**Calderdale Committee Meeting dated 13-12-22 held at 2 Amici, followed by Xmas meal**

**Present**

Jane Guest, Stephen Walker, Karen Nash, Judith Walker, Paula Pickersgill, Linda Cooper, Geoff Barnes.

**Apologies**

Sandy Gee

**Matters arising from previous meeting.**

Karen explained and apologised that the previous meeting minutes dated 6-9-22 had not been distributed as she completely forgot to send them out, hence there are two sets of minutes sent together today.

Jane welcomed Linda Cooper as our newest member to Calderdale LDWA.

**Feedback from Walks secretaries weekend away.**

Jane explained that she and Karen attended the LDWA officers weekend event in November, which focussed on trying to attract new members to groups and how to go about this.

Jane explained that we took a copy of our new poster designed and ordered by Paula Pickersgill, we showed or poster with pride but were disappointed when we were told that the poster did not meet LDWA regulations for example the Logo was slightly different, and the font was not correct. It was agreed that that we could use the posters, but any future posters had to meet LDWA standards.

Jane thanked Paula for her hard work with the posters and we all agreed that they were really good and considered where we could place them, for example, universities, Collages, sports centres, Doctors, and other places that people can think of. Please let us know if you can distribute some posters and or cards in areas close to where you live.

**Attendees to AGM dated 10-12 March 2023,**

Currently Karen, Jane, Paula and Sandy are intending on going to this event, if anyone else wishes to go they need to inform Jane Guest before 10-1-23. It was agreed Calderdale would fund 50% of the cost for any attendees to the LDWA AGM in Cheshire in March.

**Treasurers Report**

Sandy, Treasurer sent his apologies today as he was unwell

**Walks Secretary report.**

Stephen stated we have a few walks on our programme, but if anyone wishes to lead a walk please come forward and let us know.

**AOB**

Karen expressed her Disappointment at the lack of response from Calderdale members to emails and invites, she explained that Calderdale invited members to join us at a xmas meal funded by Calderdale and out of 70 emails there was only 6 replies. Please note for Calderdale to develop and grow we need members to step up and share in finding new ways to find new members and more people to offer to lead walks. It is accepted that Covid caused a lot of damage to groups but let’s all try and make a difference and put Calderdale back on the map.

Jane explained that a member of South Pennine group had suggested that we merge with them, however it would appear that the rest of the group at South Pennine discussed this suggestion and felt that this may not benefit either group as we are both very different. We considered a merge with any group as we had earlier in the year, and it was unanimously agreed that we did not want to merge with any group and wanted to maintain our own identity as Calderdale. So please let’s all come together and maintain our identity.

Jane explained that we had been informed of the sad death of Stephen Clarke who was an East Lancashire LDWA member. Stephen is one of the walkers on our Calderdale poster. We discussed whether we should be asking his next of kin if they are comfortable with us continuing to use these posters. We all agreed that Stephen had given his written permission prior to his sad and untimely death, the group felt that we should wait and allow the family to grieve and then speak with Stephen’s next of kin and check if they are comfortable with us using the poster with Stephen remaining on it.

**Date of next meeting followed by the AGM 31-1-23 at the Drop Inn, Elland**

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA group secretary