

Please note forthcoming Trust Executive Committee quarterly

OPEN MEETING

Tuesday 18th March 2008, 6 p.m.,

Boggart Hole Clough Visitor Centre, Charlestown Road, Manchester, M9 7DF.

Agenda for meeting is open – any concerns, issues, problems, suggestions re Clough can be discussed. Presently agenda includes:

- * **Wheels for All** trial Saturday morning sessions supplement regular Wednesday afternoon & Friday morning sessions.
- * **Manchester Poplars** felled 2007. Progress re replacement planting and installation of bat & bird boxes to compensate for habitat loss.
- * Representations re **planning application to build 50 houses at Clough Top**.
- * **Quest for the Sun** fairytale about the Boggarts of Boggart Hole Clough. Purple Expressive Arts proposed summer show in Clough.
- * **Footbridge railings disintegrating** (footbridge over ravine below Fish Pond).
- * Update re **Old Boathouse Café** renovations & reopening.



Boathouse exterior renovation work in progress 4.3.08.



16.1.08 MCC declared Clough a **Local Nature Reserve**.

The Trust (a democratic organization of volunteers open to all) works in partnership with, among many others, the Clough's owners, Manchester City Council. Our quarterly **Open Meetings** with Council representatives enable community participation in Park management & planning. To date these meetings have initiated several further ongoing activities / projects:

1. **Wildlife Regeneration** – in 2002 conservation volunteers began restoring the Clough's natural woodland biodiversity;
2. **Musical Picnics** – in 2003 summer afternoon musical events reintroduced to the Clough after absence of 30 years;
3. **Wheels for All** – in 2005 scheme launched enabling disabled people to ride adapted cycles on the Clough's athletics track;
4. **Heritage Exploration** - in 2006 project promoting greater understanding of the Clough's history & ecology began with a *Boggart Festival* involving 300 local primary schoolchildren.

Everyone is welcome to attend Trust meetings

on the understanding that only paid-up members of the Trust have a right to vote at the AGM in the election of trustees, and during the year only trustees and representatives from affiliated member organizations and co-opted appointees have a right to vote at executive committee meetings.

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