

**Draft Minutes of the Loughborough & District Group of the Ramblers
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 3 November at 7.15pm
Ronald West Court, Langdale Avenue, Loughborough**

Present: Dave Twigg (Chair), Lynne Atkinson, Chris Rimbault, Stuart Tyler, Sue Mears, John Samson, Ted Wells, Pam Bursnall, Richard Jack, Sharon Davison

1. Welcome and Apologies

Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Lynne for offering to take the minutes.

Apologies were received from Sue Bicknell, Tony Coates, Heather Jennings, Chris Leafe, Margaret Machin, Richard Eade, David Rolls, Martyn Speight, Christine Wells.

2. Minutes of previous AGM (9/12/2020)

The Minutes were approved.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Annual Report

Dave talked through the report, which was available at the meeting and will be put on the website attached to these minutes.

5. Treasurer's Report

Main Account: Funding from Ramblers Head Office was £220.24 which was slightly down this year due to fewer members. Income from HF and Ramblers adverts in Soar Feet amounted to £160. Closing balance was £491.84.

Social Account: Closing balance was £621.88 making an overall total of £1113.72. The accounts have been approved by the Independent Examiner, Jeanette Hollis, and sent to Area.

It had been suggested that we needed to start spending some of our money or we may get our annual allocation to the Main Account reduced. Suggestions were made for spending on both accounts and these included a coach trip plus walks, OS maps, a group subscription to the OSMaps App, first aid kits for leaders, secateurs to be used on walks and transport for linear walks. This will be discussed at the next Committee meeting.

6. Election of Committee Members

Chair: Dave Twigg, proposed Lynne Atkinson, seconded Chris Rimbault

Secretary: post not filled

Treasurer: Chris Rimbault, proposed Richard Jack, seconded Sharon Davison

Walks Programme Coordinator: Dave Twigg, proposed Chris Rimbault, seconded Richard Jack

Membership Secretary: Lynne Atkinson, proposed Sue Mears, seconded Pam Bursnall

Footpaths Officer: Stuart Tyler, proposed Sue Mears, seconded Lynne Atkinson

Social Secretary: Sue Mears, proposed Sharon Davison, seconded Richard Jack

Area Representative: Richard Jack, proposed Chris Rimbault, seconded Sue Mears

Other Member: Margaret Machin, proposed Ted Wells, seconded Lynne Atkinson

7. Appointment of Independent Examiner

Jeanette Hollis was willing to stand again next year and thanks were given to her for carrying out the role this year.

8. Muddy Boot Award

The award this year went to Sharon Davison for her Leicestershire Round walk between Thorpe Langton and Gumley in October 2021.

9. Any Other Business

Dave thanked the following people:

Ted Wells as Editor of Soar Feet. Ted had intended standing down this year but as no replacement had come forward he agreed to carry on if people were prepared to put forward articles or new ideas which he can use. Dave offered an article about the Leicestershire Round walks that the group had been doing recently.

Tony Coates who was collecting the Walk Attendance forms and now the Risk Assessment forms, which now have to be kept for three years.

Sue Bicknell who has been Area Representative for two years and previous to that Walks Programme Coordinator.

Sue Mears for organising the venue and refreshments for the AGM.

Sharon Davison, on behalf of the general members, thanked the Committee for all the work they do.

Martyn Speight had submitted an email concerning footpath K62, from Nanpantan to the M1 junction 23 roundabout, which had been compromised due to the A512 improvements and which had made it unsafe for walkers. After much lobbying the County Council has now made the whole section much more usable.

The Area Quiz takes place on Friday 12 November but Loughborough will not be entering a team this year due to members' other commitments.

10. Date of Next AGM

The suggested dates were either Saturday 29 October if combined with a walk or Wednesday 2 November if in the evening. To be decided by the Committee.