

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Group Meeting
Monday 21st May 2018 at 7.45pm
Sea View Whittle le Woods

	<p>Apologies: Apologies from Dave and Sheila, Sue Lomax, Brian and Jean Moat, Sue and Steve Fagg, Dave Whittaker, Jacqui Peaks, Richard Priest, Andy Webster, Pat Fergusson (new member) Doreen Viney and Gareth Seal.</p> <p>Note: This meeting should have been an open committee meeting then general meeting commencing at 7pm. However there was not enough committee members, so the committee meeting will have to be re-arranged.</p> <p>6 members in attendance, plus John (Chair), Karen (Secretary), Ian (Amble co-ordinator), Mike (Equipment)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Action</p>
	<p>Notes of the last meeting John read the notes of the last meeting in March.</p> <p>The club AGM was held at the Walton Arms this year on the basis of 44 members attending in 2017 and there was not enough room at the Sea View. 22 members attended this year's AGM, meaning that the AGM could have been held at the Sea View.</p> <p>A further action was to have the same club format as last year, with no formal meeting at the Sea View at the June and August meetings. Dave and Sheila were asked if they would lead an evening walk on these dates, perhaps from the Ley Inn, Clayton le Woods. Details to follow.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Date for AGM 2019 to be decided as soon as possible</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dave and Sheila to lead two evening walks, there will be no group meeting after these walks.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Dave and Sheila to inform us of the details asap – web site to be updated</p>
<p>1</p>	<p>Past & future walks Ian summarised the past and present walks in the absence of David W.</p> <p>Most notable attendees (20) were on the 9th May with Glyn and Julie's walk from Great Harwood. Great weather with some members partaking in fish and chips for lunch.</p> <p>The 40th Anniversary walk – 'The Sirloin Stroll' (1989) 24 and half miles, had 13 attendees with 2 visitors from south Manchester, who promised to sign up for the Amble. The highlight was seeing the gun turret in the middle of a new housing estate in Whittle le Woods. Jaqui had a real test with the route, new estates being built, old paths re-routed, however, again the weather and company was fantastic.</p>	

	<p>15th May – 20 attendees for the 10 mile walk from Scorton picnic site. Again a wonderful days walking with great weather.</p> <p>Future walks were discussed</p> <p>The next 40th Anniversary walk is the Barbon walk on the 2nd June 9.30 at the village hall car park.</p> <p>Members wanted a note on the website to offer good luck to all members walking the 100.</p>	<p>Thanks to David and Sue for the organization of walks and to the leaders</p> <p>Karen/Ian to put note on website</p>
2	<p>Lancashire Way Update on the Lancashire Way Very good pictures and route descriptions are on the website. 2 Stages have been completed.</p>	<p>Thanks to Neil for leading the walk.</p>
3	<p>LDWA Update There was an update on GDPR and the club is so far compliant. Ian updated that members may soon be asked if they wish to opt out of publications as well as emails.</p>	
4	<p>Website Ian reported an update section ‘About Us’ which is including the history of the club. Any member wishing to contribute to this to contact Ian.</p>	
5	<p>40th Anniversary update A singer/guitarist has been booked. Stan has agreed to do a slide show and quiz. Frank has agreed to do a talk on his walking years.</p> <p>Several catering companies have been contacted; it would appear the Laurels at Higher Walton have the best value and variety.</p> <p>The intention is to have a relaxed atmosphere with past and present members being able to talk and view ‘the memory table’.</p>	<p>Stan updated the meeting</p> <p>Karen has booked the Laurels.</p> <p>We have the use of plates and cutlery at the Hall</p> <p>Karen/Ian to send invitation to past members.</p>
	<p>AGM Further discussion took place. John told the meeting that the 2017 AGM minutes were approved. Annual reports were previously submitted to members. Mike delivered his account on the night.</p> <p>Ian discussed the Amble. Most notable statistics were 198 entrants were non LDWA members. Of which 137 non LDWA walkers. Feedback from the attendees was very positive, particularly the checkpoints and the food. Ian commented that Raynet and Mountain Rescue’s assistance were excellent.</p> <p>Shirley commented that she had refused 30/40 entrants, therefore we could have had 400 entrants. However the hall could not cope with this number.</p> <p>David’s report on the walks attracted a comment from Jeff that he was pleased to see longer walks on the programme. However there was a lack of</p>	<p>Ian to circulate the 2019 list for the 9th February as some members have already notified him that they are not available</p>

<p>younger walkers. There was a suggestion to advertise winter walks as ‘mudders’ given the conditions this winter and spring.</p> <p>Annual statement of accounts was accepted with one action for receipts to be received at the time of cheques being written. Peter Lomax has agreed the accounts.</p> <p>There was one properly submitted motion, that is for the club to consider paying for footpath maintenance of the Amble route. The action at the AGM was for Peter to write to Steve Williams, Public Rights of Way Officer. Peter brought the response letter to the meeting. It was agreed that a fact finding project to commence. Peter and Sue to write to North West Water.</p> <p>Motions Agreed</p>	<p>Action for Peter and Sue to write to North West Water</p> <p>Club to purchase a lap top</p> <p>Tea and Cakes walk is now the 31st July. Update website</p> <p>Amble certificate to be updated. To be available for October</p> <p>Lancashire Way to continue in September/October dates to be agreed. Neil to forward to Ian.</p> <p>The Plod to be subsidise primary members meal and provide drinks and mince pies on the walk</p> <p>Donations to Mountain Rescue and Air Ambulance as the club’s chosen charities</p> <p>Election of the committee was agreed. However because of the lack of quoracy and no meeting tonight, Richard Priest and Andy Webster could not be voted on to the committee. A new date for the committee meeting to be made</p> <p>John reiterated he is to stand down as Chairman in 2019. To mention this at every meeting, in order for someone to consider this position next year.</p>
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<p>6</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>The adopted Trig Point at Darwen tower is in need of some TLC. Neil and Peter (members who attended the meeting) agreed to paint this. Doreen has the paint. There was a discussion about a small plate acknowledging West Lancs having adopted it. Neil asked whether we should adopt any others?</p> <p>AGM any other business</p> <p>Ken proposed that in light of what could be considerable expenditure he proposed that the Amble entry fee be increased to £10.00 for members and £13.00 for others. This was voted on and agreed by the members in attendance.</p> <p>Some deliberation took place with the six members who attended tonight's meeting. John explained that this was a surprise addition in AOB. Working within the club's constitution, the question was raised what constituted 'substantive?' There was a thoughtful dialogue, with a number of points raised for discussion at the next club meeting. John and some members highlighted that it was felt to be 'ordinary' business on the night, with a vote taken and with the majority agreeing, the motion was agreed.</p> <p>Affiliated membership of the Ramblers was discussed. Ian explained that Sue, previous secretary, had previously written on the website in 2015 as to why this was important.</p> <p>Time of meetings</p> <p>Stan mentioned whether the time of 7.45 pm was appropriate for meetings and whether the time could be moved to 7.30?</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.20</p> <p>Next social meeting is on the 18th June</p>	<p>Action Neil and Peter to paint Trig point. Neil is happy to price a commemorative plate</p> <p>Have some discussion at a group meeting re what constitutes a substantive motion. This should also be done well before the next AGM.</p> <p>Ian to put on the website the details of what this means for members.</p> <p>Discussion with members and gain feedback.</p> <p>Please see website for details</p>
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