

Sheffield 40sWalking Group Committee Meeting

Date: 11.11.2019

Time: 19.00

Draft Minutes

Present: Wayne Grounsell, Chair. Bev Kenyon, Secretary/Membership Secretary. Peter Robinson, Treasurer. Tracey Lyne, Socials and Weekends Away Coordinator. Julie Sweeting, Walks Coordinator. Jeremy Kenyon, Web Editor
Apologies: None

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting – Circulated and proposed by Julie and seconded by Tracey as a true reflection of the meeting

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

3. Chairman's Report

a) Area Meeting Wayne attended. The area AGM is on 25h January. It is being hosted by Sheffield 20/30s group. It will be preceded by a walk around Norfolk Park. HQ is organising a speaker.

Area Footpath Officer is retiring and Christine Walker is overseeing the post in the interim.

Next year's 20th Anniversary of CROW Act 1st April. Area wants to organise a walk – possibly in Low Bradfield.

The River Project was discussed. The Area is looking to produce a booklet to cover all the canal and river walking in the area.

Area Treasurer's report was circulated. There is £6500 of area funding from HQ to circulate to groups.

Bradfield Project has cost £11050 of area money £5000 of which is lottery money. Gavin is ring fencing £15000 of area finances.

Leaflets for non-members have been produced for members to give out on walks to encourage walkers to join us.

b) Chesterfield 20s/30s approach. This was discussed. They have a very small membership and no proper committee. They want to join us as a sub-group and be run by us as a sub- group with their chair as our deputy chair. We would like them to join us as members. They are going to think about the situation.

c) SF40sAGM There is concern that despite having asked members to let us know if they are attending, there may be too many attendees at The Fat Cat. They have a limit of 40 people in the top room. So far about 30 members have said they are attending, however we have heard that there may be others.

Bev will check the membership and have the details to check membership for voting puposes.

4. Secretary's Report

a) General – SYNED report will go on the website.

b) Membership – We have 242 members. This includes 2 members who are waiting for their membership to be sorted as there was a glitch after becoming joint members. The Insight Hub continues to be a problem. Bev cannot currently access the system. Bev has a concern that the slight fall in numbers since last year could be due to the system sorting out, for example, duplicate

membership. There was an example where one member appeared on Ramblers records 4 times. That accounts for 3 of the drop in numbers and there may have been other glitches. Bev has contacted Ramblers several times.

5. Treasurer's Report

a) Statement of current financial status- The accounts are healthy. We may not be receiving allocation from Ramblers this year. Peter is waiting for the independent examiner to sign off the accounts.

b) Financial outcomes of Group events - the accounts are healthy. Whitby and the White Lion will be paid for.

6. Walk Co-ordinators Report

a) Calendar – There has only been one gap since the last meeting and 2 cancellations due to weather. There are some gaps going forward and Julie has sent an email asking leaders if they can help. Julie holds short Walk Leader meetings at the Fat Cat and these are followed by Curry and a social.

b) Walk Reports – We have had 24 walks since the last meeting and Julie has received 19 reports

7. Social Co-ordinators Report

a) We have held 2 events since the last meeting. The Bonfire was well attended. There was a Pea and Pie supper at The Nottingham and 13 members attended the meal and a few more came along for the fireworks and disco. The Ceilidh was not very well attended. 17 members attended and all enjoyed it. Tracey took a day off beforehand to prepare food and due to that and the caller offering a discount, the loss was limited.

Upcoming we have the Christmas Meal at the White Lion and Whitby at New Year. Whitby is full and White Lion is looking healthy so far.

8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report

a) We have had Llandudno which was a successful weekend away and Cleethorpes as a day festival, also successful.

b) We went to Leyburn on a member organised event. Thanks to Anne Bradford for a successful weekend away.

Whitby is full and Madeira, a member organised event is also full. Thanks to Ze Norbrega for organising.

9. Web Editor's Report – there are no issues with the web.

10. Items for Discussion - none

11. Any Other Business – none

12. Date of next meeting – 13th January 2020 at 19.00 at the Fat Cat.
The AGM is on Thursday 14th November at 7.30 at the Fat Cat.