



LOUGHBOROUGH & DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 24 November 2021 at 7.15 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 (27/9/2021))**
The Minutes were approved.
4. **Matters arising from previous Minutes**
 - 4(6) The issue with using some of the mapping routines with the Safari web browser on Apple computers was still on-going.
 - 5(c) DT has now changed the attendance form on the web site to incorporate space for mileage.
 - 5(d) SM had booked 12 places for lunch/snack at The Griffin Inn after the Christmas walk on 15 December.
 - 5(f) The Ashby Road issue was reported and is being dealt with by Leicestershire County Council.
The One Ash roundabout issue is still to be investigated.
 6. DT has removed the Contacts Tab on the website has instead of entered the committee's email addresses on the Committee and Minutes page. This will make it easier for future alterations to be made.
 7. The Annual Report was sent to Roy Denney for inclusion in the Area newsletter.
 8. SM had already sorted out the tea and coffee for the Area AGM and would get the biscuits. Nearer the time we would ask members for help on the day. DT would check the screen out.
 9. TC had offered to lead two walks for the National Forest Walking Festival, one on the 18th May from Mt St Bernards Abbey, Charnwood Nature Reserve and one on the 25th May from Copt Oak. These will both be on our walks programme.
5. **Matters Arising from draft AGM Minutes (3/11/2021)**
 10. The format of the next AGM to be decided at a later Committee meeting.
6. **Group Finances and Spending**
It was felt that it would be useful to know what we are allowed to use the funds for in our Main Account and Social Account. DT had found a Ramblers document on the

web 'A Guidance for Treasurers' in which there is a section on 'Use of charitable funds'. From this it seems that we could use the main account to purchase maps, OS App, secateurs and first aid kits as these would come under the cost of running our walks programme. As far as the social account goes it looks like this could be used towards coach trips, holiday, linear walks, socials and gifts as long as the account breaks even over the course of the year. It was decided that we would spend the following money from the main account.

Maps - to start with we agreed to buy Loughborough 246, National Forest 245, Derby 259 and Leicester 233. These would be around £8.99 each or cheaper if bought from Cotswolds. CR would be the holder of these for members to borrow. ?? agreed to order these.

Group OS App - the subscription cost for this would be £100. We would try it for a year and see how many people use it. DT would look into this.

Secateurs - LA had brought along some folding secateurs for the group to look at. They were very light and once folded fitted into a small case. It was agreed to purchase four pairs at a cost of £13.99 each. These would be distributed to two people who walk regularly on the Wednesday walk and two on the Saturday walks.

First Aid Kits - It was suggested that we should encourage members to purchase and carry their own personal first aid kit in case of an accident. It states on the walks page that members should bring their own kit and mask. It was therefore decided not to purchase any out of the main fund.

7. Social Events for 2022

The following would come out of the social account:

Coach trip - SM had looked into the cost of organising a coach trip to Malvern, the cost of which would be around £650 . We would need 30 people to make this work. It was suggested we charge people £15 and make up the rest out of the social fund. The suggested date was Saturday 2 April.

Holiday - Suggested HF holidays were 15 October to Derwent Water or 21 October to Malham at a cost of £314 for 3 days.

Trail - a trail was another idea that was suggested for the summer and SM and DT would look into this.

Skittles and Pie night - it was decided to leave this for the time being until we knew what the situation was with Covid.

Christmas Walk - a Christmas social walk and lunch had been organised by SM for Wednesday 15 December.

Minibus and Taxi for one linear walk on the Leicestershire Round - It was agreed to subsidise this from the Social Fund, if necessary due to numbers on the walk.

8. Ramblers Rebranding

The Ramblers are changing lots of things on their web site and have produced new logos for all the groups.

9. Officers Reports

There was no time to go through these.

10. Any Other Business

Write of Way Magazine - There was an article in this which suggested that the Loughborough group could possibly merge with Coalville. There was an email from the Area Chairman saying this shouldn't have been shared with the membership and there are no plans for it to go ahead. The Committee is unanimous against any merger.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 23 Feb 2022. Richard offered to host the meeting and Margaret offered to take the minutes.