

## LDWA East Lancs Group

### Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015

#### **Present:**

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Interim Secretary and Events Secretary
Paul Allan (PA)	Treasurer
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Alma Walsh (AW)	Walks Secretary
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Events Secretary
Barbara Shelton (BS)	Peter Steckles (PS)
Hilary Scott (HS)	Chris Langabeer (CL)
Ken Noble (KN)	

#### **Matters Arising:**

None

#### **Agenda Items:**

##### **1 New Constitution**

- 1.1 PW introduced the draft constitution which had been previously circulated to all members. All Groups are required to align their constitutions with the updated National Constitution.
- 1.2 The Group is required to approve and adopt a formal constitution at the next AGM and a copy of this must be submitted to the National Committee for approval.
- 1.3 The Constitution makes a number of changes to the structure of the Group and its meetings, namely:
  - 1.3.1 The requirement to appoint a Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, other officers can be appointed as required. The roles of Chair and Secretary cannot be combined but other roles could be. It was agreed that the following posts would be elected at the forthcoming AGM; Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Walks Secretary, Events Secretary, Social Secretary and IT Secretary. Making seven elected Officers. In addition the Group would appoint up to five Ordinary Members.
  - 1.3.2 The above would form a Group Management Committee who would meet at least six times a year. The Committee would be considered quorate if six members were present to include three officers.
  - 1.3.3 It was agreed that six members of the Group including three Officers would be required to constitute a quorum for any General Meeting.
  - 1.3.4 The draft Constitution was accepted at the meeting pending the above agreed changes.
  - 1.3.5 **Action:** Under Item 6.5 PW would seek clarification on the appointment of an independent examiner of the financial accounts.

##### **2 AGM November**

- 2.1 As neither PW nor PA are able to attend the scheduled meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> November), it was agreed that the next Annual General Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 starting at 8pm at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD**. Sandwiches will be provided and all members are invited.

### 3 Nomination of Officers

- 3.1 All officers will be appointed at the AGM and nominations are welcome for any of the roles including those of Ordinary Members (five posts). At the meeting the following nominations were received:

Post	Agreement to Stand	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Paul Wadsworth	Alison Wadsworth	Alma Walsh
Secretary	Alison Wadsworth	Hilary Scott	Alma Walsh
Treasurer	Paul Allan	Hilary Scott	Barbara Shelton
Walks Secretary	David Walsh	Alison Wadsworth	Viv Lee
Events Secretary	Viv Lee	Hilary Scott	Alison Wadsworth
Social Secretary	Viv Lee	Alison Wadsworth	Peter Steckles
IT Secretary			
Ordinary Member	Ken Noble	Paul Allan	Peter Steckles
Ordinary Member	Peter Steckles	Viv Lee	Ken Noble
Ordinary Member	Alma Walsh*	Paul Wadsworth	Alison Wadsworth
Ordinary Member			
Ordinary Member			

\* *Nominations received after the meeting*

- 3.2 Further nominations are invited either via email to Paul Wadsworth before the AGM or in person at the AGM, all nominations shall include the names of the Proposer and Secunder and the nominee's agreement to stand.
- 3.3 It was agreed that a representative from the Plodders Sub Group should be appointed as an Ordinary Member. **Action:** PW to contact Don Watson.

### 4 Local Group Secretaries Reps Weekend

- 4.1 Andy Griffin had previously asked for volunteers to attend this weekend on 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2015. As Interim Secretary PW is attending but would step aside if the appointed Chair or Secretary wished to attend.

### 5 Mr McGinty Donation

- 5.1 The meeting upheld the decision to accept a donation of £500 from Mr. McGinty, given in a sealed envelope to David and Alma Walsh, Walks Secretary, following a face to face meeting at Mr McGinty's home address at his request. A signed, addressed and dated letter of acknowledgement and appreciation was hand delivered to Mr McGinty by DW and AW. PW has since followed this up with a phone conversation with both Mr and Mrs McGinty who confirmed that they were happy for this donation to stand.
- 5.2 To date this money has been used to purchase soup kettles and a car port for use at Challenge Events.
- 5.3 **Action:** PW to update Gail Elphick, LDWA Chair
- 5.4 **Action:** PW to investigate the purchase a projector and screen with the remainder of the monies.

### 6 2018 Cinque Ports 100

6.1 The Group has been asked to man the 57 mile breakfast checkpoint or another checkpoint if desired.

6.2 **Action:** PW to contact Neil O'Rourke and pass his contact details to Viv Lee.

## **7 Walks Report (David and Alma Walsh)**

7.1 Confirmed that all forthcoming walks have been filled and submitted to Strider.

## **8 Social Report (Viv Lee)**

8.1 20 November 2015 – Real Ale Ramble – 15 members attending.

8.2 New Year Ambleside – 17 members attending.

8.3 February 2016 Grange Over Sands – now full.

8.4 2016 Dorset 100, 3 properties have been booked and are all full.

8.5 2017 Yorkshire 100 – 1 property booked at Robin Hoods Bay, sleeps 13.

## **9 Events Report (Paul Wadsworth)**

9.1 2016 Two Crosses Challenge Event has appeared in Strider.

## **10 Any Other Business**

### **10.1 Footpath 43**

Bury Council wishes to close the above footpath. Peter Balshaw had investigated this matter and had no objections to the closure. BS responded to Bury Council accordingly.

### **10.2 Alfa Travel**

PW reported that Alfa Travel had been subject to a management buy out but was continuing in operation.

### **10.3 50 Mile Challenge Event**

VL is conducting a feasibility study on a proposal to run a 50 mile challenge event in September 2017. As part of this a recce of the proposed route will commence on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2015 with a 17 mile loop covering the first 10 miles from the Jumbles Sailing Club.

### **10.4 Andy Griffin**

The Group has sent a £50 Amazon gift voucher to Andy, who has thanked the Group for its support and kindness.

### **10.5 Campcraft Discount Day, Bolton**

An additional 10% discount is offered to all members on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

**There will be no Group Meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2015.**

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on  
Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 starting at 8pm  
at the Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.**

**ALL WELCOME**