

## **JGA special AGM.**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2011 the Jesus Green association held a special general meeting to discuss the Lottery joint bid with the city Council for improvements to the Green.

The first stage has to be submitted by the 31<sup>st</sup> of August as an outline document. If it passes that hurdle a detailed development plan will need to be worked out and submitted. If stage one was successful the Lottery fund will fund the development stage.

The meeting was called to have the bid outline approved by the association.

Present were the JGA Committee, around 18 members, other interested people and also council officers and councillors.

The five aims the Heritage Lottery Fund's Parks for People program has in relation to bids were read out, they are:

- increasing the range of audiences;
- conserving and improving the heritage value;
- increasing the range of volunteers involved;
- improving skills and knowledge through learning and training; and
- improving management and maintenance.

The current bid is tailored to comply with these and focus on the following areas.

- Improving the paths.
- Improving the drainage, especially on the beer festival site.
- Renovating the Rouse Ball pavilion, and toilets
- Changes to the swimming pool to better integrate it with the rest of the space and extend its season of operation.

Other elements of the proposals which will be fleshed out if the first stage is successful include removing the reportedly now obsolete substation by the lock cottage, removing the disused bowls pavilion, improving the vehicle access from Victoria Avenue, adding an electric point for use of events such as the beer festival, and some kind of information/education feature pointing people to the history of the area and volunteering opportunities likely at the renovated rouse Ball pavilion.

A vote was held and the result was 16 people in favour of the bid proposals, two abstentions and none against.