

CAMRA

IPSWICH & EAST SUFFOLK BRANCH

MINUTES OF 24th May 2018 MEETING

Date: 24th May 2018 @ 8.04pm

Venue: Lord Nelson

Welcome:

Gordon welcomed 9 people to the meeting.

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Tim, Sophie, Jane, Scott, Chris K, Alan C and Roger

Minutes of last meeting:

Read & Approved

Correspondence

The comms tool on the CAMRA website has been updated to make sure its compliant with the new GDPR legislation. There was also a questionnaire from HQ which was discussed and completed.

Officers Reports:

Chairman

Gordon emailed his monthly email.

Vice-Chairman

Sophie was absent.

Treasurer

Allan was absent.

Membership

Tim was absent.

Youth Membership

Chris K was absent.

Media & Newsletter

Nigel reported sightings of billboards stating that 'Beer Festivals are back!' and there being plans for another Maritime Beer Festival in conjunction with Isaacs and Briarbank Brewery. The location looks to be around the car park near to the Last Anchor.

It was also mentioned that June was the 44th birthday of Ipswich CAMRA! As Well as being the 40th anniversary of the magazine we now know as Last Orders.

Nigel mentioned that he wanted to encourage submitting of potential articles for the magazine from the branch, such as reporting on Real Ale Runabouts or any social event involving pubs.

Social

Matt reported that the Cambridge trip was a success, and suggested a trip to Norwich could be organised in the future. There was talk of maybe a trip to Norwich on for July 22nd 2018. Also, Yarmouth and Chelmsford were put forward as potential trip ideas.

Pubs news

- Salutations on Carr St, Ipswich has reopened after a refurbishment. It now has 3 hand pumped beers on.
- Bowmans on Falcon Street, Ipswich has reopened.
- The George Inn at Wickham Market is planning on reopening in 2021, and there are pub share issues being discussed.
- The Laxfield Low House (King's Head) has successfully been bought by 8 locals.
- A new Green King pub is set to open near the Copdock Interchange, possibly later in the year.

Beer Festival

Nigel said that the upcoming Stowmarket Beer Festival (Thursday 5th July - Sat 7th July 2018) could do with more support from any available local members.

There was talk of a possible Leiston Beer Festival supported by CAMRA around late October (26 -28th)

Brewery Liaison Officers

Absent.

Tasting Panel:

Absent.

Any Other Business:

There was some skepticism about the National Voting system, which seemed to end up being down to a low vote turnout. There was discussion about how unusable the voting system is.

Next Meetings:

Social and Presesntation - Royal William, Stowmarket 8pm 20th June 2018

Branch meeting - Woolpack, Ipswich. 8pm Tues 17th July 2018.

Meeting Closed 9.40pm

