

Draft Minutes

Sheffield 40s Walking Group

15th July 2021 6.30pm Walk nr Rotherham

Present

Jez Kenyon, Chair. Bev Kenyon, Secretary/ Membership Secretary. 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

- None

1) Chair

- Facebook admin – Discussed the approval of posts for new members to the Facebook group (FB group). Mick is concerned that there have been a couple of instances where a FB group member has advertised a walk which is not on our website. All agreed that the questions we now ask before a new member can post have worked well and there have since been no further instances of unwelcome activity. Allen will be added to Admin and a further question will be added which states that FB group members will not advertise walks which are not on our website. Mandy offered to put the Ramblers logo on the main picture for the FB group as we want to make it more apparent that we are a Ramblers group. The main function of the page is working well and we don't want to exclude possible further members from joining the Sheffield 40s. We also have some members of the other SYNED groups on our FB group who like to post and comment.
- The Chair would like to thank all the members of the committee for all their hard work. We have a happy group and got our walks underway as soon as the restrictions allowed. We have also had a very successful weekend away.

2) Treasurer

- Mick sent in a report – the accounts are healthy and we still need to find a way to spend money from the main account. Mick is to meet up with the Area Treasurer this week to discuss how we can spend money and how we can ensure a good plan for spending funds in the future. This year we will ask for our basic allocation of £345.
- Mick asked committee members to email in any queries about the documents in the google drive.

- OS maps for walk leaders were discussed and Allen mentioned that it is possible to buy the OS maps which come with a download code. These can then be used on the OS app and may be a way of using our funds and being able to "thank" walk leaders. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

3) Secretary

- Our current membership as per Ramblers records stands at 266 which is in line with our records.
- Some emails have disappeared from the draft folder in google mail. Bev will try to find them and set up a "Templates" folder for these emails.
- Google drive folders will be set up for minutes and reports prepared for meetings to be stored.

4) Walks

- Sara and Dave are very happy with the walks programme and have had lots of new walk leaders coming forward to lead walks.
- The committee discussed how to monitor when walkers have completed the 3 "Trial" walks. This has always been difficult and is not a huge problem. An additional phrase will be added to the Walks template which will ask non-members to let the leader know in advance. The statement "If you are a new walker with our group, please let the walk leader know when you sign up so that they are aware and can welcome you at the start of the walk". This is to help walk leaders keep a check on who is taking advantage of the "3 free walks" and make sure we get as many people joining as possible. Allen mentioned the use of the Ramblers registration app which he found easy to use.. Sara and Dave agreed to encourage walk leaders to use it, however it is up to individual walk leaders.
- Ramblers have said that we must continue to provide a risk assessment (RA) for walks. Allan, Sara and Dave are going to work on a RA which will cover all standard walks which walk leaders can use. Walks which include non- standard activities such as scrambling would not be covered, nor would walks taking place in very bad weather.
- Sara and Dave will organise a walk leader meeting which can take place in person.

5) Socials and Weekends

- The group had a very successful weekend away in Middlesbrough. A variety of walks took place each day and the event was enjoyed by all. There was a surplus in the social fund of £45. Members were refunded deposits for a meal which didn't take place.
- The socials committee is organising a Sports event in August. This will hopefully take place as a picnic in Graves park with members being able to bring a plus one.
- There are details of upcoming weekends away for 2022 and there has been lots of interest shown so far. A deposit will be required upfront with booking.

6) Footpath work

- Jez and Allen have arranged a date for a zoom meeting to organise hand over.

8) AOB

- None

Date of next meeting

- 6th October - time and place to be arranged