**Calderdale Group-Long Distance Walking Association**

**AGM Dated 19th January 2021**

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions which meant we could not meet as a group we decided to hold the AGM virtually as a Zoom meeting.

**Present**

Jane Guest, Karen Nash, Anne Webb, Kinsley Lambert, Geoff Barnes, Ian Vickeridge, Stephen Walker.

**Apologies**

Sandy Gee, Paula Pickersgill, Roger Helliwell

**Previous years minutes**

Jane existing Chair introduced and thanked everyone for attending via zoom, she asked if people had had sight of last years minutes and asked for someone to propose and second them as accurate. Anne proposed them and Stephen Walker seconded them.

**Chair person’s report**

Jane Guest, Chair talked through her report which is available on the Calderdale website, Jane summarised the previous year and shared her disappointment that we were unable to enjoy our Calderdale and walk leaders trip to walk the Bronte Way, she hopes we can rearrange when the pandemic is over. All agreed that we cannot undertake any social walks at this time, discussed previous restrictions and issues that impact walk leaders. All agreed to adhere to government guidance but consider friendship walks when possible.

**Treasurers report**

Treasurers report is available on the Calderdale website, discussion about putting funds into a more appropriate bank account.

Calderdale have donated £250 to the LDWA computer account as requested. Anne to send the treasurers report to John Elrick.

**Walk secretary report**

Walk leaders report is available on the Calderdale website, Stephen accepts there has not been much this year in the way of walks and looks forward to adding new walks as soon as we are able, Stephen will update the group with any information and request people to commit to leading walks as soon as he is able to do so.

**Election of officers**

Jane Guest, existing chair explained that members had been asked if there were any nominations for officers, no nominations have been received, Jane asked if existing officers were prepared to continue, Jane, Karen, Anne and Stephen all agreed they were prepared to continue as officers for the next year.

**Proposals requested:-** Jane Guest as chair, Stephen Walker proposed and Geoff Barnes seconded

 Anne Webb as Treasurer, Ian Vickeridge proposed and Geoff Barnes seconded

 Karen Nash as Secretary, Stephen Walker proposed and Geoff Barnes seconded

 Stephen Walker as Walk Secretary, Jane Guest proposed and Karen Nash seconded

**Any other business**

It was noted that Karen Pickersgill will replace Julie Cribb in March and Julie is replacing David Morgan again in March , congratulations to them.

Karen asked if anyone had heard from Alan Greenwood as he had been unwell last year, Stephen had spoken to him and confirmed he was well, he had planned to attend the meeting however there may have been an issue with his email address, Jane now has a new email address for him and will pass to Karen who will attempt to contact Alan.

It was noted that the Calderdale t-shirts ordered last year prior to the pandemic had been delayed for a variety of reasons, however they are now ready for distribution, Anne to consider who has paid for their shirts and make contact with all those who have ordered them so that they can be delivered.

Further discussion about future walks, all agreed that the restrictions will remain in place for the group until March/ April and then considered again dependent on LDWA and government guidance. All agreed to try and enjoy friendship walks as allowed and try and keep in touch virtually. Stephen agreed if anything changes he will update everyone

**Date of next committee meeting**

It was agreed that the next committee meeting should be in April when hopefully we can look forward to starting social walks again, agreed next meeting **Tuesday 20th April 2021 at 7pm** venue or Zoom connection to be confirmed closer to the date.

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA Secretary