

BW East Midlands (Southern Area User Group) - minutes of meeting 29-03-2011

The meeting was held at Nottingham Sailing Club by the River Trent, chaired by Sean McGinley.

1. No funding is available at present to install pontoon lock moorings on the downstream side of Sawley Lock.
2. Sawley Weir Hydro Electric Scheme – All permissions are in place and all being well construction is to start during summer 2011.
3. Long Horse Bridge – Work expected to start in April 2011 lasting for 40 weeks. The bridge has now been fabricated ready for installation. There will be temporary disruption to navigation (not lasting a whole day) while the bridge is craned into position.
4. Sean is looking into the possibility of getting a pedestrian crossing installed across the busy Tamworth Road by Sawley Flood lock as there will be more people crossing this road when the Long Horse Bridge has been built. Also the flood lock may come into operation more when the Hydro scheme is built causing more lock operators to have to cross the road.
5. Volunteer lock keepers – 50 people applied, and 15 suitable people have now been chosen and have started working (with supervision) on the non tidal locks from Holme Lock to Newark Nether Lock. Applications to volunteer are still invited on an ongoing basis.
6. Bankside mooring on the Trent between Sawley Flood Lock and Cavendish Bridge – The only areas not owned by angling clubs or other private land owners are the parts owned by BW which are the south bank from the flood lock to Hully Gully Bridge, and a small area on the south bank just down stream from Cavendish Bridge, which would probably need dredging. BW to look into this.
7. Trent Vale Moorings – The proposed new visitor mooring at Sutton on Trent ran into difficulties with getting agreement from multiple landowners, so Sean is now looking at extending the visitor moorings at North Muskham.
8. Torksey pontoon moorings have been upgraded with a new anti-slip surface.

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