

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting
Monday 14th October, 2019 at 5:45pm

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Richard and Glyn</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Ian, Karen, David, Jane, Mike and Andy</p> <p>Standing items: The trig point at Darwen tower. Annual payment to the Ramblers Association. Donations to Bolton Mountain Rescue, Air Ambulance and Raynet.</p>
1	<p>Chairs Introduction. The previous minutes were agreed.</p>
2	<p>The Walking Programme <u>Standing Agenda</u> Past Walks overview – any issues/lessons to be learnt? Current future Walk’s programme What would we like to see in the future? Type/Frequency eg Thursday longer walks, Weekend Walks, Ad-hoc “Challenges”, Keeping the old Challenge Walks alive?</p> <p>Discussion Tonight’s meeting had a couple of variations to the previous agenda.</p> <p>David asked for clarification in regard to the completion of the walk register, as some members had seen the LDWA’s Chair’s Newsletter, August, 2019 and queried the need to complete the register when the new insurers have stated this is not requirement? The committee decided on behalf of members that it was no longer necessary to complete the register. However, where there are non-members attending walks to take their emergency contact number.</p> <p>David asked whether West Lancs would follow the lead from East Lancs in regard to members being supplied with a pre-printed ‘tag’ with 3 emergency numbers? Karen felt that the Ramblers had a more appropriate laminated card with full name and emergency contact details, plus any medical conditions. Action: David to supply Karen with ‘tag’ details and Karen to make enquiries about a laminated card.</p> <p>Discussion in regard to the recent walk guidance available on the website and whether there had been any subsequent changes? ie Walkers are not to go ahead of the leader. Reports are that on recent walks this has not occurred which is encouraging.</p>

	<p>David reported on the request from the Heart of England LDWA, re their walk in our area. Saturday 16th May, a 31miles or 19 mile walk from Preston Station mostly a flat walk on the canal. Details are to be put on the website.</p> <p>Long Distance Walks 2020 It was suggested that the Pendle Witches Way should be in April, 2020. The Eastern Loop of the Lancashire Way could be June, early July, 2020.</p> <p>Thursday walks</p> <p>There was a previous suggestion that the other longer/challenging out of area walks would be on a Thursday. From the survey Neil had sent out, he had received 17 replies. From these there is an ‘appetite’ for longer Thursday walks.</p> <p>Action: Neil is to put some dates together from April until October, there will be a programme where 2 Thursdays a month will be dedicated to longer and more challenging walks.</p> <p>It was also previously suggested that some of the old challenge walks/other walks completed by the club could be revived, as there had been good attendance on some of these last year. The Across Bowland linear walk could also be an idea for next spring/summer.</p> <p>Action: Neil took some old challenge routes which were available at the last meeting and will look at which ones could be updated and ask for volunteers to lead these walks.</p> <p>Tuesday walks Jane reported a few gaps next year. Action: An email is to be sent out to members.</p>
3	<p>Finances <u>Agenda</u> Accounts: Savings £4,107.67 Current account £2,885.66 (this has gone up because some Amble cheques have been paid in).</p> <p>Glyn asked for a donation to be given in regard to the use of a car park used on a Tuesday walk. This will be used in the future. Action: The committee agreed to this.</p>
4	<p>Social Events Discussion: It was agreed previously that the Pudding Plod should be subsidised, members to pay £10.00 and the club £5.00. Partners to pay the full amount. It was agreed to invite associate members who have led a walk. The date is agreed: 14th December. There have been 19 people booked on the Plod so far.</p>

5	<p>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</p> <p>Timetable</p> <p>Future Meetings:</p> <p>Committee meeting before the next meeting on the 13th January.</p> <p>At the meeting on the 13th January, Ian to discuss the Amble, plus a review of the long distance walks of 2019 including a slide show on the Coast to Coast which was walked by some of the Group. Also to give details of the Pendle Witches Way/Lancashire Way (Eastern Loop), which are the proposed long distance walks for 2020 to effectively advertise the merits of these and encourage members to join these walks.</p> <p>9th March, visit to the Ambulance Service in Preston. All members are invited.</p> <p>AGM is to be on the 6th April, 2020. Venue is the Sea View</p> <p>No meeting in December due to Christmas Pudding Plod.</p> <p>All committee members to consider options for the 2020 Group Meetings including the AGM and to bring these to the next Committee meeting in January.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Discussion re Andy's request for litter picking. Ian had posted that he and Jean did a litter pick on one of the walks.</p> <p>Andy has requested that the club promotes a litter pick, particularly around car parks that we use. Members to be encouraged to take an appropriate bag on walks and collect litter.</p> <p>Outstanding from previous meetings</p> <p>It was discussed that some committee members might benefit from attending LDWA meetings, ie AGM/Group Secretary's annual meeting.</p> <p>Action: Need to find out any future dates.</p> <p>Date of next meeting: 13th January, 2020 at 7:45pm, Sea View. Committee Meeting at 6.45pm.</p>