

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 7th January 2020
at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

Present:

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| Hilary Scott (HS) | Chair / IT Secretary |
| Roger Jackson (RJ) | Secretary |
| Paul Allen (PA) | Treasurer |
| Viv Lee (VL) | Social Secretary |
| David Walsh (DW) | Walks Secretary |
| Caroline Tennant (CT) | Events Secretary |
| Alma Walsh (AW) | Ordinary Committee Member |
| Paul Wadsworth (PW) | Ordinary Committee Member |
| Gordon Stone (GS) | Ordinary Committee Member |
| Pauline Meilia (PM) | Ordinary Committee Member |
| Nick Halford (NH) | Ordinary Committee Member |
| Sue Boardman (SB) | Barbara Shelton (BS) |
| Steve Clarke (SC) | Jane Hill (JH) |
| Alison Wadsworth (AW) | Paul Raine (PR) |

Apologies:

Kim Shaw (KS)

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 09.50 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

19.01 Ongoing discussion of spending some funds.

VL has established contact with 'Friends of Redisher Woods'. A meeting will be established shortly, to establish where East Lancs would wish repair work to occur, with a view to a possible donation to assist with these costs. Will report back for the group's consideration on this **May Update:** A meeting has now been arranged to view the area concerned and then a decision can be made. **June Update:** VL has had a meeting with Dave Chadwick and others to discuss the required Redisher Woods footpath improvements, in particular ones related to the Two Crosses event. The full estimate for the work is £8000 to £10000. It will be completed by a contractor who does regular work for the council and can be done either in one go or in several stages as the money is available. Crowd funding is being considered with various groups including 'Ramblers' as possibilities. Also, we are applying to

the NEC to see if they can help. VL suggested East Lancs LDWA offer to contribute £1000, which was proposed by the Chair and agreed by the meeting. **July Update:** HS has contacted Dave Chadwick concerning our contribution. Also, VL/CT have put together a detailed proposal, requesting additional funds, to be sent to the NEC. **Action:** HS to send proposal to NEC in time before next NEC meeting. **August Update:** HS sent the proposal to the NEC; it was accepted and the full £1000 granted. She has also informed Dave Chadwick of the decision so he can progress the repairs. **September Update:** We have not heard from Dave Chadwick re the contractor looking/starting the work. **Action:** HS to email Dave Chadwick requesting an update on progress. **October Update :** HS has spoken to Dave Chadwick who has in turn spoken to the contractor. Apparently one hundred steps are required, he will be coming back to Dave with a quote for the work. Dave has since contacted HS to say the contractor has quoted £5000 for the work, split into four sections. This means we are £2000 short of funding the whole scheme. Dave has contacted the Ramblers and had an initial positive response. He has provided the relevant information and they will discuss the request for funding at the next Area Executive Council meeting scheduled for 14th October. Having split the scheme into four sections we have options to carry out some of the work if funding falls short, but he is not going to give that further consideration until after the Ramblers' meeting. **January Update:** Dave Chadwick updated Hilary shortly before the meeting. The contractor has been appointed and weather permitting work should be completed before March 15th (Two Crosses). We will be invoiced for our contribution; PA is aware of this. HS asked to be informed when the contractor is due to start so we can go and get some photos. Both we and the Ramblers have expressed a wish to have a plaque. Dave has no objection so it is something we will need to sort out between ourselves. **Ongoing:**

19.6 Contribution to Horwich Fire Service

Following the very enjoyable and informative First Aid Course at Horwich Fire Station on August 10th, we thought we should consider sending a letter of appreciation and offering a donation to the Fire Service Charity. During the debate the point was raised that as the British Heart Foundation provided the Defibrillation Units, perhaps they should also be included. We finally decided we should give £100 to each. **Action:** RJ to progress. **October Update:** RJ contacted Heart Foundation and was informed he could hand a cheque made out to them in a store and they would provide a receipt. Also, he has sent a thank you letter to Horwich Fire Station addressed to Watch Commander Lunt which also asked about best way to donate but has not received a reply. **Action** RJ to organise donation to Fireman's Benevolent Fund as advised by AW, who had arranged one previously, and make one by cheque in a Heart Foundation shop. **January Update:** RJ has sent cheques (provided by PA) to Fireman's Benevolent Fund , British Heart Foundation and received thank you letters from both. **Closed**

19.7 Breath of Fresh Air Website

As the Breath of Fresh Air website has only had a few hits recently and entries in the walkers register at the Stork Hotel have been mainly limited to East Lancs LDWA members. we felt we should consider if it should be retained as an independent site and domain. After a short discussion it was agreed not to keep the website but to hold all the information on the East Lancs LDWA site and provide a link from the main LDWA website. **Action:** HS to progress.

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

Chair hoped everyone has had a good Christmas / New Year and are looking forward to this year's walking programme. Club events in December were well supported with two social trips, the meal at the Rivington and the Christmas Cracker. Thanks to all who spent time organising these. Nothing else to say but looking forward to what the other committee members have to say and thank you for continuing to support East Lancs LDWA.

4 Treasurer's Update

The Treasurer gave an update of the group's accounts which continue to hold healthy balance even when we include Redisher woods work commitments and other liabilities.

5 Event Secretary's Update:

Two Crosses – All is on schedule; we have 86 entries (no paper entries so far) to date which is well up on last year's very successful event.

6 Walks Secretary's Update:

The first walk of the year 'Spanners Round' was well attended with 22 people turning out.

Most May to August details are now in, just two or three outstanding. Julie Cribb is keen to receive them as early as possible, due to her upcoming operation.

7 Social Secretary's Update:

VL reported fifteen members had recently returned from a very enjoyable New Year at the Neuadd Arms, Llanwrtyd Wells

VL Hi-lighted the following future events.

Future Events

2020

Jan - The Old Vicarage – 18 people booked.

Feb - Keswick – Fully Booked 18 people.

April – South West Coast Path. Based Weymouth.

May – The Welsh 100 Accommodation at Longtown Outdoor Centre.

June 6th Two Crosses / Red Rose 50 / LDWA 100 Party –still looking for a venue – any volunteers?

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

8 IT Secretary's Update:

Walk reports are up to date. Two crosses page needs some work, please can anyone with photos, of the event, send them to Hilary.

10 Pastoral Care Discussion

We had a very positive meeting, to establish a couple of basic guidelines for Pastoral Care. The following was agreed, with Alma to use her discretion in each case

- We should concentrate on 'Active Members', though that should not necessarily exclude others who have regularly helped us at events, or members, not currently active, but have contributed to the club in previous years.
- The appropriate maximum amount for a small gift should be around twenty pounds.

11 Publicity Discussion / Brain Storming Session.

Another enthusiastic and positive discussion. Pauline outlined our objectives of looking for a wider audience to generate interest in the club, particularly aimed towards the future and encouraging some younger blood.

There followed a lively discussion with many ideas being put forward including, new online options we could try, writing articles for or advertising in the local magazines, business cards, shorter introductory walks and leaving leaflets at local walking related events.

The Publicity discussion will now be a regular item on future Agenda's where hopefully we can develop these and new idea's further.

12 LDWA Merchandise

Following several people declaring an interest VL looked into the possibility of, as we have done previously, getting some black tracksters with East Lancs LDWA printed on legs. A bulk order would lead to a price of £18 each. After a short discussion we decided to send out a bulk email to gauge interest. **Action** RJ to send bulk email.

13 AOB

None

Date and Time of the Next Meeting

8pm, on Tuesday, 4th February 2020

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

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME