

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 4th September 2018
at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone	Ordinary Committee Member
Andy Griffin	Paul Raine
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Sue Raine
Michael Bushby	Roger Jackson
Nick Halford	Pauline Melia
Peter Steckles	Julie Spencer

Apologies:

Paul Allen	Viv Lee
Barbara Shelton	Steve Clarke
Sue Boardman	

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.02pm and closed at 9.35pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of August's meeting.

2. Matters Arising:

18.08 Mike Bushby has volunteered to produce a flyer to advertise membership of the Group. A draft has been sent to the Secretary which was tabled at the meeting. It was felt that the flyer needed a photograph(s) to complement the text. The Secretary to contact Michael to discuss.

September update: Anyone with good photographs of local landmarks/landscapes (e.g. Darwen Tower, Pendle Hill etc) to email them to Mike Bushby or the Secretary for inclusion in the poster. Also waiting for the final new logo to be included.

Action: Ongoing

18.09 Caroline Tennant had discussed the Group's logo with her neighbour, a graphic designer. It was agreed that we needed to check that any symbols were Lancastrian in origin using the Lancashire red rose and Lonk breed of sheep. The correct Red Rose has been agreed. The Secretary and Caroline to identify suitable images/drawings of Lonk sheep to update the Group's logo in discussion with the graphic designer. It was noted that the design needed a full stop after the A in L.D.W.A.

September update: Nick Halford's wife has produced drawings of a Lonk sheep for review by the graphic designer.

Action: Ongoing

18.11 All officers are advised to read the three recently published GDPR documents (Policy, User Guide and Briefing Notes). When the Secretary is asked to confirm EL Group compliance then each Officer will first be asked to confirm their compliance to their obligations as detailed in the documents.

September Update: The NEC Data Manager, in answers to questions posed by the Chair, has stated that further guidance related to insurance requirements will be issued during September. This will be considered prior to any further action.

Agenda Items:

3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

3.1 Walk Registers

Feedback was received and a discussion took place regarding the taking of a Walk Register on recent social walks. It was agreed regular walkers should carry blank Walk Registers so that the record can be started as soon as the first person arrives thus avoiding any delays to the start of the walk. Copies of the Register and laminated copies of the Management of Walk Safety Procedure were distributed. The old chestnut topic of publishing the grade of walks, (speed, strenuousness, scent, etc), was revisited as it could help to prevent splintering of walks if everyone on the walk understood the expected pace before they started. Whilst this is a difficult topic it was agreed that publishing the expected mileage, ascent, start and end time should give everyone enough information. [Post meeting note: another possible category to include is underfoot conditions – e.g. mainly tracks, grassy]. All Walk Leaders and the Walks Secretary should endeavour to provide the best information possible.

Action 18.12: It was agreed that the Secretary would purchase about five waterproof clipboards, (order number dependent on the most economic purchase quantity).

Action: Ongoing

The carrying of a business card with ICE contacts and medical information was reiterated as good practice with a suggestion that the top pocket of the rucksack is the best place to keep it.

This card was also suggested as a good place to record the LDWA membership number for inclusion on the Walk Register.

Action 18.13: The Secretary to ask the NEC Data Manager as to whether a Walk Register is required on a recce of a Group Walk in order to receive the LDWA insurance cover.

3.2 The Secretary has received a draft copy of Bolton Council's 'Public right of Way Improvement Plan 2018-2028' which has been issued for comment with a deadline of 10th November. Anyone wishing to read this document should contact the Secretary who will then consolidate all feedback from the Group.

3.3 The Secretary has received a consultation document from Bury Council for an application to extinguish a non-definitive footpath at Coleridge Avenue, Radcliffe. The Chair and Secretary do not believe that this proposal causes any problem to the Group, but anyone who wishes to review the consultation document should contact the Secretary who will forward the document.

3.4 In return for favours received we are pleased to announce the opening of entries on 1st October for the South Pennine 24, to be held on 23rd February 2019.

4. Treasurer's Update:

4.1 In the Treasurer's absence, the Chair gave a summary update on the Group's financial position.

5. Event Secretary's Update:

5.1 **Red Rose 50**

- The Red Rose 50 Committee had met before the Group meeting and plans are nearly complete.
- It was reported that 152 entries have been received to date.

5.2 **Two Crosses**

The Two Crosses Event is live on SI, 8 entries received to date.

6 **Walks Secretary's Update:**

6.1 The Walks Secretary thanked all walk leaders for filling the January to March 2019 Walks Programme so quickly and confirmed that all walks are on the website. There are some amendments to previously published walks with the revised details on the website.

6.2 Mike Bushby has continued his navigation courses with several people attending the evening 8-mile walk on Tuesday 14th August 2018 starting at the Nick of Pendle.

The final part of the Map and Compass Training will take place on Friday 7th September 2018.

6.3 Congratulations to Jane Hill who completed her first led walk on 2nd September.

7. **Social Secretary's Update:**

7.1 Full details of all social events can be found on the website, which includes:

2018

November – Real Ale Ramble

December – Ghyll Head (1 bed in a female shared room available)

New Year – Neuadd Arms, Llanwrytd Wells

2019

January – Ambleside

February – Keswick

April – South West Coast Path

May – Hadrian 100 (24 people now booked in three cottages)

2020

May – The Welsh 100

For further details or to book a place please contact the Social Secretary, Viv.

8. **IT Secretary's Update:**

8.1 The IT Secretary's had reported that the website is up to date.

8.2 Peter Steckles asked if there was any problem with using Google Photos for social walk photographs. HS confirmed that as long as no changes are made to the files/directories then the photographs would continue to be available via the website.

9. **Any Other Business**

9.1 **Member's Open Forum:**

9.2 An advanced notice was given that the AGM is in November and according to our constitution all Officer and Committee roles are considered as up for re-election. Nominations for Officers and Committee Members will therefore commence at the

October meeting.

10 Walking in the Julian Alps

- 10.1** Mike Bushby was thanked for a interesting and informative presentation on his recent holiday walking in the Julian Alps

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Date and Time of Next Meeting

8pm, on Tuesday, 2nd October 2018

at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD

Sandwiches will be provided.

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