

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 6th December 2016

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

Present:

Paul Wadsworth (PW)	Chair
Alison Wadsworth (AEW)	Secretary
David Walsh (DW)	Walks Secretary
Gordon Stone (GS)	Publicity Officer
Alma Walsh (AW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Norman Thomas (NT)	Ordinary Committee Member
Ken Noble (KN)	Ordinary Committee Member
John Picton (JP)	Ordinary Committee Member
Peter Steckles (PS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Sue Raine	Paul Raine

Apologies:

Paul Allen (PA)	Treasurer
Viv Lee (VL)	Social and Events Secretary
Hilary Scott (HS)	IT Secretary
Caroline Tennant	Nick Halford
Julie Spencer	

The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 20:03 and closed at 21:30.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

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

2. Matters Arising:

Action 16.06: December update: The LDWA's Data Protection Officer, Chris Hedley has developed Data Protection guidelines which must be followed by all Groups. A copy is attached to the minutes for information. **Action:** The Secretary to confirm when the Group is compliant after discussions with relevant Group members. **Ongoing**

Action 16.14: December update: The Chair confirmed that Rochdale Scout Group is unable to insure our equipment due to the terms of their insurance. The Group has received an invoice for £180 from Rochdale Scout Group for storage covering the period September 2016 to August 2017.

Feedback from the Group Reps Weekend is that most Groups store equipment in member's homes, which is then covered by their personal insurance. Some Groups have investigated other options but without success. The NEC is to consider whether funding could be made available to Groups that lost uninsured equipment in a disaster, e.g. a fire.

Anyone who could provide storage space should advise the Secretary or Chair. The option to disperse the equipment and have it insured whilst also saving the storage fee may then be considered. **Action: All**

Action 16.16 December update: In total 28 people attended the two CPR courses held on 24th September and 1st October. The following actions were agreed:

and 16.17:

- The Group would make a £100 donation to the Fire Service Benevolent Fund, which the Fire Service has requested is made in person at one of its

fundraising events (date to be confirmed) and £50 to the British Heart Foundation.

- Viv Lee would bring disposable gloves to the January meeting for Group members

Action: Ongoing

Action 16.28: Permission is required from the National Trust before challenge events can be held on its land. The NT is trialling a project until September 2017 which may result in fees in the region of £50-100 being applied. CT to notify the Group of the 2017 costs as a minor route change could avoid fees.

December update: CT confirmed that the Group had paid a £1.00 contract fee to use NT land and agreed to make a donation after the Two Crosses Event. The NEC is lobbying the NT regarding potential charges for Challenge Events. **Action: Closed**

Action 16.30: Some concern was expressed at the Group acting as a Travel Agent and any liability that might apply in the event of a holiday monies being lost and whether it might be better for a Group member to book properties on a credit card and then reclaim this amount from the Treasurer. The Chair and Secretary to try and obtain any additional information on any impact on the Group and review this at a later meeting.

December update: To be discussed at January's meeting. **Action: Ongoing**

Action 16.35: The Treasurer confirmed he has electronic access to the Group's bank accounts but the Chair has not received view only access.

December update: The Chair and Treasurer to review the outstanding issue.

Action: Ongoing

Action 16.45: A Timeoutdoors.com website has been publishing details of our walks, along with walk leaders contact details on its web site. The Chair has contacted the site and requested them not show each walk / leader details but to provide a link to our web site.

The Chair to raise this at the Local Reps meeting in November and bring a response to the December meeting.

December update: The issue was discussed at the Group Reps weekend with a mixed response, some Groups felt any free publicity should be welcomed. The NEC agreed to contact Time Outdoors to discuss the issue. **Action: Closed**

Action 16.46: A discussion took place about the preparedness of some walkers on group walks with some walkers carrying only very minimal equipment.

The Chair to raise this at the Local Reps meeting in November and bring a response to the December meeting.

December update: The issue was discussed at the Group, Reps weekend with a mixed response, some Groups asked walkers to sign a disclaimer before social walks. The Group agreed that walk leaders should be supported to refuse entry to a walk to anyone deemed to be so ill equipped that it could represent a danger to the walker and others.

Any persistent walker who was deemed to not be adequately equipped will be contacted by either the Chair, Secretary or Walks Secretary and advised of the requirement to wear/carry appropriate equipment.

