

# LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Zoom Committee Meeting  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020

## Minutes

	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Jacqui, Karen</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b> Neil, Ian, David, Jane, Glyn, John.</p> <p>Standing items: The trig point at Darwen tower. The club is committed to litter picking.</p>
1	<p><b>Chairs Introduction.</b> Minutes of the Last Meeting. Agreed.</p>
2	<p><b>New Committee Member</b> Neil welcomed John Clarke to his first Committee Meeting.</p>
3	<p><b>The Walks Programme</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Neil had distributed in advance the latest Guidance from the NEC, which advised that we could now commence walking in groups of up to 30 but subject to certain requirements – walks register, the completion of a risk assessment and Covid19 procedures such as social distancing.</li><li>- The Committee agreed that we should recommence a walks programme.</li><li>- Considerable discussion took place as to how we should do this and the format.</li><li>- It was agreed that we should begin with a short programme of seven walks beginning later in September and ending at the end of October. We could then learn from this and develop any future programmes accordingly.</li><li>- As the leader has significant responsibilities under the new Guidance, we agreed that this initial short walk's programme should be led by members of the Committee, who were closer to the new requirements.</li><li>- Mike Motley suggested that we begin with a traditional Fish and Chips Walk on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. This was felt to be a good event to kick off our first walk since March and Mike assured us that the venue for the Fish and Chips i.e. Parr Hall had room and procedures to comply with social distancing etc. The Tea and Cakes walk should be cancelled.</li><li>- John Clarke, Andy Webster, Neil Harwood, Glyn Watson, Jane Anthony and Ian Wardle all agreed to lead walks on the other six dates.</li><li>- Discussion was had as to what might be the right number of people to attend a walk. Each person has their own views and it was concluded that each leader should determine their own maximum number based upon the specifics of their walk and what they would be comfortable with.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Neil stated that he would e mail the members with the good news and dates and he and David would work together to finalise the walks programme with notes to members so that they knew what to expect.</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Finances</b></p> <p>Neil reported that Jaqui, who had sent her apologies for her absence, had e mailed the current funds balance as being £8022, which had changed little since last time i.e. no expenditure has nothing was happening!</p>
4	<p><b>Social Events</b></p> <p>All on hold due to current Covid19 Guidance.</p>
5	<p><b>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Member meetings should remain on hold due to current Covid19 Guidance.</li> <li>- We agreed that we should continue to hold future Committee meetings, when required, online via Zoom.</li> <li>- Annual General Meeting – we agreed that we should continue to postpone, whilst we could not safely hold a meeting of a considerable number of members.</li> </ul>
6	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>None</p>
	<p><b>Events Since this meeting</b></p> <p>David and Neil created the Walks Programme and were ready to distribute.</p> <p>On the 8<sup>th</sup> September Neil emailed members outlining the details of the programme with dates and that full details would follow.</p> <p>Since the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, the number of cases of Covid19 continued to rise and some areas within the NW were subject to local lockdowns.</p> <p>The Government announced that it would be introducing the Rule of Six from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. Members of the Committee were concerned about leading walks with more than six people.</p> <p>Neil asked for advice from the NEC and received confirmation that “organised walks of the LDWA” were exempt from the Rule of Six. The initial advice was not certain enough but was then backed up specific advice.</p> <p>Committee members asked as to their views and the general consensus was that we should go ahead but a number of the walk leaders were concerned and were reducing the number of walkers on their walks sometimes down to six.</p>

On 16<sup>th</sup> September Neil e mailed all members confirming that we would still going ahead with the promised programme as we were exempt.

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> it was announced that most of Lancashire would be put under a local lockdown from Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Neil informed Committee members that we should now cancel the proposed Programme.

Neil E mailed the members to inform them of this decision.

NB The lockdown does not prohibit organised group walks but the environment in which we find ourselves in Lancashire is such that we feel as a Committee we should not organise a walk programme.