

Minutes

Sheffield 40's Walking Group

22nd May 2023 7pm

Present

Liz Sharp, Chair. Tracey Reeve, Secretary / Membership Secretary. Keith Hopkinson, Walks Coordinator, Web Editor. Mandy Kippax, Socials and Weekends Away Coordinator. Lucia Contrino, Footpath Officer.

1. **Apologies** Mick Nott

2. **Approval of minutes**

Minutes approved - noted that Lucia was at the last meeting in February.

3. **Matters arising**

- FB Admin - Sara has remained an admin, Martin has been taken off.
- SYNED Membership - 2 of us should try to attend the meetings

4. **Chair report and issues**

- Agreed to generate a description of what we do in our roles for future committee members. Liz to create a word document and all add half a page description.
- Lift sharing group has been established and they are using FB and whatsapp for contact.
- Liz to send instructions on how to move documents on google site so that we can tidy it up.
- OS Maps - people can sign up for training. Discussed paying Alun for his time and agreed on a voucher.

5. **Walk Co-ordinators report and Issues**

- Keith to stand down as of Nov 2023. Looking for anyone to take over the positions of walks co-ordinator and website editor. Tracey mentioned Martin Wistow had shown an interest. **Jamie? Has shown an interest in the website.**
- Keith has changed password on the website. Advised that once he has gone in November, it should be changed every November.

6. Treasurer's Report and Issues

- Ask Mick to send the report as a PDF
- Ask Mick about spending budget, training/kit/social
- Have the bank signatories been finalised yet?

7. Social Secretary's Report

- There is surplus money on the social account but not sure of the amount.
- Suggestion to spend some at the AGM
- Coming up -

There is a summer social at Nether Edge Club on 4 August.

Gillian has organised Patterdale and James has mentioned Chamois next year - this would mean people sharing in dorms.

- Liz to reccy South Wales and suggested doing a Saltaire trip again.
- Looking at where to have the AGM, Great Longstone at the Crispin, Litton or community centre in Bradfield. Mandy to look at a few venues.

8) Secretary's report

- Syned says 300 members, we have 306.
- Welcome emails sent out and lapsed email sent also.

9) Footpath officer's report and issues

- Footpath information on the website has been updated. It explains how to report an issue, either to the relevant Council or to Lucia.
- Martin sent a report to Lucia (Peak Forest broken gate) and she has reported it. It has now been resolved.
- Lucia met with Sheffield Public Rights of Way team on 24th Feb - Sheffield group, 20's/30's and Jez were also there. The PROW team has been reduced from 6 to 3 so solutions won't be quick.
- Ramblers hold a footpaths zoom every quarter. Lucia attended in April. They discussed the "Don't lose your way" campaign. Deadline about old footpaths has been extended to 2031 - we can ask London Ramblers members to look up old maps in Kew archives if needed.

- Also found out that Ramblers will go out to groups to deliver Rights of Way training - Lucia may raise with SYNED to see if there is a need.
- There is a Green Routes Initiative Zoom on 13th June - Jez usually attends, but Liz is going.

10) Next Meetings

- 18 September

11) AOB

- Ramblers is an official partner of YHA Festival of walks 3rd September to 19th October. Ask walk leaders if they want to put on extra walks from Peak District youth hostels.