Addition information regarding the expectations for equipment to be carried should be included in our Group section in Strider and on our web site. We could also take this opportunity to the add information regarding the pace/duration of the walks. The Secretary to draft updated information and bring to January's meeting for discussion/agreement. **Action: Ongoing**

Agenda Items:

3. Chair and Secretary's Update:

3.1 The Chair and Secretary attended the Group Reps weekend at Stratford upon Avon in

November. Feedback was given as below with further topics to follow in future meetings:

- 3.2 Entrants to all challenge events are advised to bring a mug. The LDWA's Environmental Policy advises against providing disposable cups except in case of emergency. This has been discussed with Viv Lee and it was agreed at the meeting that disposable cups would no longer be provided on either of our challenge events. Plastic reusable mugs with the Group's logo will be ordered at a cost of £150 for 100 and would be available for entrants to buy for £2 at the events.
Action 17.01: The Secretary to order 100 mugs once the Group's logo has been updated.
- 3.3 On 1st January 2026 any historic route used as a public right of way **not** recorded on the definitive map will be legally stopped up and lost to the public. The Ramblers estimate that public rights of way are significantly under recorded possibly by up to 20,000 paths nationally. The LDWA is informing its membership of this and encouraging them to support the Ramblers who are already actively involved in research into historic Rights of Way. The Chair has contacted the Chair of Bury Ramblers asking him to advise on any work being undertaken locally. Attached is Forgotten Paths, a document from the Ramblers.
- 3.4 The LDWA is the UK Governing Body for long distance walking and is recognised by Sport England. To deliver this, the LDWA website contains a Long Distance Paths (LDP) database containing extensive information relating to LDPs. The current version of the database is old, requires considerable effort to maintain and needs to be redesigned. The database administrator would like to understand the current use of the database, the on-going needs of the user and any other information that he should be aware of in making a decision regarding the future of the database.
 - 3.1 **Action 17.02:** Group members to look at the LDP part of the LDWA website and feedback their thoughts, ideas, current usage and future needs. All contributions should be emailed to the Secretary by 10th January 2017 when they will be collated and forwarded.
 - 3.2 **Action: Ongoing**
- 3.5 The national LDWA business card that should have been issued to Groups in spring 2016 was discussed. 100 copies have now been received and copies can be obtained from the Chair. Further copies of an improved card are to be requested and will be distributed on receipt.

4. Treasurer's Update:

- 4.1 Carried over to January's meeting in the Treasurer's absence.

5. Walks Secretary's Update:

- 5.1 The Walks Secretary confirmed that the May to August 2017 Walks Programme is now full. Can walk leaders send details of their walks to Dave by mid January 2017.
- 5.2 Norman Thomas will lead his 20th Christmas Cracker on Sunday 18th December 2016. Lunch will be provided at the Bay Horse, Adlington at a cost of £5.00 per head payable in advance to Dave and Alma Walsh. 47 walkers are attending to date. All welcome.

6 Social Secretary's Update:

- 6.1 Full details of all social events can be found on the website.
- 6.2 Bookings are now being taken for the 2017 Real Ale Ramble. Please contact Viv Lee for more information.
- 6.3 Any members who wish to marshal or share accommodation for the 2018 Kent 100 and/or 2019 Northumberland 100 please contact Viv.
- 6.4 Some concern was expressed at the way the donation from the Dorset 100 was divided. Due to Viv's absence this will be carried over to January's meeting.

Action 17.03: Viv Lee to explain how the 100 monies were shared out.

6.5 The Christmas Party at the Rivington Pub on Friday 9th December 2016 is now full. The £5.00 donation to marshals who assisted in this year's Two Crosses Challenge will be made in cash at the restaurant.

7. Events Secretary's Update:

7.1 CT had been in touch with Natural England who confirmed that part of the West Pennine Moors is now classed as a site of Scientific Interest but that this should not impact on the Two Crosses event.

7.2 RR50 entries to date 17 SI entries and 11 paper entries have been received.

7.3 Gordon Stone produced some A3 publicity flyers advertising the Red Rose 50 these were circulated at the recent Group Reps weekend. He had also promoted the RR50 with a number of hill walking forums and fell running organisations.

8 IT Secretary's Update:

8.1 Carried over to January's meeting in the IT Secretary's absence.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Members Open Forum

Roy Hamer a long standing East Lancs member since 1982 passed away in October, no further details available.

9.2 Norman Thomas, Chris Langabeer and Ian Pickup are organising four walks covering the Red Rose 50 route. These will start in May 2017 on the second Wednesday of each month. Anyone interested in attending these walks should contact Chris so that suitable coach arrangements can be made. **Action 17.04:** Chris to provide quotations for the coaches so that the Group can discuss and agree the size of coach to be booked / cost to individuals / potential Group subsidy. **Action: Ongoing**

9.3 Viv Lee is organising two Sunday walks covering the Red Rose 50 route. The first is on 2nd April. Anyone interested in attending these walks should contact Viv so that suitable coach arrangements can be made. **Action 17.05:** Viv to provide quotations for the coaches so that the Group can discuss and agree the size of coach to be booked / cost to individuals / potential Group subsidy. **Action: Ongoing**

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We would like to wish all our members and their families a Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2017.
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Date and Time of Next Meeting

**8pm, Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at the
Doffcocker Inn, Chorley Old Road, Bolton BL1 5QD.
Followed by Norman's Quiz**

Sandwiches will be provided.

ALL WELCOME