

## Melksham Area Waterways Group

Notes of meeting @ The Adventure Centre on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2010

Future meetings to be held 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month @ 18.30 hrs, where possible/convenient

### Issues raised:

- Timescale
- Funding – where does it come from?
- Energy generation – Ken has contact who will charge for consultation re energy generation options. Weir flow & drop data critical to power generation.
- New Weir to be built
- 2<sup>nd</sup> leg of canal to join Melksham to Lacock
- Water supply – Claverton have licence to extract 35.9 mega ltrs per day from Avon. In 2008 extracted 24.9 mega ltrs per day, so 11 mega ltrs theoretically available for canal. K&A to River Avon has average 20 lock uses per day = 6.4 mega ltrs per day.
- Berryfield – removal of green space & replacement of village hall are issues.
- Regeneration team within County looking at Melksham.
- Consultation – it was agreed that information only, with an invitation to comment and/or raise issues should form 1<sup>st</sup> iteration of consultation. This would highlight issues & queries in MCAP area. Once issues & queries progressed to enable further appropriate information, then questionnaire to be drawn up for fuller consultation.

Waney Edge & open days agreed. (It was deemed inappropriate for Dr Cardy to hand out leaflets re his concerns at open days, since these were days for presentation of route information & collation of comments, issues and queries from public. Since group has neutral stance should not be expressing an opinion either way).

Next meeting – 1<sup>st</sup> June @ Exotic Pets in Melksham at 6.30pm