

# **Walsall FC Disabled Supporters Association (WFCDSA)**

## **Steering Group Meeting**

### **Saddlers Club, Bescot Crescent, Walsall**

**28<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – 7:00pm**

#### **Present**

Richard Sainsbury  
Joanna Sainsbury  
Daz Anslow  
Keith Fancutt

#### **Apologies**

Ian Buckingham  
Lesley Buckingham  
Christopher Light  
Dan Malin

#### **Aims**

To set up a workable Disabled Supporter's Group that can be a voice for disabled supporters and ensure that both home and away matches are as enjoyable as possible. In the long term we would want to form a committee with a Secretary and a Chair comprised of disabled supporters and carers.

#### **Correspondence**

An email from Dan Malin and text from Ian Buckingham were read out. Dan has offered to help in anyway with PR for the group, an offer we hope to take up.

#### **Increased Interest**

To carry out the above aims it would be good to get more involvement from our disabled supporters.

##### **Ideas:**

Produce a flyer with info about the group and circulate at forthcoming home games.

Daz agreed to produce this. Richard will speak to Laura to see if she could help with printing.

Start a closed Facebook page for the group with terms and conditions for being a member.

Joanna agreed to start this up.

Produce a Website for the group. This will take a while to do, as an interim measure we will have a page within the Walsall Supporter's Trust Website.

Daz agreed to do this and explore funding to cover the cost of our own website.

Set up an email address for the group for disabled supporters and their carers to email suggestions and comments.

Daz agreed to do this as part of setting up a website.

Start a WhatsApp group to enable quick transfer of information between steering group members.

Joanna agreed to set this up.

Daz has produced some possible logos for use by the group. The favourite is attached below.

Richard agreed to speak to Laura to ensure this was ok with Walsall FC

A longer term strategy would be to involve local schools or clubs for disabled children and invite them to games.

Richard would speak to Laura about involving the Community Project.

## **Improvements**

It was thought that if the Steering Committee could initiate some visible improvements, then disabled supporters could see the advantages of a Disabled Supporter's Association. Discuss with Laura if we can have sight of the Disability audit.

### **Ideas:**

Improvements to the Accessible Toilets.

Richard to compile action list.

Improved access and lighting.

Richard to compile a list.

Heating in the Disabled Supporters Room in the Community Stand.

Richard will raise this with Laura.

Provide runners to get food and drink for the less mobile supporters.

Richard to discuss with Laura.

Provide useful information regarding parking/accessibility etc. for away games.

Daz agreed to do this (this obviously will take time to compile).

Provide Audio Description for Partially Sighted or Blind Supporters.

Richard will discuss with Laura.

## **Proposed Logo Design**



**These notes will be circulated to Attendees, Dan Malin, Christopher Light, Ian and Lesley Buckingham and Laura Greenhouse.**