**Calderdale LDWA Committee Meeting dated 31-1-23**

**Present**

Paula Pickersgill

Geoff Barnes

Stephen Walker

Jane Guest

Karen Nash

Roger Helliwell

Linda Cooper

**Apologies**

Sandy Gee, Judith Walker

**Minutes from previous meetings**

Minutes from previous meetings dated 6-9-22 and 13-12-22 approved and agreed, these minutes were sent together due to an error in sending the September minutes out in time. Members were however sent details of the xmas meal and all invited to attend in separate emails.

**Finances**

Sandy Gee treasurer was absent from todays meeting however sent a copy of his report which will be sent to the LDWA treasurer as per protocol. The treasurers report shows we have over £400 in the bank, and we have given 2 x £500 in donations, which gave Calderdale good publicity.

Paula asked about Calderdale putting on a challenge event, it was agreed previously we would keep this on the agenda at each meeting. Discussions were around the fact that as there are only a small group of regular attendees at meetings and these same people who are the ones leading walks it is difficult to consider a challenge event being organised and facilitated by Calderdale members.

Consideration was given to establish how other small groups such as Nidderdale mange to host a challenge event.

**Walks**

Stephen informed us that we have some walks on the programme, Karen has a walk on 11-2-23 and Jane is planning a joint walk with Vermoyden, which will be the Colne Valley circular.

Stephen asked that anyone who is prepared to lead a walk needs to provide him with details by 11-2-23 so that walks can be put in Strider. Anyone can add a walk at any time which can easily be added to the website as many people refer to that to consider walks often in preference to just looking at Strider.

The group talked again about where we can advertise walks and Calderdale Linda suggested social media, Paula agreed to check if Sandy puts information on Social media as she believes he may do.

**Any other business**

The group discussed 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 half way, 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 considered various shorter walks for example the Howorth Hobble which is 33 miles long.

All members were asked to come to the next meeting with ideas and suggestions of what members wanted, whether they wanted walk, stay over and then walk the second day. Since the meeting suggestions have been to either consider a shorter walk, 14+ miles and then a nice evening pub meal and no stay over or a 18-20 mile one day, a stay over and then a shorter walk the next day. Consideration must be given as to how the event is funded as agreed the group may fund accommodation, but consideration to members purchasing their own meals, lunches and evening meal.

All members to attend next meeting with ideas and suggestions that they would like as a group event, with consideration to the dynamics and planning that would be required to ensure that all members who attend enjoy the event. Jane and Karen have agreed to reccie, plan and potentially lead a walk, but members need to help with suggestions and support as needed.

Look forward to seeing many more Calderdale members at the next meeting.

**Next meeting 18-4-23, 7pm at The drop Inn Elland**

Karen Nash

Calderdale LDWA group secretary