

**LDWA East Lancs Group**

**Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 11th<sup>d</sup> December 2018**  
**at 40 Armadale Rd , Ladybridge , Bolton , BL3 4QB**

**Present:**

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Jane Hill	Paul Raine
Michael Bushby (MB)	Nick Halford
Steve Clarke	Sue Boardman
Alf Short	Helen Cavanagh
Barbara Shelton	Andy Griffin

**Apologies:**

Caroline Tennant (CT)	Events Secretary
Barbara Shelton	Edwina Hill
Chris Greene	Norman Thomas
Jean Lyons	Don Watson

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.05pm and closed at 09.50pm.**

**1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

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

**2. Matters Arising:**

- 18.01** 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.  
Anyone with good photographs of local landmarks/landscapes (e.g. Darwen Tower, Pendle Hill etc) to email them to MB or the Secretary for inclusion in the poster. Also waiting for the final new logo to be included.  
MB had not received any photographs but will complete the flyer.  
**December Update:** MB brought in and circulated a sample flyer. The following discussion suggested a few tweaks, but concluded we were on the right lines. MB will bring an updated version to the next meeting. A suitable slogan was also discussed '**Interested in going the extra mile**' proving popular.  
**Action: Ongoing**

- 18.02** 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.  
: Nick Halford's wife has produced drawings of a Lonk sheep for review by the graphic designer.  
NH tabled three drawings of Lonk sheep, one was chosen by the Group. CT to liaise with the graphic designer to produce the Group's logo.  
**December Update:** CT forwarded four designs for evaluation. There was general agreement on the preferred option though one or two possible improvements to the background were suggested. CT to check if feasible and final decision to be made at next meeting.  
**Action: Ongoing**
- 18.03** 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.  
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.  
**October Update:** Still awaiting further advice/guidance from the NEC.  
**December Update :** Still waiting  
**Action: Outstanding**
- 18.04** **Action 18.04:** 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.  
**October Update:** Still awaiting further advice/guidance from the NEC.  
**December Update:** Still waiting  
**Action: Outstanding**
- 18.05** The Treasurer also discussed a hoax email that had been received by the Northumberland Group and confirmed that he had received similar emails from the same email address.  
It was suggested that the Group's website only contain email address in the following format: nameATemailaddress as most hoax emails originate from automated searches which look for the @ symbol. A note will advise readers to replace 'AT' with '@'.  
**Action18.05:** the IT Secretary to update the website accordingly.  
**December Update:**  
The LDWA website won't let us use AT instead of @ and it just says it's not a valid email address. HS has agreed with PA that just his phone number will be on the contact details so that his email address doesn't get picked up by potential scammers.  
**Action: Closed**

## **Agenda Items:**

### **3 Chair and Secretary Update:**

- 3.1** The Chair confirmed the LDWA has been notified of the change of Chair and Secretary, the handover with the previous incumbents completed and the required Web site access provided by the LDWA.

### **4 Treasurer's Update:**

- 4.1** The Treasurer gave a summary update on the Group's financial position. The accounts were shown to hold a strong positive balance mainly due to the ongoing success of the Two Crosses , the Red Rose 100 and the two Red Rose 50 events. The Chair proposed we should use some of this profit to promote walking related good causes and the East Lancs LDWA generally. Various suggestions were made including sponsoring repair work on stiles and providing kissing gates with an East Lancs LDWA plaque.

**Finally it was agreed we would like members to put forward their idea's for discussion at the February meeting.**

**Action: Ongoing:**

### **5 Event Secretary's Update:**

#### **5.1 Two Crosses**

The Events secretary forwarded an update. Reccy identified a few minor issues – stiles (reporting), brambles (cutting back) and a couple of bigger ones - Diversion may be required - Mud/planning permission/building work issue at Edgworth Moor Farm - contacting council. Permission applications have been submitted to – National Trust, United Utilities and Blackburn Council. Redisher wood - self clip. Postponing to 2020 event due to the number of tallies etc that will be reused from last year.

To discuss - Van hire – +/- £200.00 for the time we need, with all appropriate cover from the major vehicle rental companies. Will need a suitable volunteer to drive. Suggest this is arranged by the designated driver, as their details will be required. **Action:** KN to investigate Van Hire Options.

The Two Crosses Event is live on SI, 36 entries received to date.

### **6 Walks Secretary's Update:**

- 6.1** The Walks Secretary reported the 2019 May to August programme is full , though he is still waiting for some walk details , which are required by mid-January.

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

### **7.1 Recent Events**

VL reported a group of thirteen East Lancs LDWA members had just returned from a enjoyable week, in the lakes, at Ghyll Head. Eleven people have already booked for next year with three places remaining. Also in mid November a party of fourteen travelled down to Llanwrytd Wells for the Real Ale Ramble.

### **7.2 Future Events**

VL also hi-lighted the following upcoming events.

#### **2018**

New Year – Neuadd Arms, Llanwrytd Wells

#### **2019**

January – Ambleside

February – Keswick

April – South West Coast Path

May – Hadrian 100

#### **2020**

May – The Welsh 100

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

## **8 IT Secretary's Update**

The Web Site is currently up to date.

**9. Red Rose 50**

**9.1 Post AGM Red Rose 50 – discussion.**

A brief discussion regarding whether the Group should hold a RR50 in 2019 saw three pros and three cons discussed. Hilary confirmed that a resounding mandate from the Group would be required before the event can go ahead. A brief discussion regarding how a primary member's vote can be made took place as the current Constitution would appear to preclude any votes other than those made at a meeting. **Update:** Following the meeting the committee decided the best way forward was to send a bulk email to the membership asking their opinion if the Red Rose 50 should go ahead in 2019 and to gauge the level of practical support available. This information would be presented at the next meeting prior to a vote.

**9.2 Red Rose 50 Feedback**

The Chair reported, the feedback from the members gave a clear support for the Red Rose 50 to be held in 2019 and the vast majority of those who replied were willing to support the event. Also recent correspondence with the LDWA confirmed they regarded the event highly with 46 of next years LDWA 100 entrants putting it down as their qualifier.

**9.3 Red Rose 50 Vote.**

Following a secret ballot the Chair announced the vote decided by a comfortable majority that the Red Rose 50 should be run in 2019 and Roger Jackson has agreed to take the role of Co-Ordinator. **Action :** RJ to arrange the first Red Rose 50 Committee meeting at 7.00pm on January 8th at the Doffcocker Inn ( prior to the monthly meeting).

**10.0 A.O.B.**

None

**Date and Time of the Next Meeting.**

**8pm, on Tuesday, 8th January 2019.**

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

**Sandwiches will be provided.**

**ALL WELCOME**