**Calderdale LDWA Committee Meeting dated 2-10-23**

**Present**

Jane Guest

Karen Nash

Sandy Gee

Paula Pickersgill

Stephen Walker

Neil Midgley

**Apologies**

None

**We focussed this meeting on plans for the proposed Challenge event.**

At previous meetings we considered options for Calderdale to host a challenge event, the majority decision was to consider the Black Brook as our local group challenge event. A provisional date of 3-8-24 was suggested, this date appears to avoid other Challenge events and ensures plenty of daylight hours.

Concerns around this plan were based on parking, the venue planned was a community centre in Sowood which would only hold around 30 cars. A second option was to change the route and park at a cricket club in Stainland, however there were many uncertainties in respect of the venue as the event would be during the cricket session and might have meant having to share a small cricket club.

A further suggestion was to consider adjusting a previous walk called Ell and Back making changes to this route to ensure it becomes a Calderdale walk/event. This walk also shows off the beauty of Calderdale and was originally a 20-mile walk, this would need extending to 24 miles to ensure it is a good challenge for walkers.

This event started at Heath football and rugby club in Greetland where there is ample parking and a space for walkers to start and finish the event in comfort.

The walk name was considered, and the majority was to call it ‘Calderdale Crawl’ Since the last meeting members have worked hard to ensure the paperwork is prepared and correct so that it is able to be put into the next Strider for walkers to see and consider in good time. Plans are in place for the start at Heath, in Greetland and a second in door check point at the mid-way point in Ripponden. Members have walked the route over two separate times and now have a draft route, which needs some more attention to extend it to the desired 24 miles. Final route and plans must be available to SI entrees by the beginning of January 2024.

It must be noted that a further two-three check points will be needed so we really need more volunteers, please come forward and offer your support to enable this event to be a success for Calderdale LDWA.

We considered the financial implications of the event, briefly £300 for the two venues, approximately £600 for food and drinks and then prices to be confirmed for Certificates, Badges, Tally cards and a Banner to advertise Calderdale LDWA.

The suggested plan would be tea/coffee and toast to start, small snacks at check point 1, sandwiches etc at check point 2 (midway point), further snacks, sweets etc at check point 3 and then a meal at the end.

Sandy has agreed to put the event onto the Calderdale website, and we can consider the tool kit at the next meeting.

**Any other business**

None

**Next meeting 8-11-23, 7pm at** **The drop Inn Elland, please note this is a Wednesday.**

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA group secretary

**Agenda for meeting dated 8-11-23, 7pm at The drop Inn Elland**

* The Calderdale Crawl route, how it’s going
* Cost of Banner, Badges, Tally’s, and Certificates
* What we need to do next for the event and to conform to NEC guidelines
* Ensure Banner, certificates, badges and Tally’s meet NEC expectations and format
* Neil is willing to offer a navigation course, which could be offered to other local groups and further advertise Calderdale LDWA.
* Christmas meal
* Next meeting