

DRAFT MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING
held on Wednesday 23 February 2022 at 7.15 pm

Present: Dave Twigg (Chair), Chris Rimbault (Treasurer), Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Richard Jack (Area Rep), Stuart Tyler (Footpath Officer), Margaret Machin (Elected Member)

1. Welcome by Chairman

The Chair welcomed everyone and thanked RJ for providing the meeting place.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Lynne Atkinson (Membership Secretary).

3. Minutes of the last Meeting (24/11/2021)

Under 11 the date of the next meeting was changed to 23/02/2022. The Minutes were then approved.

4. Matters arising from previous Minutes

4(8) The Area AGM was held on Zoom. We are not hosting it in 2023.

6 Maps - CR has bought three OS explorer maps - Loughborough, White Peak & Cotswolds. These are held by CR.

Group OS map - DT has investigated this further and it was agreed to put this on hold pending an investigation on who might use it.

Secateurs - RJ has purchased four pairs – these are held by DT, SM, CR and RJ

7 Coach trip & holiday - discussed later in the meeting.

Trail - Gill Coates is looking into this.

Christmas walk – 16 walkers attended

Taxi - wasn't required as minibus had sufficient space. Minibus costs were covered by walkers.

5. Officers' Reports

(a) Chair

National Walking Festival – Loughborough Ramblers have offered two walks (18 & 25 May). Tony Coates was to lead them but now can't do 25 May. Who can help? Some committee members have had spoof emails from DT. Is it connected with having his email address linked to 'chair@loughboroughramblers.org.uk' on the group's website? Let DT know if they continue.

(b) Treasurer

The balance on the account is £1,240.67 made up of £533.79 in the main account and £706.88 in the self-funded account.

(c) Membership

Membership stands at 131. There have been 6 new members but another 6 have left for various reasons. We were encouraged to talk to new members on walks.

(d) Walks Programme and Website

We are still short of walk leaders so there are gaps in the programme. We are managing about 3 walks out of the usual 4 slots.

The new Ramblers logo and other updates are being applied in March. We can only have one page on the main Ramblers web site which DT has updated.

(e) Social

26 people are booked to go on the weekend away in October, staying at the HF house by Derwentwater. Extra rooms are available. The coach trip to the Cotswolds has 29 booked so far.

(f) Area Committee

Lots of new members are being assigned to the wrong local group by Ramblers central office. A new role of Vice Chairman has been created.

(g) Footpath Officer

Planning applications for 150 houses ([P/21/2358/2](#)) and 350 houses ([P/21/2359/2](#)) on 'Land to the West of Bradgate Road Anstey' have been submitted. These will affect some of the footpaths between Anstey and Groby Pool.

6. Any Other Business

There was a discussion on details for the coach trip to the Cotswolds organised by SM. 29 had booked so the cost will be £15 each. DT will be leading the long walk, SM probably leading the short walk. SM will be sending out an information sheet to participants.

7. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 1 June 2022, hosted by CM.