

Present: Sue Killeen, Jez Kenyon, Jill Brodgen, Bev Kenyon, Jean Billingham, Alan Plimmer

Apologies: Raj Joshi (Chair)

1. Dennis Crossland has resigned as Weekends Coordinator. Jill, Sue and Jean to continue coordinating weekends.
2. Matters arising
3. Venue for committee meeting - journey times discussed. Eckington possibility discussed. All agreed to give it a try.
4. Abolition of events committee - time to do both can be a problem and sub-committee feel that it is difficult to share ideas with and have input of ideas of rest of committee. All present agree. All committee need to know what is happening so that all members can "recruit" while on walks. Continuity could also be an issue if more people are not familiar with the work of the events committee. Discussion of meetings every 2 months plus ad hoc whenever necessary.

Bring back Ramblins? (moved to AOB)
5. Giving events a higher priority on agenda - Secretary to place higher
6. Walk leader's thank you party - Jean put forward idea of a venue (Harland Cafe) for end of April with an awards ceremony. Ask members for nominations in categories such as wettest walk, best photo? Discussed asking M Hunt to do a short speech but decided awards would be sufficient. Sue to ask Derek to do presentations. Sheffield 40s Awards Evening?..... Jean to check prices for a buffet and final date. Booking date on website. Info in Ramblins.
7. Christmas Party 2015 - feedback from last year's party from other members has been mainly positive, except about lack of real ale, but venue would be OK for next year. Thoughts needed. Many members don't always check home page so info regarding socials doesn't always get through. Investigate option to put the 'alerts' on the Walks page as well and bring back Ramblins newsletter.
8. New Year Venue Away 2015 - 2016 - Jill / Jean mentioned Alandale bunk house. 3 nights. Availability to be checked. Whitby booked up.
9. Seahouses - Jean would like help/ support setting up. Possibility of booking a bus for a linear walk to be included in price for bunk house people. Also to include tea, coffee, milk etc. Saturday night meal to be booked for bunk house only. Others to let organiser know. Discussion of people booking on and not letting organisers know. This causes issues with food and booking on walks.
10. Brief report etc. JK - area AGM. Pathwatch - project to gather national snapshot of all paths using a Ramblers mobile phone app. Each walk to be recorded on app as evidence. Area motion to ask councils to dedicate land instead of selling it off - raise awareness in Ramblings? JK - is a one of the delegates for our area. JK standing for Rambler's trustee position at General Council March 2015.
11. AOB - Ramblins newsletter

It should be re-introduced to better inform members. To be written and circulated after every committee meeting. It should contain future events, seasonal greetings, vacant walks, request socials and weekends ideas from members

Jean - socials update

Jill - weekends update

Sue - leaders appeal

12. AOB - packed lunches? A walk leader reported that someone did not have a packed lunch, on a 7.5 mile walk - they assumed it would be a morning walk. Info is on website. All participants must be responsible for reading info.
13. Next meeting - 15 or 16 April or 22 or 23 April
Venue - 12 Station Road, Eckington S21 4FX. 7pm