

## LDWA East Lancs Group

### Minutes of the Meeting Held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016

#### **Present:**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Paul Wadsworth (PW)    | Chair           |
| Alison Wadsworth (AEW) | Secretary       |
| David Walsh (DW)       | Walks Secretary |
| Hilary Scott (HS)      | IT Secretary    |
| Alma Walsh (AW)        | Ordinary Member |
| Norman Thomas (NT)     | Ordinary Member |
| Peter Steckles (PS)    | Ordinary Member |
| Ken Noble (KN)         | Ordinary Member |
| John Picton (JP)       | Ordinary Member |
| Julie Spencer          | Nick Halford    |
| Caroline Tennant       | Peter Balshaw   |
| Sue Boardman           | Tony Clark      |
| Steve Clark            |                 |

#### **Apologies:**

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Viv Lee (VL) | Barbara Shelton |
| Gordon Stone | Paul Allen      |

**The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 20:05 and closed at 20:45.**

#### **1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:**

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of February's meeting.

#### **2. Matters Arising:**

**Action 16.01:** A short protocol has been developed by PW and AEW for the receipt of donations. This will be circulated to all committee members for approval and adoption. **Action: On-going**

**Action 16.03:** VL had been in discussions with Neil re the Kent 100 and is reviewing information provided. **Action: On-going**

**Action 16.06:** The LDWA's Data Protection Officer, Chris Hedley, is trying to arrange a meeting with two to three local groups at the same meeting. Chris will contact the Secretary to confirm a date. **Action: Ongoing**

**Action 16.07:** Confirmation of cheque account signatories. **Action: On-going**

**Action 16.12:** Discussions were held in January 2016 as to whether donations should be made by the Group to support local areas damaged in the recent floods, e.g. Croston, Ramsbottom. It was agreed on 2/2/16 that charitable donations will be reviewed after the Two Crosses. **Action: Carried over to the April meeting.**

**Action 16.14:** PW and AEW would assess the value of assets held at the Scout Hut and obtain an insurance quotation for the cost of appropriate cover. Andy Griffin has been contacted for information about the construction of and security arrangements at the Scout Hut. **Action: Ongoing**

## Agenda Items:

### 3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

- 3.1 Following recent discussions it was felt that the Group would benefit from Walk Leaders and Marshalls undergoing a first aid course including instruction on resuscitation. The British Heart Foundation no longer provide free courses.  
**Action 16.16:** VL is investigating suitable options.  
**Action 16.17:** NT has attended a course provided by the Fire Service and will investigate its options.
- 3.2 All new members who have joined the Group since November 2015 have been sent a welcome email on behalf of the Group.
- 3.3 The LDWA's National Publicity Officer had been in contact and had asked whether local groups would consider appointing a Publicity Officer to promote awareness of the LDWA and local groups. There were no volunteers to take on this role at the meeting.  
**Action 16.18:** Any member who wishes to become the Group's Publicity Officer to contact the Secretary before April's meeting.
- 3.4 The Secretary suggested that the meetings in June, July, August and September be changed to start at 7pm with a short social walk (5-6 miles) and then followed by the Meeting held in a local pub as determined by the walk leader. Family and friends would be welcomed to join the Group. Following the meeting Hilary Scott has already volunteered. **Action 16.19:** Further volunteers to contact the Secretary.
- 3.5 The Group was reminded that April and May's meeting would focus on the proposal to establish a 50 mile challenge event (with a 25 mile option) in August 2017. All members are encouraged to attend and discuss this option. The Group will vote on the proposal at May's meeting.

### 4. Treasurer's Update

- 4.1 PW delivered a verbal update on the Groups financial position as provided by PA.

### 5. Walk Secretary's Update

- 5.1 DW asked for walk leaders for the September to December 2016 Walk Programme to cover four Wednesdays and one Sunday.
- 5.2 A change has been made to the walk arranged for Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 due to flooding. A bulk email had been sent to all members and the web site had been updated.

### 6. Social Secretary's Update

- 6.1 Carried over in the Social Secretary's absence. Full details of all social events can be found on the website.

### 7. Events Secretary's Update

- 7.1 PW commented that to date there had been 75 entries for the 2016 Two Crosses. It was noted that at the same time last year we had 104 entries.
- 7.2 PW confirmed that permits had been received from United Utilities and the National Trust. The National Trust did not charge for its permit but had requested a donation in lieu.

7.3 PW advised that Gordon Stone had been in contact with local newspapers to raise awareness of the Event.

7.4 VL had sent an email confirming the Marshall's Rota for the Event. Any comments or queries to be addressed to Viv.

7.5 The Marshalls Walk will be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 starting at 8.30 am from the car park on Laurel Street, Tottington.

## **8. IT Secretary's Update**

8.1 HS thanked all walk Leaders for their prompt walk reports which had been added to the web site.

8.2 Hilary had received photographs of the late John Hall for addition to the web site. AEW was to forward photographs she had received from John's family. **Action 16.20:** HS and AEW to agree where 'in memorium' photographs should be placed on the web site.

## **9. Any Other Business**

9.1 Norman Thomas advised that the Woodland Trust had purchased two thirds of the Smithills Estate and was holding consultations involving and engaging local people and groups in its plans. Interested Members are advised to read the Woodland Trust's progress at <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blogs/woodland-trust/2015/07/smithills-progress-update/>

.....  
**The meeting concluded with a presentation by Paul Wadsworth on his and Alison's experience walking the Corfu Trail.**

**Paul was thanked for an interesting presentation.**

.....  
**Date and Time of Next Meeting**

8pm, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the

Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.

**The meeting will conclude with a presentation by Viv Lee and Kath Page on their proposal that the Group stages a 50 mile event commencing in August 2017.**

In the likely event that some questions raised will require further assessment then a further presentation and vote by the group on the proposal will take place at the May meeting.

**All Group members are encouraged to attend.**

Sandwiches will be provided.

**ALL WELCOME**