

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Zoom Committee Meeting
Monday 12th April 2021

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Jacqui</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Karen, Ian, David, Mike, Jane, Glyn, John and Andy</p> <p>Standing items: The club is committed to litter picking. Associated membership of the Ramblers and looking after the Trig point at Darwen.</p>
1	<p>Chairs Introduction.</p> <p>Minutes of the Last Meeting. Agreed.</p> <p>Update:</p> <p>The trig point at Darwen tower has been painted and our plaque polished by Neil, Sue and Peter.</p>
2	<p>The Walks Programme</p> <p>This meeting was brought forward from the 26th April due to the latest guidance from NEC.</p> <p>The Committee had previously agreed that there were to be no walks on a programme until the lifting of restrictions on the 17th May. However, given the latest guidance, Neil felt that there was an expectation from LDWA and members that the club should now put forward a limited programme to test the waters and see how the guidance translates to walking in a group again.</p> <p>David and Jane had attended the LDWA zoom meeting. Ian and Karen had attended the Ramblers zoom meeting. Both were about how to re-start walks with social distancing and safety of members in mind.</p> <p>The guidance suggested that groups up to 30 could be accommodated, however this was very much up to the walk leader.</p> <p>It was essential to complete a register and risk assessment if the walk included groups of over 6 people.</p> <p>24 LDWA groups have put some walks on their websites, with attendees varying from 6 to 30.</p> <p>Neil felt the format suggested last Autumn should be the start, i.e., that a small number of walks to be led by Committee members be put together.</p> <p>It was agreed by the majority that this was the way forward.</p> <p>Neil stressed if committee members felt uncomfortable with this, there was no obligation.</p> <p>Andy felt that there was some guidance in regard to the leader staying by stiles and gates and sanitising those after the last person had gone through. This will need some negotiation if there were large groups. The plus point was that it would keep the group together and stop walkers going ahead.</p>

	<p>Andy felt that the ‘bubble’ system was working, with the group in the Garstang area on Whats App and keeping in touch with each other and promoting walks mainly on a Tuesday.</p> <p>There was some discussion about mixing again out of a ‘bubble’ and this might depend on walkers who felt more comfortable after having the second ‘jab’.</p> <p>The walk programme was agreed.</p> <p>27th April 4th May 18th May 25th May</p> <p>David to put details on the website.</p> <p>A discussion took place re numbers on the walks, with the majority saying they would be happy with up to 20.</p> <p>Leaders were to go away and look at the guidance, ie validating the route, avoiding ‘hot spots’ re parking on estates, completing risk assessments. (although these were deemed to be common sense). Members to book on the walk and phone / email the leader to see where the walk started. This is the standard format across other groups.</p> <p>Mike agreed to do a fish and chip walk after the 21st June.</p> <p>Andy to co-ordinate registers and risk assessments.</p> <p>It was agreed to have another committee meeting to discuss the way forward. Date 24th May, 6.30 pm.</p>
3	<p>Finances Not discussed at this meeting.</p> <p>The current balance is £7,452.94</p> <p>Expenditure is</p> <p>£42.87 for Zoom meeting – agreed to reimburse Neil 50% of his subscription</p> <p>£30.00 for the speaker at the last meeting</p> <p>£65.00 for the Ramblers – agreed by the Meeting</p> <p>£600.00 donation to the NEC IT fund – agreed at the AGM</p> <p>Outstanding expenditure:</p> <p>Emergency tags - £3.00 plus VAT per person. Firm not working to capacity.</p> <p>Action: On hold at present.</p> <p>A member has asked the club to fund a Northern Peaks sign. These are £385.00 plus VAT and installation. Action: On hold at present.</p> <p>Short discussion re the impact on the Club’s finances since the Amble was not held in 2021. Hosting an Anytime Challenge has been put on hold for the moment but having one later in the year when restrictions are lifted would bring in some income to potential cover the limited expenditure in the year but also enable us to continue our preferred donations such as Mountain Rescue. Ian is to consider this.</p>
4	<p>Social Events</p> <p>To look at this at a more appropriate time.</p>

5	<p>Committee Meetings and Member Meetings</p> <p>A Zoom meeting on the 26th April is a suggestion by John Flanagan, Andrew to do a talk on his book about the Forest of Bowland.</p> <p>A zoom meeting on 24th May is to be hosted by Mark Sutcliffe, ‘Walks in Lancashire’. Followed by a quiz compiled by Neil.</p>
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Anytime Challenges on hold.</p> <p>Amble date for 2022 is 12th February.</p> <p>Date of next meeting 24th May 2021.</p>