

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Committee Meeting
Monday 10th June 2019 at 6.15pm

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Richard & Andy</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Ian, Karen, Glyn, David, Mike, Jaq & Jane.</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. Outstanding issue – helpers at the Red Rose Rivington check point. Ian and Karen have this in hand.</p>
2	<p>The Walking Programme <u>Agenda</u></p> <p>Past Walks overview – number of walks and participation levels Neil felt that the walks programme was integral part of the meeting and asked David for an overview.</p> <p>As at the 31st March the average number on a Tuesday walk was 20. April and May figures were 17. In the winter months the average has been 26 members. David commented that there was a need to attract walk leaders for Strider walks from January. Jane commented that due to her holiday, she needs to start to compile the 10 mile programme from September until December.</p> <p>It was agreed that there would be two separate emails to ask for leaders for these walks.</p> <p>Current Walk's programme</p> <p>David commented that the average distance of Strider walks had been 16/17 miles and this had remained consistent over the last six years. He said that the number of Strider walkers in 2018/19 was 13 compared with 10 in 2017/18.</p> <p>The “Thursday Walks” Programme</p> <p>Ian commented that he felt that additional walks in the Lake District for example should not be on our walks programme, but should be very much ‘ad hoc’. His rationale for this was very much weather based. It would be easier to look at the weather forecast and see what area is best to walk and leaders should be able to call off walks if really bad weather was imminent. It was suggested that one or two monthly Thursday walks could complement the existing programme.</p>

	<p>There was a discussion in regard what level of interest there would be for Thursday walking, vis a viz weekend walking? Thursday's are fine for those who do not work.</p> <p>Weekend walks – should there be more?</p> <p>This was to be included in the questionnaire to gauge members thoughts.</p> <p>There was a discussion about all leaders competence to lead the more strenuous walks, particularly at height and in adverse weather conditions.</p> <p>The members discussed last year's walk programme included 'old challenge walks. Jaq agreed to look at some of the older walks, which includes the Hic Bibi 50 challenge walk. The route description had been given to Karen by Brian Fisher.</p> <p>Previous discussion had included the possibility of the completing the Across Bowland linear walk and other linear walks where some transport could be provided, if there was sufficient member interest.</p> <p>Walks register – successful?</p> <p>So far only one register has not been received. Andy has revised the form. There were no problems reported.</p> <p>Notes for Leaders and Walkers</p> <p>Karen has sent a draft to Neil.</p>
3	<p>Finances</p> <p>Funds Balance at the last committee meeting and at this current meeting and the movement with the main expenditure</p> <p>Balance at this meeting was around £6900 compared with just over £7000 at the last meeting two months ago.</p> <p>Expenditure: The Fish and Chip walk was a huge success.</p> <p>Future expenditure: The tea and cake walk in September. 14th December, the Christmas lunch, the club will pay £5.00 subsidy towards members Christmas lunch. The Ramblers Affiliation is £64.00 per year.</p> <p>Speakers: Tonight's fee is £50.00. It would appear that this is the standard rate.</p> <p>Taking into account the above future expenditure and the sensible suggestion that donations should only be determined after the "profit" on the Amble had been calculated the Budget put forward by Neil should be revised significantly and it was expected that funds by the end of December would be comfortably above £6000.</p>

4	<p>Social Events What type and how many per year. Pudding Plod? Subsidising social events</p> <p>Discussion: Neil was informed by the committee that in the past the Chair had sent out invitations and collected the money. Neil agreed to do this.</p> <p>It was agreed to fund two further social/meeting events with hot pot in the autumn months.</p> <p>Mike said that he would organise again the Eccleston Fish and Chip walk which would not be subsidised.</p>
5	<p>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings Events at the forthcoming Group Meetings; 12th August – Stan’s slide show featuring the Orkney’s 14th October- Nick Burton – Talk on Wainright’s Way.. December no meeting. 13th January - The Amble 9th March- Ambulance Service visit, Preston</p>
	<p>Survey Undertaking a survey of our members. Review of proposal prepared by Neil Harwood – to be e mailed before the meeting. Neil has received some comments and is to take these on board and make some amendments.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Meeting closed at 7.15.</p>