

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Group Meeting
Monday 15th January 2018 at 7.45pm

	<p>Apologies: Sue Fagg, Kate Motley and Frank Watson. There were two new members: Jo Dixon and Andy Webster. 21 members in attendance.</p> <p>Agenda and matters arising from previous meetings. There was no meeting in December.</p> <p>Action: First Aid Kit and Lap top</p> <p>Action. Walk leaders to ask those strangers who turn up to walks whether they are members.</p> <p>Action. Cheque required for the Fire Service for the First Aid course</p> <p>John read out a Christmas card to all members from Gordon Thompson.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Action</p> <p>Mike has bought the First Aid Kits. Lap Top is outstanding</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To be decided at Committee meeting</p>
1	<p>Past & future walks</p> <p>David provided information in regard to the past walks where cold weather, mud, motorway traffic has not affected good turn outs. The future walks offer an excellent variety.</p> <p>3rd April – Whittle Wander short route: advance update re the change of start location which is Botany Bay, not Whittle car park. See walks programme.</p>	
2	<p>Amble</p> <p>The Anglezarke Amble is on the 10th February</p> <p>Ian had sent out the volunteer list. 14 people who have previously been involved are not available this year.</p> <p>10 new members have responded and will be included on the list.</p> <p>Stan through John raised the issue of the Bad Weather route. This was discussed and it was decided that if it was deemed not necessary to set off on the Bad Weather route, but there was significant weather deterioration after the start, all entrants would be transferred to the short route at Charlie's Pole</p> <p>Food</p> <p>Those at checkpoints were asked to use their discretion re expenditure at checkpoints. Entrants usually require something quick and easy to eat.</p> <p>Numbers</p> <p>Current number of entries is 200. Limit is 300, although this could go slightly over given those numbers who do not turn up on the day.</p> <p>Equipment</p> <p>The wind break at Entwistle</p> <p>Ken asked for a clock for when entrants return</p>	<p>Ian asked that those people at checkpoints welcome new people and show them the ropes</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ian to check with Brian Siddle John to purchase</p>
3	<p>The Plod</p> <p>The event was successful with 31 attending for lunch.</p>	<p>Thanks to John for organizing this event</p>

<p>4</p>	<p>40th Anniversary on the 18th August 2018 at Brindle village hall has been agreed. Time between 3ish and 9pm.</p> <p>Entertainment: Trouble at Mill are available and as well as singing they will do a quiz. A speaker from Fix the Fells in the Lake District is available. This group are responsible for restoring and improving the erosion of 2000 km of Lakeland fells</p> <p>Dates for the commemorative walks as follows: March 24th Original Amble route- Doreen April 3rd Whittle Wanderer- John E May 12th – Sirloin Stroll (from 1989) Jaqui June 2nd Barbon- Ian & Karen July 7th Wide Awake Walk- Doreen August 18th Walk to be decided from Brindle village hall (Ian and Karen) fin</p> <p>Update re entertainment: Members who attended the November meeting recommended two speakers to be contacted: Jim Bispham or Paul Hannan as back up</p> <p>It was agreed that all past/older members should be invited</p> <p>It was agreed instead of a jacob’s join – the club to fund a buffet. There was a request for a cold buffet.</p>	<p>Hall and bar Booked</p> <p>Donation required</p> <p>Invite list to be compiled</p> <p>Karen to contact some companies</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>2018 Long distance trail Neil Harwood has kindly put forward a long distance walk for next year. www.lancashireway.com. It is a route he has devised and is split into 3 loops. The first loop is 81 miles and it is suggested that this would be 5 Thursdays in March. Parts of the Ribble Way, Dolphinholme, Harrock Hill, Gathurst, Leeds Liverpool Canal, Wigan as well as Healey Nab, Darwen Tower are to be visited. More details in the New Year</p>	<p>Thank you Neil</p> <p>Ian to put details onto website</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>AOB Because the Club did not meet in December, John proposed that the usual free drink would be available at the February meeting. This will be combined with a Quiz from Stan. Details will follow.</p> <p>Other dates The LDWA AGM is to be staged in North Lincs at the Forest Pines Hotel, Broughton 9th until the 11th March 2018</p> <p>AGM – date and venue to be decided</p> <p>Other matters: Holiday Torquay with Alpha Travel with East Lancs There is a twin/two person occupancy room available from the 15th April for 7 nights. There is 6 days walking from Bantham to Starcross on the South West Coastal Path. Coach included. Cost is £274.00 per person. Contact Karen if interested.</p> <p>Next meeting at the Sea View on the 19th February 2018</p>	<p>Karen and John to look at suitable venues for the AGM.</p>