

## Sheffield 40sWalking Group Committee Meeting

### Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting

The Fat Cat, Sheffield

March 2nd 2020

7.00pm

**Present:** Wayne Grounsell, Chairman. Tony Smith, Treasurer. Peter Robinson, Retiring Treasurer. Bev Kenyon, Group & Membership Secretary. Mick Nott / Sara Collin, Walks Co-ordinator. Jez Kenyon, Web Editor.

**Apologies:** Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Co-ordinator

#### 1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of January 13<sup>th</sup> 2020 were circulated.

Proposed by Mick as a true record of the meeting and seconded by Jez.

#### 2. Matters Arising not already covered on the Agenda - none

#### 3. Chairman's Report

**a) Area AGM, Jan** – Wayne attended. A statement was read out from Lord Blunket. The motion – ask Wayne – was carried unanimously. Affiliates - ask Wayne. The National Council is being held in Bristol on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April. Our delegates are Ellen and Nicky Speakman. The guest speaker will be Ted Talbot from the National Trust and Jonathan Birkwick, a Trustee. AOB from the meeting concerned Loxley Valley building proposal on the brownfield site – 250 houses.

**b) Area Council Meeting Feb 24<sup>th</sup>** – This was preceded by the ROW meeting – it was decided that no joint footpath committee will be needed as all communication can be done electronically.

- 15<sup>th</sup> April – there will be some walk leader training organised by Ramblers at the Victoria Centre. Leaflets to give out to people on walks were discussed. Rambler's office response is that all information is online. The Sheffield 20s and 30s have a walk mentioned in the Outdoor Events leaflet. The Sheffield Walking Festival will be in Sept – Robert Haslam is organising – preparation starts in March. Area Treasurer reported that there is still £5000 in the BAWI fund for phase 2. Sheffield Country Walk (Peter Robinson is our champion for this) – there will be a reprint of the booklet – Terry Howard would like updates. Sheffield Ramblers are organising the next Area AGM – 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021. Dan Jarvis has been approached to be a speaker. The BAWI walk on Weds 26<sup>th</sup> went well – 12 walkers in the am and 14 in the pm. Members of Sheffield 40s attended.

**c) Chesterfield 20s & 30s approach** - There has been no further information from the group. Their website indicates that they will be joining our group

**d) Area Lost Ways Coordinator** – this is a Ramblers initiative which will run for 18 months. An advert has gone out to all groups. Contact David Gadd for more information.

**e) Footpath Officer** – ongoing – Jez will produce a job description.

**4. Secretary's Report - General** - Gmail inbox - Committee members will continue to file emails which they deal with from the inbox into the relevant folders. Bev will file emails which have been in the inbox for more than about 2 weeks.

**Membership** - Current membership stands at 235. The Ramblers have decided to continue sending the monthly reports, however they point to the Insight Hub as having correct and up-to-date information. Bev continues to put in "tickets" for all queries. Bev "dovetailed" the lists and the numbers are correct.

## **5. Treasurer's Report**

The main account is healthy.  
All outstanding payments have been made.

## **6. Walk Co-ordinators Report**

Mick and Sara held a very successful walk leaders meeting in February. The next meeting will be on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May. Mick and Sara will contact members and walk leaders to encourage new leaders to come forward. The committee is very happy with the current numbers of walk leaders and the quality of walks they offer. Resources were discussed and it was agreed that Sara will look after one set of resources for leaders in the "south" of the group's area to access. The A,B,C mileage system was discussed – Mick will look at more data on numbers on walks across the bands. Minimum walk numbers was discussed as a safety and safeguarding issue – walk leaders should make a decision and committee will support their decision.

**Walks Calendar** - There

**Walk reports** -

## **7. Social Co-ordinators Report**

**a) Persian Meal** - 19 attended.

**b) New Members Night** - Friday 6th March

**c) Sunday 9th August** - we are arranging a meal after 2 walks ( in the style of the Christmas Meal). Costs to be worked out @ £40 - at the Lathkilldale Hotel. Mick and Sara will approach walk leaders regarding the 2 walks.

**d) 4th July** - Bowling Club, Netheredge. Walk Leaders "Thank You" night. Walk leaders will get a voucher to spend at the bar.

**8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report** - all current events are member organised which the group has advertised on website.

**9. Web Editor's Report** – all systems are working well. There are no current issues with the website.

**10. Items for Discussion** – none

**11. Any Other Business** – none

**12. Date of next meeting** – 15th May 2020 at The Fat Cat, Sheffield. 7pm