

**Draft Minutes of Committee Meeting**  
**via Zoom**  
**October 19th 2020**  
**7.30pm**

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

**Apologies:** None

**1. Minutes of the last committee meeting of March 2nd will be emailed out for the Committee to check and approve.**

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

**3. Chairman's Report**

**a) Annual retron** – We have £125 less than last year in the account. There has not been any activity during recent months due to the COVID-19 situation.

**b) Area Council Meeting**– There have been no recent meetings however there will be a meeting on 28th October via Zoom. Jeremy should be able to attend this meeting on behalf of the group.

c) Annual report to Area - BK to prepare a report. It was suggested that we include the work done by our footpath wardens and the merger with the Chesterfield 20s and 30s. Also the mention the fact that our walks programme started up extremely promptly.

**d) Chesterfield 20s & 30s** - 15 members have now transferred their membership to us. The money in their account (approximately £500 has been received into Area Funds.

**e) Sf40swg 2020 AGM** – after a full and frank discussion it was agreed that we conduct the meeting online as per Ramblers strong recommendation. Votes were 5 -2 in favour of this method. We are going to use Zoom. The members will be informed in advance in the usual way and will be fully informed on how to join and join in with the meeting. It is possible to hold a secret ballot via Zoom. Jeremy agreed to "administrate" the meeting so that Wayne can chair the meeting.

**4. Secretary's Report - General** - Minutes of the last meeting at the beginning of March have now been sorted and have been circulated. There is a folder called "minutes" in the Google drive attached to the group Gmail account and minutes will also be stored in there. Apologies them not being quite correct at the meeting

**Membership** - Current membership as per Ramblers Insight Hub stands at 256. Our contact details number 264, however this includes 8 members with payment pending (256). This number is not included in the Hub figures, however Bev believes that we should give members a bit longer to get payment sorted. Over Lockdown we accepted the members of Chesterfield 20s and 30s into the group (15 members) and we have had a steady 2 or 3 new members joining over the same period. Ramblers no longer send out the Monthly reports (the last was for the end of June) so all membership information is via the Insight Hub. Bev continues to add members to our contact list as before and send out the same welcome emails and reminder emails.

It is now easy to get a spreadsheet of member details and as long as the membership is updated at regular monthly intervals it should not get too out of sync with our contact details. Spreadsheets can be kept month by month in the Google Drive so that we have a contact list should anything happen to the systems - we only need to keep the current one

## **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** - The calendar has a few upcoming gaps and Mick and Sara will continue to encourage Walk Leaders to add walks to the calendar. Jeremy will enable the template to show where the gaps are for the coming months.

We have had 15 weeks of possible walking since the restrictions were lifted and we have put on 42 walks. This means that on average we have had approximately 3 walks a week. We have 350 attendees at walks overall. Mick has suggested that he send a formal "Thank you" email to Martin Wistow, who has offered many walks over this period.

Some walk leaders are reluctant to lead walks at the moment.

**Walk reports** - There has been a 93% return rate which is very pleasing.

Sara expressed her concern about how much work is involved with the role of walks co-ordinator. Jeremy, Mick and Sara will continue to work together to find ways of making the work easier and quicker.

**7. Social Co-ordinators Report** - all planned events have had to be cancelled. Tracey is looking at what the best idea for a "Welcome back" style social for next year.

**8. Weekends Away Co-ordinators Report** - all planned events have had to be cancelled. Tracey has decided that the first weekend away event will be self-funded in the event of sudden cancellation due to any further COVID-19 restrictions.

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

**10. Items for Discussion – a) Use of Facebook to communicate with members** - we currently have some 750 members of the Facebook group, with lots of new members to this group asking to join since the Coronavirus outbreak restrictions. Some members of this group get confused between this group and our Ramblers Walking Group and expect to see information about walks on the Facebook page. It was suggested that we post regular information about our walks on here and include a link to the web page which includes the start points of the walk. This will hopefully encourage more of these "Facebook" members to join the group proper and will also mean that they see all the necessary information regarding the walk, such as suitable clothing etc.

**b) NFU - Footpath Diversion - for information** - there has been a proposal by the NFU to enable them to close footpaths at very short notice when cows are in the field. This has come about due to the fact that 20 people have been killed by cows over the past 20 years (80 farm workers have been killed by cows over the same period). It is hoped that this proposal will not go through.

**11. Any Other Business – none**

**12. Date of next meeting – 17th November 2020 7.30pm via Zoom**