

Minutes

Sheffield 40's Walking Group

10th September 2024 7pm, 68 Nether Edge Road, Sheffield, S7 1RX

Attendees: Liz Sharp, Tracey Reeve, Martin Wistow, Charlie Cooper, Helen Lewin

1. Apologies, Lucia Contrino

2. Minutes of last meeting

Minutes to be approved when Liz has actioned.

3. Matters from the chair

- Management of web site

Liz explained that Keith is wanting to leave the committee and handover the responsibility of the website.

Discussion took place on creating a new basic cheap website, possibly using wordpress. Ramblers might be able to provide some money toward it.

Action: Helen to ask Ramblers about the Sheffield 20s/30s website and the designer of their website who could do ours.

Action: Liz to draft email and ask members if they have any experience to look after the existing website, and to ask if anyone has experience setting up a new website.

Action: Liz to ask Jez if he would maintain the existing website and/or create a new one.

- Name change

A discussion took place about changing the name for the group and the reasons for and against. It was decided that we would first find out if people wanted a name change and if they do we will vote on it at the AGM.

Action: Online poll for yes or no to name change and if yes, the name will be voted on at the AGM.

- Preparations for AGM (follow up from last meeting)

Mandy advised that the Bradfield room is booked. Walk and chips on 17th November.

The committee to have reports for SYNED with Liz by 4th October – use these reports for the AGM.

4. Matters from the Footpath coordinator

[See email from 29th August](#)

- Lucia has stepped down from being the point of contact for Jez's app as she is just acting as a postbox. This is Jez's app for reporting path issues and isn't currently used by many people.
- Malcolm Dixon reported at the last SYNED meeting that Sheffield Ramblers is in danger of folding as no-one wants to take on roles. Liz – we should extend welcome to folk who want to join us from the Sheffield group.

5. Matters from the social Secretary

Summer social had to be cancelled due to low numbers.

Mandy has organised a book your own weekend away to Kirby Stephen. 11-13 Oct.

The Snowdonia weekend organised with James is coming up at the end of September and all places are booked up.

The George hotel is booked in Hathersage for the Christmas meal – paid £400 deposit out of social fund.

Christmas party – TR – mid December, looking at Tigers club but nothing confirmed.

6. Matters from the Training Coordinator

8 people did OS app training with Alan on 1st September. Everyone enjoyed it. Sounded out about doing it again 2025.

First aid training is taking place on 30 November. 9 people have signed up and there are 12 spaces. 2 days in one and full day training.

Walk leader training happened. Two people signed up for that.

Discussion ensued on how we arouse interest in people leading walks? A competition was suggested where if you lead a walk between certain times of the year, your name is put in a hat and you could win a prize.

Helen advised that with the walk leader training, someone couldn't access the training.

7. Matters from the Walks Coordinator

Martin advised that there have been 52 walks since last meeting and 32 walk reports.

Action: Martin to organise a walk leader meeting in a pub.

8. Matters from the Treasurer
Report from Charlie forwarded earlier.

9. Matters from the Secretary

Membership reports aren't being received from SYNED. However our email addresses for members can still be balanced to the numbers on the ramblers members site. Ramblers figures from 325 to 318.

10. AOB

No AOB

11. Next Meetings

AGM 17th November 2024

Next committee meeting 9 December 2024