lapal Canal Trust

On the 17<sup>th</sup> of October the Annual General meeting was held in Selly Oak.



*Peter receiving tankard from Terry to celebrate 16 years as Chairman*

Chairman Peter Best reported on a good year for the trust with notable achievements in our goal of restoring the canal.

1. Good progress was made in Harborne Wharf, in November contractor Careys removed 2000 cubic metres of soil so that water would once again appear in the wharf. This was a generous donation by Careys which probably saved the Trust £80,000.
2. In August, 19 volunteers for the Waterways Recovery group repaired the old canal wall in Harborne Wharf, they were an exceptional team and exceeded expectations, not only restoring the wall but also creating a new access path and reinforcing the wall.
3. On the Battery site discussions on restoring this length of canal continued with the developer Land Securities, Birmingham City Council, Canal and River Trust, and National Grid. Restoring this first length of canal is our priority task.

4. A grant of £30,000 was received from the Headley Trust for the restoration.
5. We put more focus on restoring the canal to California, a new leaflet was produced and we have been offered matching funds from the Local Enterprise Partnership to fund a detailed design and economic feasibility study.
6. The committee has been strengthened with new members, David from IWA, John and Dennis from the WRDSC, Steve and Malcolm. We are expecting to recruit further members to the committee and to strengthen our capability for maintaining the web site and raising funds, recruiting new members and producing a regular printed newsletter.

Sadly, after 22 years as a director and 16 years as Chairman Peter has decided to step down, but has agreed to continue as President.

LCT Director Terry Stanton warmly thanked Peter for all the years he had devoted to the Trust and especially his recent efforts to retain the canal route through battery park. On behalf of the Trust Terry presented Peter with a suitable engraved tankard. Terry also kindly agreed to step in and become our new Chairman, this was proposed by the committee and accepted by the members attending. In addition, the members endorsed the following appointments.

Tony Whateley to continue as Treasurer and membership secretary,

Hugh Humphreys appointed as Vice-Chairman

Peter Fisher appointed as Technical Manager

Dennis Pike as Volunteer Coordinator.

Other members of the committee are currently David Struckett from IWA, John Hemmingway from WBDCS and Editor of 58 magazine. Steve Bond and Malcolm Bates,

Members of the trust are welcome to attend our monthly committee meetings, normally held 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 7.30 in Sainsbury café in Selly Oak