

# **CAMRA**

## **IPSWICH & EAST SUFFOLK BRANCH**

### **MINUTES OF 23<sup>RD</sup> April 2018 MEETING**

**Date:** 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

**Venue:** Dove St Inn

#### **Welcome:**

Gordon welcomed 10 people to the meeting.

#### **Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Matt, Mike D, Terry H, Terry M, Liz

#### **Minutes of last meeting:**

Not yet on website, but will be soon

#### **Correspondence**

New rules on Data Protection come into force in May, but as long as Branch communications are sent via the Comms tool we will be compliant. Tony Green will need to send a memo from the Branch website to members to ensure compliance on a local level.

There is also a branch questionnaire about campaigning to complete. Gordon will go through this with other committee members at a convenient point in time.

#### **Officers Reports:**

##### **Chairman**

Gordon emailed his monthly newsletter. More positive feedback which is good, asked members for suggestions going forward.

##### **Vice-Chairman**

Sophie was absent.

##### **Treasurer**

Allan reported still £838.78 in Branch account, but monies for stationery were outstanding to Mike and Shirley Herbert, and a reminder given to Nigel that subscriptions for Last Orders need to go up to £4 to cover costs

##### **Membership**

Tim was present but not expecting a meeting so nothing to update.

##### **Youth Membership**

Chris was absent

## **Media & Newsletter**

Nigel reported the newsletter out as of today (23/4/18). We need some new articles, Roger's cycles are now complete, so suggestions of other Ale Trails and such like would be useful. Nigel has been on the radio talking about the demise of the pub vs the rise of the coffee shop.

-Half hour break for presentation of Cider PoTY award -

## **Social**

Matt reported via Gordon: We have got a trip to Cambridge on Saturday week, 5th May. Meet at Ipswich station at 10:05am in order to get our tickets for the 10:20 train. Trains back are every hour at 44 mins past. We can decide on the day which one we get. Plan is to visit a few pubs, including one where we can get a decent meal to soak up the beer!

Matt would like to do another day out this year. Would a trip to Norwich and/or Wymondham be a good idea?

## **Pubs news**

Roger was absent.

However, Paul J reported that the Boardwalk Café Bar in Felixstowe is very good and currently serving 2x Mr Bee's beers

## **Beer Festival**

Beer & Blues at Stowmarket needs help setting up on 6<sup>th</sup> June for festival on 9<sup>th</sup> June. IP1 Music weekend at Portman Road (Practice pitch) will have a 30 Beer festival, to be run by Ady from the Dove

## **Brewery Liaison Officers**

- ⤴ Paul reported St Jude's are still brewing an ever-changing, eclectic range of beers which are of varying standard

## **Tasting Panel:**

Terry not present, but a successful tasting panel had just been held at the Greyhound.

## **Any Other Business:**

A lively discussion was held about the results of the Revitalisation project vote. Too early to say what impact the changes may or may not have on a branch level

## **Next Meeting:**

The Nelson, Ipswich Thu 24 May 2018, 20:00

**Meeting closed at 21.00**