

## Stroud CAMRA

### Minutes of the meeting held at the Ale House on 11 December 7.30

**1]Present:** Bob Brooks, (Chair) Bob Fletcher, Bill Hicks, Tony Hill, , Bob Jeffrey (Minute taker), Tim Mars, (Pubs Officer) Frank Nicolson, , Andy Powis,

**2]Apologies for absence:** Andy Stayte, Ray Simmons, Richard Taylor, Mick Bishop, Andy Burnham

**3]Minutes of last meeting:** Agreed

**Matters Arising:** None that were not on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

**4]Winter Gold Cards:** Some amendments were made to the previous months decisions and Bob Brooks offered to contact those who have volunteered to remind them of their commitment.

**Old Badger Eastington** – Bob Fletcher + Dave Fry

**Crown Frampton Mansell** – Tim Mars + Bill Hicks

**Crown & Sceptre** – Tony Hill + Andy Powis

**Woolpack** – Tony Hill + Bob Brooks

**Ale House** – *All members present*

**Little George** – Bob Jeffrey & Bob Fletcher

**Prince Albert** – Bill Hicks & Mike Putnam

**Butchers Arms Sheepscombe** – Tony Hill + Andy Powis

**Village Inn Nailsworth** – Tony Hill + Frank Nicolson

**Royal Oak Painswick** – Bob Jeffrey & Bob Fletcher

**Bowbridge Arms** – Bob Jeffrey + Bob Fletcher

**Golden Fleece** – Bob Jeffrey & Tim Mars

**Ship Inn Brimscombe** – Tony Hill + Frank Nicolson

**6]Pub of the year:**

It was agreed to add the Old Badger Inn to the list making 6. Voting procedures would be sent out to members within a few days of this meeting and votes have to be returned by the 31 December.

*Ale House*

*Butchers Arms Sheepscombe*

*Crown & Sceptre*

*Old Badger Eastington*

*Prince Albert*

*Woolpack*

**7]Cider Pub of the Year**

We have 2 contenders, *The Carpenters Arms at Miserden* and the *Old Badger Inn at Eastington*. Bob Jeffrey agreed to contact the pubs and ask them to post details of their ciders on our FB page. Again, voting should be completed by 31 December. Members should make every effort to visit these pubs before voting.

**8]Media launch of POTY and CPOTY as well as the Village Pub Survival book** was agreed to be held in January. No date fixed as yet. Tim Mars will organise and Bill Hicks has agreed to take pictures.

**9]Brewery Liaison Reports**

Bob Brooks reported that *Stroud Brewery* have now moved all the brewery to its new venue except the bar which will be moved in January.

*Keep Brewing*. Andy Burnham reported no replies or contact has been established.

*Artisan Brewery* – Tony Hill agreed to try to get some dates for a brewery visit in the New Year

**11]Stroud Facebook:** The group thanked Tim for his work on the FB site and the clear commitments of behaviour and standards members of the site have to agree before being allowed access.

**15] Pubs reports**

A)*The Ram, Woodchester*. The meeting thanked Tim for his extensive report on the agenda and fully supported his plan to send in his comments to the Planning Committee on our behalf.

B)It was noted that *the BA at Oakridge Lynch* had closed. Apparently it had been leased or managed from Wadworths by the leaseholders of the Daneway, another Wadsworth pub but they had been

unable to sustain its existence. Bob Jeffrey had written to them to ask if they wished to talk to him about the problem of village pub survival.

*D]The Old Fox at Coaley* has been reopened and refurbished and Bob Jeffrey visited last Friday and reported only 1 other customer at about 1.30 lunchtime and that there was no food. Apparently their FB site says they are only open on Mon-Thu in the evening and all day FR-Sun, with no food until the New Year. There was also no sign of the old skittle alley.

#### **15]Future Meetings**

It was agreed the following meetings: Tues Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, Feb. 19 and 19 Mar. Someone will check to see if we can have the back room at the Ale House.

#### **21]The Tippler.**

The Winter Tippler is stored in the Ale House lobby in and under the chest and members are urged to give Bob Brooks a list of the pubs for which they are willing to be responsible for delivery and top ups.

**The meeting ended at 20.30** mainly due because it was difficult to hear each other with a large group occupying the same room but also requests to speed up meetings to finish by 9.30 at the latest.