

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday 13th February 2017 at 7.45pm

	<p>Apologies: None Present: Chair John, Secretary Karen, Mike, Glyn, David, Doreen, Ian and Jaqui</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Action</p>
1	<p>Minutes last meeting These were agreed as an accurate record</p>	
2	<p>The Plod There was a discussion in regard to the club subsidizing the Christmas Lunch again. The cost to the club this year was £135.00. The Committee agreed that the Plod walk and meal would continue and the date was set for the 16th December at the Calf's head. The exact amount of subsidy for 2017 will depend on the price of the basic meal (menu as per 2016, three courses were £14.50). Members will be asked to contribute £10.00.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John to book the Calf's Head Price to be confirmed at a later date</p>
3	<p>Data Protection Ian went through the 'Data protection and Privacy For LDWA Groups' document recently sent to groups by Julie Cribb.</p> <p>It was made clear that we still have some way to go in becoming compliant. Getting personal information older than three years old removed from individuals' computers and paper records is the next step we need to take.</p> <p>Ian also emphasized that it is important that members realize that the changes we have made and are to make are not brought about by us as a group, but are now requirements of the LDWA.</p>	
4	<p>Walks David made reference to an email he had received from Sue Fagg suggesting that longer walks (12-14 miles) should take place in months when there are 5 Tuesdays.</p> <p>The Tuesday walks until the end of April are already booked. The months of May, August and October 2017 each have five Tuesdays. The idea would therefore be that on one of the Tuesdays in each of those three months there would be a walk of between 12 and 14 miles, possibly starting slightly earlier than 10am and possibly being a bit further afield. I don't see any problem with this which is not a major diversion from the existing Tuesday walks. They would be group walks which would not go in Strider. There would of course still be a Tuesday Strider walk in each of those months.</p> <p>A discussion took place and it was agreed that when there are 5 Tuesday's in a month there was capacity for a longer walk on the programme. David reported a very healthy walk's programme with 4 walk's already in the planner for 2018.</p>	
5	<p>Business Plan & Social Media Karen reported that Julie Cribb had recently sent a number of documents from the Group weekend in November. (Julie informed that all the documents should be on the LDWA website). The LDWA is considering a business plan from 2017-2019. In 'setting the scene' the early history of the LDWA is important to members who are 'loyal to its roots'. Karen felt that newer members would benefit from a brief history of the club, to be presented at a group meeting. Karen to ask longer serving members to consider doing a presentation in the future. In planning for the future, West Lancs is fulfilling the vision of the LDWA by providing a substantial programme of 20 mile plus walks. In considering membership and current</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Karen to ask longer serving members to consider giving a presentation</p>

	<p>membership profile, the LDWA is keen to tackle the issue of recruitment of younger members and getting newer members involved in the organisation. The club has the newer posters, business cards and application forms. Social media was also on the agenda at the Group Weekend and the Committee discussed how social media might encourage younger members. However, it was recognised that the LDWA faces competition for challenge and other longer walks from a number of other quicker 'sports' like Tri-Athlons and wild swimming which are both becoming very popular with younger and older people. One of our members, Mark Atkinson, is to give a presentation on social media at the February Group meeting.</p>	
6	<p>Wainwrights Way Ian presented the most competitive mini bus quotation received and it was agreed that the group would cover the full cost.</p>	<p>Ian to book bus and notify members of the itinerary and to put details onto our website</p>
7	<p>Update on Fish & Chip walk This will more than likely be in June – date to be decided. The club will pay for this expense.</p> <p>Tea and Cakes venue – A walk and a venue for the above is being looked at. Non walkers should be able to join the group for a cake and cuppa. The club will pay for this expense.</p>	<p>Mike to give date</p> <p>Glyn to arrange</p>
8	<p>AGM The AGM is set for the 10th April, 2017 at the Sea View. There is a vacancy for a web master. All existing Committee members will need to be considered for re-election. Nominations for Committee members should be given to the Secretary by the 27th March. Any 'substantive motion' for the AGM should be submitted 4 weeks before the AGM (13th March).</p>	
9	<p>AOB It was agreed that members should be encouraged to look at our website regularly as it is now being more widely used. By viewing 'News' on the website members will be able to keep up to date with current events.</p> <p>It was, therefore, decided that members will no longer receive emails informing them that walk reports and photographs have been added.</p> <p>Jacqui asked about donations to charities and it was agreed to pay Air Ambulance a top up to £300.00 (the club collected £165.96). It was agreed to pay a top up to £350.00 to Mountain Rescue (the club collected £108.57) and Raynet £200.00 for their invaluable work at the Amble. It was also agreed that we should renew our Ramblers membership.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.</p>	