



LOUGHBOROUGH & DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 1 June 2022 at 7.30 pm

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

1. **Welcome by Chairman**
The Chair welcomed everyone.
2. **Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies.
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting (23/2/22)**
The Minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from previous Minutes**
There were no matter arising.
5. **Officer's Reports**
 - (a) **Chair's Report**
DT was getting advertising emails coming through on his computer. Some were advertising holiday accommodation and others trying to recruit people to help with research projects and some to do with interactive games. As there was nothing we could do to stop these we agreed to ignore them.
 - (b) **Treasurer's Report**
Currently there is £637.84 in the main account and £616.88 in the self funded account making a total of £1254.72.
 - (c) **Membership Secretary's Report**
Membership stands at 130. One membership had lapsed in March and six members had resigned in April. Up to 1 June we have had 13 new members. DT asked LA to register Carol Dunkin and Jasvinder Ajimal as walk leaders.
 - (d) **Programme and Website Report**
Website Report - The Ramblers changeover was going very slow. This should have been fully operational by March but it is nowhere near at the moment.
Programme Report - Up until recently we had been able to offer a couple of walks a week but at present there is a lack of people offering walks which has resulted in only one walk being offered in June, also people were on holiday. It was suggested that we could combine a short and a long walk on a Saturday but this would need

two leaders. DT now had all the GPX files all the walks which were led by Zimmy which were run in this way. We could perhaps encourage some of the newer members who walk regularly with us to lead a walk and offer them help to do this. DT would put out a request for walks.

DT would be going on holiday for 3 weeks and asked for a volunteer to enter walks on the web site. CR agreed to do this.

DT pointed out an article in the Ramblers Newsletter where two motions were debated at General Council re risk assessments. One motion was that risk assessments should be removed completely and the other that they should be simplified. After much debate both motions were passed. The motions will be reviewed but risk assessments must continue. Another article concerned recruiting walk leaders by offering to co-lead a walk with them.

DT had received an email from the Area Chair commenting on the fact that we only had one walk on our programme for June. DT would respond this.

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

The Cotswold coach trip went very well with 36 people attending. Everything went to plan with two separate groups setting off. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this and it was suggested that we could do this every year and to open it up to the Coalville group again if we needed to boost numbers. It was decided not to run another trip this year.

26 people were booked onto the holiday in October. There were a few people on the waiting list but at present it was decided to leave the number as it stood.

(f) **Report from Area Committee**

There was nothing to report.

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

There was nothing to report.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 5 October 2022 for the Committee Meeting.

Wednesday 2 November 2022 for the AGM.