**Calderdale LDWA Committee Meeting dated 18-4-23**

**Present**

Stephen Walker

Karen Nash

Sandy Gee

Neil Midgley

Paula Pickersgill, by phone as required.

**Apologies**

Jane Guest, Judith Walker

**Minutes from previous meetings**

Minutes from previous meetings dated 31-1-23 approved and agreed.

**Finances**

Sandy Gee, treasurer, stated there had been no change to the finances of Calderdale LDWA since the last meeting as nothing has been spent.

**Posters and cards**

We considered whether posters and cards were being distributed, Karen confirmed some had as she had a call from a lady who expressed an interest in Calderdale LDWA after seeing a poster in Todmorden or Hebden Bridge.

Neil said he would distribute some, Sandy agreed to take some to Neil on his next walk.

**Walks**

There are currently 2 Calderdale walks on the walk programme: -

Jane Guest is leading a joint walk with Vermoyden on Sunday 18-6-23, this is the Colne Valley Circular, a shorter walk but don’t be fooled it is a toughly.

Neil Midgley is leading a walk on Sunday 23-7-23, Holme Valley Views, Neil asks that anyone wishing to join him on this walk call him the day before, particularly if they plan to bring a dog as the route goes through fields with cows in them.

Stephen agrees to lead a walk later in the year, he may lead the Aiggin Stone walk again.

Sandy and Karen both agreed they would also lead walks later in the year, walk leaders should provide Stephen Walker with details and he will ensure they are added to the main list and Calderdale website, if provided in time they can go into to the next Strider.

Stephen plans to ask John Philips if he would be willing to add his walk that was cancelled earlier in the year due to snow. Stephen also to ask Roy Turner if he would like to lead a walk for Calderdale.

**Any other business**

The group discussed again the idea of a group weekend away which had been considered prior to the pandemic. The original suggestion was to walk the Bronte Way, and stay over halfway, this walk is over 40 miles and challenging in places. Following long discussion members were unclear if they would be comfortable walking 20+ miles on two consecutive days.

The group again considered various shorter walks for example the Howorth Hobble or The Welcome Way, however after discussion it was agreed that this would take more planning than had been first thought, also people were not keen on 2 long days. It appears that the better option would be to do a shorter walk and then finish at a nice county style pub for a meal before returning home. It was agreed that if we were to arrange the meal where people could stay over if they wanted to that would give people the option.

Sandy, treasurer felt that it would be appropriate for Calderdale to fund a meal but if anyone wanted to stay over, they would need to fund this themselves.

Stephen offered to consider and reccie a 14-15 mile walk around or near Todmorden and check facilities at the Top Brinks pub in Todmorden.

Karen to ask all members to inform her if they wish to join us on this walk dated 2-7-23, where we will walk approximately 14-15 miles and then enjoy a pub meal together, the purpose to try and gather old and new members and encourage them to walk more often. Please let Karen know by email by the latest 10-6-23 so that final plans can be put in place and distributed to the first 15 members who are interested.

**Challenge event**

Sandy and all members at the meeting agreed that Calderdale should re-consider a challenge event next year. It was suggested that we re-instate the Black Brook, which was a challenge event originally organised by the Irregulars, this walk consists of 3 loops which means only one main base and a couple of car check points. Karen to check if the community hall in Sowood is still available and check possible prices and facilities.

It is fully accepted that for Calderdale to produce a successful challenge event we need members old and new to be prepared to help and support in planning and running the event, this would help to put Calderdale LDWA back on the map. Please support your group.

**Next meeting 4-7-23, 7pm at The drop Inn Elland, please note this is after the walk and meal so please, If you wish join us on this walk dated 2-7-23, where we will walk approximately 14-15 miles and then enjoy a pub meal together, Please let Karen know by email by the latest 10-6-23 so that final plans can be put in place, first 15 members will secure a place.**

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA group secretary