

Draft Minutes

Sheffield 40s Walking Group

23rd March 2021 7.30pm via Zoom

Present

Jez Kenyon, Chair. Bev Kenyon, Secretary/ Membership Secretary. Mick Nott, Treasurer. Sara Collin, Dave Depledge, Walks Coordinators. Mandy Kippax, Jillian Gilbert, Socials and Weekends Away Coordinators. Allen Hudson, Footpath Officer/Web Editor.

Apologies None

Approval of minutes

Approved by all.

Matters arising

- First aid courses. Mick to get back to Gavin (Area Treasurer) to inform him we are putting a list together of members who have expressed an interest. Will wait until walks start again to formalize as there may be more interest then.
- Donating to other charities. We are still seeking clarification. Mick is to attend a further online Ramblers training course for treasurers and will hopefully find out more.

1) Chair

- Area AGM. Allen attended to represent the group. Kate Ashbrook also attended from Ramblers. We had a couple of things which needed approval. 1) Asked for support for Friends of Loxley Valley to help them campaign against house building – not approved. 2) Asked for support for Peak District Access funds to help fund work in access areas (maintaining paths etc). This was deferred however Central Office has given verbal approval. Membership in the area is stable.
- Facebook survey results. Mick has circulated the responses and will put together a more formal report. We had 60 responses. Most of our walks currently are 6 miles and above, however the survey suggests that some people are not comfortable with this distance. Travel to the start of a walk is not an issue. Just under half of the responders felt that they would like advice on walk clothing and equipment. We hope that the reintroduction of evening walks will help to cover shorter walks and Sara should be able to offer some shorter walks on the programme, however it is felt that anything under 4 miles will not be offered. Committee will use the facebook page to start discussions on what equipment we like to use so that people who are less confident can

get ideas and ask questions. The committee thanked Mick for his work on this and felt that it was very worthwhile.

2) Treasurer

- Mick is now able to access the accounts. The balance stands at £1224.87 (£1088.29 in the main fund and £146.58 in the socials fund).
- Mick has shared our spending policy with Gavin, the area treasurer.
- Mick has completed the first stage of Ramblers online training for treasurers.

3) Secretary

- Our current membership as per Ramblers records stands at 243 which is in line with our records. The system is now completely online, and Bev updates our records approximately once a month. A current spreadsheet of member details will continue to be stored in the "Membership" folder of the Google drive.

4) Walks

- Sara and Dave will send an email out to members soon with information on restarting the walks programme and what the guidelines will be regarding group walks.
- We are hoping that we will be able to offer a full programme of graded walks and we have noted that many members are wanting some shorter walks.
- Information regarding restarting the walks programme will also go on the website as a news flash and Sara will continue to post information about walks on the Facebook page.
- Sara and Dave did some research on the possible group use of OS maps app, however it is not cost effective at this time. The committee discussed ways of perhaps giving walk leaders access to OS maps app, however the discussion was deferred until a later date.

5) Socials and Weekends

- Mandy and Jillian have lots of ideas for socials and weekends ready to go and are looking at getting a weekend set up as soon as possible. There may be issues with accommodation as everything is getting booked up very quickly and/or is becoming a bit more expensive. The weekend they are considering will be member organized in terms of accommodation so there should not be any problem with group account.
- The "Where is this" went well on facebook, however we didn't get as much response to the photo competition. Coordinators are looking to give it a push when walks start again.

6) Footpath work

- Jez and Allen to continue to discuss.

8) AOB

- None

Date of next meeting

- 15th April 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom (Focus on Walks and Socials Programme)