



LOUGHBOROUGH & DISTRICT GROUP OF THE RAMBLERS

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING held on Wednesday 5 October 2022 at 7.30 pm

Present: Dave Twigg (Chair), Sue Mears (Social Secretary), Richard Jack (Area Rep), Lynne Atkinson (Membership Secretary), Margaret Machin (Elected Member)

1. **Welcome by Chairman**

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

2. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Chris Rimbault and Stuart Tyler

3. **Minutes of the last Meeting (1/6/22)**

The Minutes were approved.

4. **Matters arising from previous Minutes**

5c. LA had registered Carol and Jasvinder as walk leaders.

5d. At the previous meeting the committee came up with enough walks to cover most of the weeks in June, July and August and once DT put out a request for walks we had enough to fill the vacant spaces.

5. **Officer's Reports**

(a) **Chair's Report**

Correspondence from Ramblers re mileage rate

The guidance from the ramblers is that their mileage rate is now 45p per mile and this will be used for guidance when car sharing. If people wished to claim expenses for recceing a walk then the same rate will be used but we would have to keep an eye on this as funds won't allow many such claims.

Satisfaction Survey

DT let the Committee know that a Ramblers Satisfaction Survey had been sent and that the closing date for replies was midnight on 6 October if they wished to fill it in.

(b) **Treasurer's Report**

CR had supplied the spreadsheet. Currently there is £714.92 in the main account and £855.88 in the self funded account making a total of £1570.80.

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

Membership stands at 138. There were 10 new members from 1 June to 1 October and one member had resigned.

LA had received some new membership leaflets which she gave out to the committee to hand to new people on walks.

(d) **Programme and Website Report**

Website Report - DT reported that if you go on the Ramblers website for Loughborough there is just general information provided by the Ramblers and not the up-to-date information that DT had submitted for them at their request back in December/January. DT would look into this.

Programme Report

See 8.

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

(i) The Derwent Bank holiday is more or less sorted now apart from getting lifts for some people. LA had pulled out due to injury but it was hoped that someone might fill this place.

(ii) SM was planning on organising another coach trip on 1 April 2023 as these have proved to be very popular.

(iii) SM is proposing to organise a Christmas Social Walk on Wednesday 14 December at Swithland again (Note this has now been changed to 21 Dec).

(f) **Report from Area Committee**

RJ attended a short zoom meeting of which the following was noted:

Area Walk 16 October 2023

Area Quiz 11 November (it may be 28 October)

AGM Last Saturday in January 2023

The person doing work on lost footpaths is struggling to find help.

Charnwood Forest are going ahead with establishing a path along Breakback Road. There was no clarity as to exactly where it will be.

There was concern that too many people are turning up for some walks, and walk leaders my need protecting from requests to organise pub lunches.

There was some chat about whether we should try to find a speaker for the AGM. RJ suggested that a talk on the Great Central Railway may be of interest and offered to find the name of a contact.

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

(i) A footpath sign near the University was put up but has now been taken down again. A member of the public reported this.

(ii). A footpath around Launde Abbey was reported as impassable but as it was going from Rutland into Leicestershire ST reported this to the Rutland area to deal with.

6. **AGM**

This has been arranged for Wednesday 2 December, at Ronald West Court at 7.00 for a 7.15 start. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be arranged as last year.

DT would update the Agenda and send to LA.

LA would send out an email with the Agenda to all members inviting them to the AGM at least two weeks before the meeting.

DT would get the Annual Report ready and print off copies.

DT would print off copies of the previous AGM minutes.

A Treasurer's report would be needed from CR.
CR to sort out Appointment of Independent Examiner.

7. **Derwent Bank Holiday Arrangements**

Dealt with under 5(e)

8. **Shortage of Walk Leaders**

After the group holiday we have no walks on the programme again.

DT had put out a request in August for walks to be submitted for September and October and only had one response. DT suggested that we could prepare a programme with places to walk and ask people to put their names against a walk they would be prepared to lead.

To keep the walks programme going SM, RJ and DT offered walks.

9. **Dogs on Walks**

RJ asked what the policy was for dogs coming on walks. DT informed him that our policy is that 'We do allow well behaved dogs on most walks, as long as they are under close control and on a short lead where necessary, e.g. in fields of sheep or cattle, or by roads but it is always worth checking with the walk leader whether the walk is suitable as dogs are not permitted on some land.'

DT would review this wording.

10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 7 December 2022.