

Essex & Herts LDWA

Notes from committee meeting held at Lorna Doone, Private Road, Galleywood Thursday 9th March 2023, 10.00am

1. **Members attending.** Gill Struthers (**GS**), Jackie Burnett (**JB**), Elaine Oddie (**EO**), Elizabeth Bridge (**EB**), Ginny Powell (**GP**), Richard Haynes (**RH**), Brian Martin (**BM**).

Apologies for absence. Mike Wheatley (**MW**).

Maggie Stevenson (**MS**) was welcomed to the Committee.

2. **Approve minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2022**

Proposed **EO**, Seconded **GP**

3. **Matters arising from previous minutes.**

CP guidelines: **JB** to continue with this, with input from **EO**

Sussex Stride is, provisionally, 24 Sept. If it changes to 17 Sept (our BW marshals) we will swap dates.

Donation to the MRT supporting the TransPennine of £100 has been made.

Risk Assessment is only advisory for Social Walks but mandatory for Challenge events.

The banners are all done.

4. **Committee election & Notification of Changes to Local Group Officers & Ordinary Committee Members.**

As there is a vacancy Peter Tremain (**PT**) was invited to return to Committee as a full member and was duly elected. **JB** to notify NEC of recent changes to the committee. **JB** to check web permissions of relevant members,

5. **Financial report**

- Elaine talked us through the 2023 Budget Proposals

Balance of Keith Noble legacy to be transferred to 50th Anniversary fund.

Proposed **MS** seconded **JB**

Elaine was thanked for her work in producing the proposals

6. **Mileage Rate.**

All agreed to raise the mileage rate for event marshals to 'up to 30p per mile' with immediate effect. **JB** to update the website information.

7. **Social Walk programme.**

Several gaps in the programme. We should make it clear that anybody can arrange a walk on any day they choose, not just Sunday or Wednesday.

The date of the Christmas meal has changed to Tues, 12th Dec. at the Rose & Crown.

Secret Santa needs a different route, 13 miles with 3 or 4 churches, **EB** to ask **MW** to look at a route around Willingale / Fyfield area.

8. **Challenge Events**

Rob Struthers (**RS**) was invited to join the meeting for items 8 & 9.

Herts Hobble. Buntingford Scout hut, 3 CPs booked & paid. Parking at college. Route checked

and some problems reported to Footpath Officer.

With regard to 2024 – will we be able to run the HH? **RH, JB** and **MS** to form a sub-committee TBC.

Shotley Peninsula 50. 74 / 180 entries so far. 1st draft of route ready to be checked next week, no GPX at present. CPs booked but quality of wi-fi at Holbrook needs to be checked (wi-fi is very important at this CP), Raynet will not be needed. **GS** has a list 20 marshals and Norfolk & Suffolk have offered to help run 1 or 2 CPs, maybe they could run the early CPs to give E&H marshals more time to travel. Jane Audsley of N&S has kindly offered the use of her house as the dinner stop on the marshals.

Blackwater Marathon. The school is booked – we await the invoice. Goldhanger & Tollesbury CPs booked. Route to be reviewed late spring. The car park for the marshals now charges, so need to look for an alternative start point. In order to ensure wi-fi at the last CP, **RS** has suggested to Bill Bowers running the route the other way round for a change.

Challenge Event Badges. New badge for Shotley (order same time as BW) TBC after Tuesday route check. Plus, we should order more badges for the Stagger and new badges for the HH.

9. **EBB 100.** CP is at 49.3 miles. **JB** to check on qty. of food to be provided. **JB** also to check on dimensions of floor that needs covering.
10. **Health and Safety.** New Social Walk guidelines are available, **JB & LB** to highlight in next update email.
11. **Essex and Herts 50th Anniversary.** Various suggestions – 50 mile E&H event
 - Boat trip
 - Clothing / badges / mugs
 - Party (as Walks Day)
 - Re-run some old walks – 1 per decade
 - St. Peter's Way
 - A 50 Kanter

Suggestions from membership

MS & MW to be asked if they are willing to co-ordinate ideas and events.

12. **Any Other Business.**

Sub-committee for Stagger 2024: **PT, RS, EO, JB, BM.**

RH to check with Peter Hogg how the E&H Triple Challenge is managed? (Currently includes HH, BW & EW). Suggestion it could be done online.

GS asked about 'single use' plastic cutlery, apparently, we can use our stock and then dump it in re-cycling.

13. **Date and place of next meeting:** June 8th, possibly another walk and talk meeting.