

Draft Minutes

Sheffield 40s Walking Group

18th May 2021 7.30pm via Zoom

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 Mick Nott

Approval of minutes

Approved by all.

Matters arising

- None

1) Chair

- Facebook admin – all committee members to be added to admin role subject to them wanting to do it. Committee will use What's App to check if they have any queries regarding posts and Facebook members.
- Next communication to members – To include; a thank you to walk leaders and in particular Martin Wistow, Emma Mysers and Keth Hopkinson, walks are being very well attended and we have had a fabulous variety of walks on the walks programme, car sharing is now allowed and we can have an after walk drink outside with 30 people.
- General Council – Jez Kenyon attended via Zoom as our group rep and put forward the motion that General Office should be focusing on helping the membership get walking rather than focusing on admin matters such as walk registers. This led onto discussions such as why the Ramblers database of walks is not open to all as Ramblers is a charity. Membership is falling and that may be a way of encouraging new members.

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. Dave asked what other groups spend money on and the answer is that unless they mail shot walks programmes out to members – very little. Spending money on footpath work was discussed. Jez and Allen will look at the Bradfield 2 project to see how we could get involved.

3) Secretary

- Our current membership as per Ramblers records stands at 245 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 limited member details will continue to be stored in the "Membership" folder of the Google drive.
- Google drive folders will be set up for minutes and reports prepared for meetings to be stored.

4) Walks

- Sara and Dave provided a comprehensive walk report. In summary we have had on average 6 walks a week since the restart (A walks = 10, B walks = 11 and C walks = 14). This is fantastic and is great for the group. Walks have been well attended. Walk reports are coming in in the usual way.
- Sara will work with Mick and Allen on putting our walk on the Ramblers website.
- 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.

5) Socials and Weekends

- Mandy and Jillian continue to have lots of ideas for socials and are working on other suitable social events such as the successful "Sports Day" from a couple of years ago.
- The weekend in Middlesbrough has 24 signed up and there are already walks being prepared. They looked at booking a joint meal out, however there is an issue with paying a deposit just now.
- The social fund is currently lower than we would normally have due to not being able to have any events and this may cause a problem if deposits are needed.

6) Footpath work

- Jez and Allen to continue to discuss.
- There is an area meeting in June and we have a new area footpath coordinator and a new website is being set up so that it should be easier to find out about footpath issues and closures.

8) AOB

- None

Date of next meeting

- 14th July – a walk round Wentworth