**Essex & Herts LDWA**

**Notes from Committee Meeting held at Lorna Doone, Private Road, Galleywood**

**Thursday 24th March 2022, 10.30am**

**Apologies for absence:** None

* **Approve minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 2nd December 2021 (via Zoom)**

Proposed **JB,** Second **EO**

* **Matters arising from previous minutes**
  + **Actions from AGM**

**JB & EO** confirmed that the register of walkers is still needed, for insurance purposes.

**PH** to check with **GH** how many more marshals are needed for the HH**.**

**RH & GH** have started the audit of equipment – to be completed after the EW

**JB** to investigate a replacement banner for Essex and Herts events.

* **Financial report/update**

Presented by **EO** with budget for this year.

* **Social Walks** 
  + **Social walk programme**

**LB** presented new forms for social walks – available on website. ‘Wednesday Walk’ will change to ‘Mid-week Walk’ which might suit more people.

* + **LDWA 50th Anniversary events**

We have several events linked to ‘50’

Fig. 8 from Sawbridgeworth (part in Essex & part in Herts)

Essex Way 50th anniversary. Lizzie will make a banner with the Essex Way & E&H

Keith Noble memorial walk – 50K.

I-Spy competition – 50 items to look out for on Social Walks.

* + **Secret Santa**

At present no organizer**. LB** said that she would be prepared to organize and **JB** willing to help

* + **Group weekend 2023**

**LB** proposed a change of time to March in 2023 either in Brecon Beacons or Malham. HF have put us on their ‘Early-bird’ list and will send brochure in April 2022.

* **Challenge Events** 
  + **Essex Walker**

**PT** presented the proposed certificate. 123 entries, so far**. GS** has made some changes to the rota.

Mick Dodge to assist **RH in** Sweeping.

**PT** to check Wi-Fi for Highwood and Galleywood, no Wi-Fi at Fryerning but Pacer not needed.

It was felt that an extra Marshal was needed at the A12/B1007 slip road

* + **Herts Hobble**

Halls booked, hopefully there will be no fair at the start. We have permission to use the hall on Saturday evening**. PH** to check Wi-Fi – not sure about CP at Reed**.**

**EO** to check 4G dongles.

**PH** to check with **GH** on status of Marshals**.**

* + **Three Forests Way**

**PH** to do final checks on the route.

**JB** to coordinateMarshals’ walk.

**GH** has asked if we need so many checkpoints- meeting felt five was sufficient.

* + **Winter Poppyline**

Following an incident at the Checkpoint GS & JB to create a guide to Checkpoint Etiquette.

* **Website and webmaster position**

**PH** felt that the time had come for a change of webmaster. The committee would like to express their thanks to Peter for all the hard work he has done over the years. Following advice and suggestions from Michael Headley (Kent Group), the general feeling was that the website was starting to look pretty good and that, while we needed to define exactly what it was that we wanted from the website, we had enough expertise to make the changes for now and then seek somebody to manage the site.

* **National 100 events** 
  + **TransPennine – Needs Marshals**
* **Equipment**

1 x defective Pump-pot to be discarded and not replaced.

**RH** to proceed with purchase of a new gazebo.

* **Any other business**

Peco have been very helpful in procuring Tee shirts of the proper colour – we can now obtain a style more suitable for ladies.

**GS** said that she has discovered that we ‘lost’ 81 members over the New Year which is slightly more than the National Average.

* **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 30th June 2022 To be a ‘Walk & Talk’ event from Ashfields Carriage & Polo Club café at Gt. Canfield**. BM** to organize a route. More details nearer the time