

LDWA East Lancs Group

Minutes of the Meeting Held at 8pm on Tuesday 2nd August 2022

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

Present:

Hilary Scott (HS)	Chair / IT Secretary
Roger Jackson (RJ)	Secretary
Paul Allen	Treasurer
Caroline Tennant (CT)	Events Secretary
Viv Lee (VL)	Social Secretary
Nick Halford (NH)	Walks Secretary
Alma Walsh	Ordinary Committee Member
Pauline Melia (PM)	Ordinary Committee Member
Dave Walsh (DW)	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Banks (PB)	Ordinary Committee Member
Gordon Stone (GS)	Ordinary Committee Member
Paul Wadsworth (PW))	Paul Raine (PR)
Jane Hill (JH)	Tony Clark (TC)

Apologies:

Jeanette Banks (JB)	Ordinary Committee Member
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The Group was quorate and the meeting opened at 8.00 pm and closed at 9.40 pm.

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting:

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the June meeting.

2. Matters Arising:

22.04 Dog Tags

Jane Hill had sent her apologies as she could not make the meeting but had previously offered to order some more Dog tags if there was a demand.

We decided in principle to fund a new round for new members or those whose medical prescription has changed. But, we are going to wait about 3 months to see how many new people actually join up and thus are eligible. April Update: We agreed to wait a couple more months before doing a repeat order. June Update: The meeting decided to proceed A.S.A.P. and offer dog tags to any Primary Member without one or needing a replacement. Action: HS to contact JH. **August Update: Dog Tags now ready for everyone who requested them. They are available to be picked up at walks or group meetings. Closed**

22.05 Suggested Future Expenditure

We had a sort discussion on ideas for future expenditure for the group.

VL suggested we look at doing some further improvements to our Two Crosses route in the Redshire Wood area. The meeting agreed to her to start looking into this.

Viv was also looking for a couple of things for the Batridge Barn checkpoint, a new folding table to replace the old wooden one, also four more tow ropes to help secure the tent, it was agreed she could go ahead with these purchases.

AG recommended some new signs, for Checkpoint Two to make crossing the main road safer for the entrants, and brought some rough costings to the meeting. We agreed Andy should follow this up with a more detailed proposal. June Update: VL and CT have had a meeting with Dave Chadwick , the next section of work including a sign and Kissing Gate (replacing and old stile), will cost £2150.0. The meeting agreed that East Lancs are willing to make a contribution towards this but we will first see what other organizations are willing to offer, then consider how much we will commit to pay. We agreed to ask the LDWA NEC for £1000 but any contribution from them would be welcome, and also ask Ramblers and Bury council what they are willing to give towards the cost We also confirmed that East Lancs should not be responsible for ongoing maintenance. Action: CT to dig out previous correspondence and VL to contact other organizations. **August Update: AG has researched the road signs on Amazon and provided pictures for the meeting. The signs are road legal and cost £44.99 each. The meeting agreed to order four signs. HS to ask Andy if he is happy to progress the order , if not CT is will do it. The ropes have been purchased and CT has offered a table for free. Redshire Wood - The NEC have agreed to pay £1000 towards the work and post meeting the Ramblers have also agreed to contribute. Action VL to progress with Dave Chadwick. Ongoing**

22.07 Certificate for LDWA 50 Celebrations

Karen Pickersgill sent us a sample certificate, designed by the NEC with the suggestion we hand it out to all people attending our groups LDWA 50 anniversary celebration events. The meeting agreed this was a good idea. Action : CT to look into printing off certificates. **August Update: Many thanks to CT wo produced a certificate for all those who took part in the big walk weekend. These were given out on the day. Closed.**

22.08 New East Lancs Banner

As the old one is a bit shabby now, VL suggested we look into getting a new East Lancs Banner following the example, set by our new Naughty Corner one. Action: CT / VL to provide requirement details , RJ to contact GS. **August Update: GS has looked at the various options and a new banner has been purchased. Closed**

3 Chair and Secretary Update:

Well its been a busy couple of months. Aside from the normal walking program we had the big walk weekend 17- 19th June. This was well attended , particularly the Ramsbottom Round where we called in at Peel Tower for cake and a drink. This charity event raised £1700 for MND and MS Society , a truly magnificent effort. Thanks to Viv for organising that.

The following week was the East Lancs party. A great evening, forty people came and enjoyed a fabulous buffet and good company.

We have also enjoyed a weekend in the lakes, walking the Spring in Lakeland 50 over three days, based at Ghyll Head, with members from both East and West Lancs a good (if sometimes hot) time was had by all. Some members stayed independently and joined us on the day, others came and joined us on a daily basis. Thanks to Roger for organising .

Thanks to Jane also for organising the ICE Dog Tags. I hope everyone now has their contact and personal medical detail easily available in the event of an unforeseen situation.

So, Lets keep doing what we do and doing it well, I hope some of you will look at the volunteer vacancies at NEC level, East Lancs has a wealth of experience that could be beneficial at this level.

4 Treasurers Report

Paul gave an update of the groups financial position.

