



LOUGHBOROUGH & DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 7.15 pm

Present: Richard Jack (Chair), Chris Rimbault (Treasurer), Dave Twigg (Programme Coordinator), John Samson (Area Rep), Lynne Atkinson (Membership Secretary), Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Margaret Machin (Elected Member)

1. **Welcome by Chairman**

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked DT for hosting the meeting.

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Stuart Tyler

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting (5/10/22)**

The Minutes were approved.

4. **Matters arising from previous Minutes**

5d. DT was still pursuing the changes to the Ramblers web site.

6. Jeanette Hollis was willing to stand again as Independent Examiner.

9. DT would alter the wording on web site to say that dogs should be kept on short leads and walk at the back of the group. They should also consult with the walk leader before bringing the dog on the walk

5. **Matters Arising from Draft AGM Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

6. **Walks Programme Jan-Mar 2023**

The Committee managed to put a programme together for the next three months using the Winter 2019/20 programme. DT would post this on the web site.

Although leaders had been assigned to each walk, members of the group who had not lead walks would be asked if they would be willing to lead one of these walks if another leader assisted them.

7. **Officer's Reports**

(a) **Treasurer's Report**

Currently there is £773.43 in the main account and £705.88 in the self funded account making a total of £1479.31.

(b) **Membership Secretary's Report**

Membership stands at 139. From 1 October to 1 December 2022 we had four new members, one member had resigned and another membership had lapsed.

(c) **Programme and Website Report**

Dealt with in 6. DT had received only 1 walk from the last request he put out.

(d) **Social Secretary's Report**

- (a) SM needed to know how many people would be coming on the Christmas walk and asked people to text her.
- (b) SM would contact the coach company to provisionally book the trip on 1 April 2023.
- (c) SM had been contacted by HF holidays to see if we wanted to book another weekend. It was suggested that we could go to Church Stretton and lead our own walks.

(e) **Report from Area Committee**

There was nothing to report as JS had not been notified of any meetings.

(f) **Footpath Officer's Report**

The missing footpath sign reported by a member of the public, and noted in our October meeting has been solved. The sign was not missing, but just became overgrown very quickly. Easily spotted if walking, but not if just passing in a car. Just to be clear, this relates to footpath K63 where it runs parallel to Ashby Road, alongside Burleigh Brook, from near the university entrance to Cayley Hall up to the entrance to the old gas research park. (the path is through the trees, not the sensible tarmac one at the side of the road).

Shepshed are organising a petition and have submitted an application to get the path along the old railway line put on the map as a public footpath. This has been tried a number of times before without success.

The latest move was prompted by the fact the the local council have just spent £70,000 repairing the path and furniture, for the land owner to then put it up for sale. Looking for evidence that it has been used as a footpath for more than 20 years, if anyone has walk maps or reports? Perhaps something in old editions of Soar Feet, or on the printed walks calendar.

8. **Any Other Business**

DT had made the necessary changes for the new Committee on the web site.
CR asked JS if our walks could be posted on the Ramblers Facebook page.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8 February 2023.