

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the LDWA West Lancs Group held on
Monday 18th April 2016 at The Peter's Bar, School Lane, Bamber Bridge.**

Meeting opened 19.45 hrs Members Present 31

1. **Apologies** were received from
Jeff & Enid Parr, Glyn & Julie Watson, Doreen Viney, Gareth Seal, Chris Seddon.
2. **Minutes of the previous AGM**, which had been sent to members, were passed as a true record.
Proposed by Dave Taylor Seconded by Shirley Bradshaw **CARRIED**
3. **Matters arising** from the previous meeting. None
4. **Proposals from the March committee meeting** held to discuss the constitution, 2016 budget and other issues were agreed:
West Lancs Constitution.
Proposed by Shirley Bradshaw Seconded by Mike Motley **CARRIED**
 - To continue to subsidise Multi-stage walks, hotpots at some meetings, complimentary Christmas drinks, Pudding Plod (details to be sorted out by the new committee)
 - To buy or make a new windshield for an existing burner.
 - To encourage the inclusion of some 20+ mile walks in our programme.Proposed by Dave Taylor Seconded by Mike Motley **CARRIED**
5. **Annual Reports:**
 - a. Secretary/Website – We have 149 primary members and 149 associate members, of whom 72 are on our “active members” and contacts list. Everyone on the “active members” list will need to agree that they are happy for their details to be on such a list (in an informal way) as data protection issues mean that a list like this can't be held or circulated “officially”.
The website archive of walks continues to grow and is a great advert for our group, containing over 260 walk reports from the last 4 years. Thanks must go to Stan and Doreen (and other members) for their many walk reports and high-quality photos.
 - b. Treasurer – the accounts have again been presented so that all can understand them and they have been circulated to members. The Raynet figure appears large but is for 2 years. Peter Lomax has kindly audited the accounts. They were passed as a true record (see attached)
Proposed by Arthur Roberts Seconded by Pauline Edwards **CARRIED**
 - c. Group Walks Organiser – A detailed analysis of walk statistics for the last 5 years has been made. The last year has seen the group putting on 41 “Tuesday” walks, led by 23 different members, beginning at 36 different venues and with an average attendance of 15, 22 “Strider” walks, led by 13 different members and with an average attendance of 11 (av. mileage of 17 miles) and 17 “additional” walks, led by 6 different members and with an average attendance of 14 (and av. mileage of 14 miles).
 - d. Property co-ordinator - Thanks to Dave and Sheila for all their hard work sorting out and transporting the kit to and from challenge events. The missing clipboard has turned up. The role of property co-ordinator requires a full list of all equipment to be kept, so if anyone keeps any group equipment at home, please send a list to Mike.
 - e. Challenge Events co-ordinator – Both our events have been successful and have made a profit. The entrant who suffered a heart attack on the Amble has now had his bypass op and is recovering well. Efforts have been made to find an alternative venue for the Amble, but the Anderton Centre is too expensive. An alternative might be to reduce numbers or increase entry fees.

The Bottoms Up event is only going to be advertised in walking publications as a result of inexperienced walkers entering and creating problems.

f. Chairman – thanks to everyone who has helped bring the group to where it is today.

6. ***Election of Committee***

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| a. | Chairman | John Evenden | |
| | Proposed by Doreen Viney | seconded by Gareth Seal | CARRIED |
| b. | Secretary | Karen Wardle | |
| | Proposed by Ian Wardle | seconded by John Evenden | CARRIED |
| C. | Treasurer | Jaqueline Peaks | |
| | Walks secretary | David Whittaker | |
| | Property Co-ordinator | Mike Motley | |
| | Challenge Events Co-ordinator | Ian Wardle | |
| | Proposed by Dave Taylor | seconded by Jean Bobker that all 4 be elected for a further year | CARRIED |
| d. | Web editor | Sue Allonby | |
| | Proposed by Ian Wardle | seconded by John Evenden | CARRIED |
| e. | Committee | Glyn Watson | |
| | Proposed by John Evenden | seconded by Ian Wardle | CARRIED |
| f. | Committee | Sue Fagg | |
| | Proposed by John Evenden | seconded by Ian Wardle | CARRIED |
| g. | Committee | Doreen Viney | |
| | Proposed by Ian Wardle | seconded by John Evenden | CARRIED |
| h. | Vice-Chairman | no nomination received | |

7. ***Any Other Business***

John Evenden thanked Pauline and Stan on behalf of the group for all their hard work over the past years – Pauline for organising the Tuesday Walks list for 10 years and Stan for everything he has done for the group since he became chairman in 2010. Presentations were made to both.

8. The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs. (Date of next AGM to be decided later) and was followed by a hotpot and apple pie supper.