He has recently sent out cheques to cover, the recent Ghyll Head trip, Dog Tags and money owed to the church. We are also holding money to cover the December Ghyll trip and next years LDWA 100. However when taking all these into account the group continues to hold a healthy balance.

Also it was agreed that DW and CT should have read access to the accounts.

5 Events Secretary

There was nothing to report at the time but, post meeting to ensure we met the Strider deadline the committee agreed the following:

Price increase - members from £10 to £11, non members from £15 to £16.

No paper / manual entries - all entries to go through SI entries. We only had 1 paper entry last year and whilst we won't advertise it, if contacted directly, will process entries as required by hand. Also saves Paul Allen having to bank the cheques.

Transfers - passing an entry to another entrant. These will now be allowed, up to 5th March 2023. Entrants can manage this themselves via SI website. There will still be no deferrals or refunds. (They can get a refund through SI, if they pay a 'refund protect' fee.)

CT will be looking at getting the event details up on the website and SI entries soon, ready to go in the next Strider.

6 **Walks Secretary's Update:**

All but three dates in the Autumn program have now been filled

7 **Social Secretary's Update.**

Viv hi-lighted the following upcoming events

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| 31/10/2022 to 04/11/2022 | Hydro Hotel Llandudno LDWA 50 th Anniversary Celebrations. 2 days led walks. Payment for this , to Alpha will be required around 19/9/2022 (approx).Viv will provide more details nearer the time. |
| 25/11/2022 to 27/11/2022 | Real Ale Ramble Neuadd Arms Hotel Llanwtryd ,Wells 12 people booked so far. Book directly with the hotel Tel: 01591610236 and state you are with East Lancs LDWA and then Please contact also Viv Lee. |
| 05/12/2022 to 09/12/2022 | Ghyll Head Full but there is a Reserve List |
| 11/12/2022 | 'Norman's' Christmas Cracker walk plus meal at Rivington Tea rooms 1.30 pm. Cost expected approx £20 pp. There will be a £5 discount if you have marshaled at the Two Crosses / LDWA 100 or have led a walk from January ist this year. The walk will set off at 9.00.am from the avenue leading up to the Top Barn Rivington. 20 people booked so far. Still places available. |
| 29/12/2022 to 02/01/2023 | New Year Neuadd Arms Llanwrtyd Wells 14 booked to date. |
| 20/01/2023 to 24/01/2023 | Old Vicarage Ambleside Walking in South Lakes Please book directly, by September 2022, with the Old Vivcarage and inform Viv Lee. (14 people booked to date) |
| 26/05/2023 to 02/06/2023 | LDWA 100 2023 West Midlands Breakfast Check Point Staying at Knightcote Farm Cottages three cottages reserved so far (another is available to book) so please contact Viv on 017068244074 if you are interested . Cost £245.00 pp , also a small food kitty will be required, Viv will do the usual catering. 20 people booked to date. |

09/06/2023 to 16/06/2023 Keswick / Hazelwood House, 1 weeks self catering, led walks each day some meals in plus a couple of pub meals and the option of a night out in the Lakeside Theatre. The house sleeps eighteen people. Cost £124, Please send cheque to Neil Smith to confirm your room.

8 IT Secretary Update

All walks are on the website. Some are just photos if the walk leader didn't do a report. We are still posting on Facebook approx 3/4 times a week. It does help raise our profile.

Hilary will be away soon in September so will not be able to update during this time.

CT volunteered to do do the Facebook postings during this time and the website updates can wait until HS returns.

9 Pastoral Care Update

Nothing new to report

10 Publicity Update

On 25/6/2022 Pauline represented East Lancs, on a stall at Greenmount School community day, with fliers, leaflets to promote the LDWA in general and East Lancs in particular.

11 East Lancs 40th birthday

Next January is the 40th birthday There was a short discussion on what we could do to celebrate the occasion. We decided to firstly raise a glass during our January Ambleside trip and in the February walks program include a repeat of our first ever walk the 'Edenfield Round. **Action: RJ and PA to work together to recreate the route.**

12 Groups Representatives Meeting

Pauline and Jeanette have volunteered to represent East Lancs at the Groups Representatives Meeting. It was agreed that the group would cover their expenses.

13 Personalised Merchandise Company

Whilst at Greenmount school Pauline came across. the personalised merchandise company 'Just A Little Bit'. They provide a branded website which could make it easier to order East Lancs specific goods. After a short discussion we agreed Pauline would contact them and see what they could offer.

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14.1 Joint Walks with West Lancs

The joint walks with West Lancs haven't been particularly well supported and there is no mention of them in either Groups Autumn program and has been no contact between the two walk secretaries. Hilary has raised the question with Neil whether we should continue, he has since emailed to ask us to consider doing more joint walks next year. After a lively discussion including the point being raised , '**why can't we just highlight the fact all are welcome on any EL walk**'.we agreed that we would see how the next two joint walks go and make a decision weather it is worth continuing at the January 2023 meeting.

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Next Meeting

October 4th^h 2022

Action: RJ to contact Doffcocker to discuss.