

# C&D Annual General Meeting

## Wednesday 30th November 2022 (via Zoom)

### Minutes

#### Present

Kim Littlewood (Chair), Tim R, Lone Dipper; Jonathan C, Ann I, Paula & Steve M, Hannah S, Barry O, Hazel & Terry B, Annette M, Jim, Rose, Mary P, Roy Z, Julian P, Ian Glen (secy)

#### Apologies

Steve & Julie Distin, Annie Foot, Sharon Daw, Ken Grose, Gill Kingwell, Ali & Kieran Ryan, Paul Whittaker, Tim Crosby

#### Chair's Report

Our membership has stood up fairly well through the times of Covid.

It is also reassuring to see that we were able to put on three challenge events in 2022, and plan for 3 more in 2023, although numbers are a little down on previous years.

This year, we have been provided with comparative data from other LDWA groups around the country. Some highlights:

- our primary membership of around 400 puts us just outside the top ten
- we have one of the highest proportions of female members in the country
- we have done very well to maintain the number of challenge walks
- other groups tend to offer a significantly greater number of social walks than we do

During my time as Chair, I would like to increase the number of our Walk Leaders, Social Walks, and members.

In the last year, there have been two initiatives.

Firstly, in the Autumn, we subsidised three 'Navigation for Walk Leaders' courses on Dartmoor (total 18 places). These were designed to:

- refresh current walk leaders skills (in challenging environments such as Dartmoor, the safety of our walkers is paramount)
- to give potential new walk leaders the confidence to lead a walk

Over the first half of 2023, our Walk Coordinators and long term walk leaders will be working with those members who attended the course to help them plan and lead their first walks.

We had excellent feedback from all attendees on these courses. We will hold some more starting Q2 2023.

By increasing our walk leader pool, we expect the number of social walks we offer to increase. Further, if we are able to increase the number of walks, we should be able to offer more walks on Saturdays and other days of the week, more walks accessible by public transport, and indeed some shorter walks.

Secondly, we know that there are many people living in Cornwall & Devon who love to walk in this part of the world, but who have never heard of the LDWA. To that end, we took part in the national LDWA Meetup pilot.

(Meetup is a social media platform designed to connect like minded people).

In 9 months of operation, we now have 400 Meetup members (who are not LDWA members). Every social walk we put on, we expect to see between 5 and 10 Meetup members (non LDWA members) attending. Several Meetup members have joined the C&D LDWA. The potential downside however is that too many people attend walks, and that members who want to attend walks are unable to.

The meeting agreed to maintain the subscription for the Meetup pilot, but to try to put processes in place to prioritise places for LDWA members.

*Kim Littlewood*  
*Chair*

## Treasurer's Report

This report covers the income and expenditure of the Cornwall and Devon group's finances from 1st October 2021 to 30th September 2022. Please see the attached copy of the income and expenditure report.

Cheryl Powell, a Programme Manager at City College Plymouth has examined and signed off the accounts. If you want a full copy of the accounts at any time please contact Steve Murphy and he will email you a copy.

In respect of Challenge events:

Chagford Challenge 2021: Due to the dates of our financial year, almost all of the income from entry fees was reflected in last year's financial report, however all of the expenditure for that event is reflected in this year's report.

Wellington Boot Anytime Challenge 2021: Some additional entry fees were received in this financial year for the event.

Devonshire Dumpling 2022: Whilst one item of expenditure had been included in last year's report due to a deposit having been paid for a venue, this year's report contains all income and other expenditure for the event.

Bude Beast 2022: All income and expenditure for this event is included in this year's report.

Chagford Challenge 2022: Again, due to the dates of our financial year, some of the expenses for this event will reflect in next year's report.

**Other income:**

Clothing: This includes sales of clothing at both Chagford Challenge events, together with other sales throughout the year.

Interest: This comprises interest accrued on our deposit account.

**In respect of Expenditure:**

Westcountry Storage: As 13 payments were made in the last financial year, this year only 11 payments have been made. A standing order has been set up for this expense.

Miscellaneous: A number of items have been included in this category including the purchase of an annual Zoom subscription to facilitate online meetings and attendance at the Local Groups Meeting by Hazel and Terry Bound, as well as the expenses for feeding our volunteers at the 100 Checkpoint. It also includes a one-off expense for attendance at the 2022 National AGM by Hannah Steer which had been agreed by members at a meeting prior to the event.

Social Events: This includes all the expenditure for the 40th Anniversary event at Broadleas which came in under its agreed £1,000 budget, and also includes the expenses for the 2021 Christmas Walk.

You will see from last year's income and expenditure report note that a cheque for £390 had been issued but not yet cashed. That cheque was cashed in this year's report and has been included.

As you will have seen from the Income and Expenditure report, although this financial year has seen a number of "one-off" expenses such as the 40th Anniversary Event,

thanks to the hard work of the members who volunteer their time and expertise assisting with the Challenge Events the group at the end of the financial year still held £8,327.66.

Note expenses for navigation courses for future walk leaders, transport for linear events and final expenses for Chagford fall under the 2022-2023 financial year.

If you have any questions please feel free to raise them in the AGM or directly to me by email at [treasurer.cornwallanddevon@ldwa.org.uk](mailto:treasurer.cornwallanddevon@ldwa.org.uk)

*Kind regards*  
*Steve Murphy*

The Income and Expenditure Report [can be found here](#).

The meeting agreed to accept the accounts

## Membership Secretary's Report

Since the Meeting on 26th July, we welcomed forty seven new associate and thirty five new primary members.

We have to date 395 Primary Memberships and there are 453 Associate Memberships of which 277 are family memberships.

I have come to the end of my term and would just like to thank everyone who made me so welcome. I apologise that I may not have been the most proactive of membership secretaries this last year due to other commitments. I look forward to seeing everyone on walks and at events.

*Kind regards*  
*Paula Murphy*

## Election of Treasurer

Hannah Bradley was proposed for the post of Treasurer by Paula Murphy, seconded by Hazel Bound, and elected unanimously.

Meeting conveyed its thanks to Steve Murphy, for an excellent job. Steve will transition to Hannah by 28 January 2023.

## Merging of Secretary/Membership Secretary Roles

The Role of the Secretary [is described in the Toolkit here](#) (site login reqd). C&D originally split these roles several years ago, to assist with the management of IT.

Hazel Bound proposed this change, and Annette Merchant seconded it.

The meeting unanimously agreed to this change. Paula will transition her responsibilities to Ian week commencing 5/12/2022.

## Next Annual General Meeting

Our next AGM will be on 15 November 2023

Venue: Zoom

*Ian Glen*  
*Secretary*