# Thames Valley LDWA

Annual General Meeting

**Date: Sunday 14th January, 2018**

**Venue: Hambleden Village Hall – 3pm**

Ron Doole proposed that Maureen Downes chaired the meeting in the Chairman’s absence. Seconded by John Ginty.

Gill Scott: Minute taker

Maureen thanked Chris Lloyd for laying on the refreshments.

**Attendees**: S. Ahmed, L. Ashwell, A. Beck, D. Birtwistle, S. Birtwistle, G. Browning, M. Burnell, Y. Burnell, L. Caswell, G. Croucher, H. Davies, D. Devine, R. Doole, M. Downes, W. Dunn, J. Ginty, A. Howell, M. Jones, N. Lawrence, L. Ledger, J. Ledger, C. Lloyd, D. Macgregor, M. Meehan, G. Scott, J. Shepherd, B. Sidhu, A. Yealland

**Apologies for Absence:** Steve Mee, Jan Sambrook and Christine Usher

**Minutes of 2017 AGM:** Passed. Proposed by Martin Burnell, seconded Yvette Burnell.

**Treasure’s Report:** Accounts produced by Ron Doole and agreed by Mary Jones.

Annual income and Expenditure had a small deficit.

Charity Donations had been made to 1) Chiltern Society who used money to install a gate on Oxfordshire way near Middle Assendon. 2) Thames Valley Air Ambulance who sent a letter of thanks.

Annual Income was from Oxon 40/20. Money used to support walking eg all fares paid on the Linear Walks.

Charity donations to be continued. The only suggestion this year was for Oxfordshire Lowland Search and Rescue.

Change Auditor of Accounts on regular basis. Ron Doole proposed Lynda Ledger for next year. Seconded Shahina Ahmed.

Mary Jones thanked for her work and given a ‘Thank you” gift.

**Chairman’s Report:** Maureen Downes summarised from Steve Mee’s notes. (Whole document will be posted on the Website.)

Linear Walks to be continued.

B Walks have good attendance but Leaders should note that they should be walked at a slower pace. Similarly, Wednesday walks.

Oxon 40/20 had new venue and feedback deemed it to have been a success.

Christmas Meal had to be cancelled due to the weather. All ticket monies and expenses refunded. Lasagnas donated to Salvation Army.

Membership has increased: 414 Primary and 447 Associate members. 50-60 active members.

Volunteers always needed for Oxon 40/20, walk leaders, cake/refreshment makers.

Need 40/20 Co-ordinator and Secretary

New Ideas always welcome. Linda Ashwell suggested splitting 40/20 roles to ease individual workload.

**Secretaries Report:** Maureen Downes has been Secretary for last 7 years.

Communicates with TVLDWA members on a need to know basis via Bulk email.

Went with Gill Scott to Yorkshire on National Secretaries weekend. Results from topics discussed there eg: Group Chat in Strider, Social Media services used, LDWA 50th anniversary celebrations, Business Plan and Local Groups will be communicated to National Committee.

**Walks Co-ordinator report:** Graham Croucher. There is a programme of walks every Sunday and every other Wednesday led by a hard core of Leaders. Always need more.

Linear Walks – 3 went ahead. More planned.

Parking details via Google Maps are available on Website.

Have returned to using Leaders’ full names on walk details.

Can show potential leaders whole area of Thames Valley if needed.

**Oxon 40/20:** Had positive feedback re new venue and route.

Need to improve Sweeping for 2018

So far 99 entrants for 2018 event and will have waiting list this year.

Ron Doole has planned routes with 4 checkpoints

Mike Meehan has updated software

Mugs with logo will be for sale.

For 2019 a Co-ordinator is needed.

**Election of Officers**

Chairman: Steve Mee Proposed - Gavin

Seconded - Bill Dunn

Secretary: Maureen Downes Proposed - Louise Caswell

Seconded – Mary Jones

Treasurer: Ron Doole Proposed – John Ginty

Seconded – Bill Dunn

Other Committee Members: Graham Croucher – IT/Walks Co-ordinator

Jan Sambrook – Catering

Gerry Garland – Si Entries/100 marshalls

Gill Scott – Oxon 40/20 Marshalls

Proposed – John Ginty

Seconded – Linda Ashwell

Mike Meehan is willing to continue with 40/20 IT and Steve Mee as co-ordinator for 2018.

**Social Events:** Would the Group like a Summer Social Event? Much discussion but the consensus was that TVLDWA was a walking group and not really interested in an organised event. Better to go to the Pub after a walk or provide cake etc from a car boot at the end of a walk.

**AOB:**

**1)** Chris Lloyd proposed that TVLDWA make a charitable donation of £100 each to 3 churches we use on our walks ie: Fingest, Pishill, Ibstone. Ron Doole pointed out that any donation must be made to a particular, non-campaigning cause. It was agreed unanimously that donations should be made and Chris should look into how money could be allocated to each church.

The other £200 should go to the Search and Rescue.

**2)** Martin Burnell pointed out that the walk leader should keep the group together and be responsible for the speed on a walk.

**3)** Maureen Downes has a small supply of LDWA business cards if anyone would like to distribute.

Meeting closed 4.15pm