

LDWA WEST LANCASHIRE GROUP

Zoom Committee Meeting
Monday 31st August 2021

Minutes

	<p>Apologies: Jacqui, Andy</p> <p>In attendance: Neil, Ian, David, Glyn, John, Jane, Karen, Mike</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. Minutes of the Last Meeting. Agreed. Update: The trig point at Darwen tower has been painted and our plaque polished by Sue and Peter Lomax.</p>
2	<p>The Walks Programme David gave an over- view of the programme so far: 18 walks 11 social walks attendance 14.5 7 longer walks attendance 9.3 Whilst attendance figures are slightly lower, this is the case across other groups in the Northwest. There is no evidence that the present system is not working, ie booking onto a walk. David eluded to some discussion with members on walks that they would like the start point in advance, however after discussion it was decided to keep the present system. Discussion took place in regard to numbers on walks and again there was a consensus that it was a matter for the individual leader to determine the number of people on their walks. Neil felt that there needed to be a brief description of the walk, so walkers knew what to expect, length, terrain. Neil would like the walk programme expanding from March to October 2022, which would include a longer Tuesday walk and 2 Thursday walks. A discussion took place in regard to weekend walking, and it was agreed that weekend walks could be either a Saturday or Sunday, again this would be up to the leaders preference and availability.</p> <p>Action Neil to email members with details of the above.</p>

3	<p>Jacqui provided a financial statement The current balance is £7, 357.11.</p> <p>Outstanding expenditure:</p> <p>Emergency tags - £3.00 plus VAT per person. Karen checked with the firm, now working to full capacity. The Committee agreed to spend some money on the emergency tags for primary members. Action: Karen to email members for their emergency contact details.</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>Barbondale Anytime Challenge Update: 8 people completed the Round. Event is now closed.</p>
4	<p>Social Events 12th December (Sunday). Glyn described the Pudding plod and meal at Whalley golf club, dependent on numbers one of two rooms could be used, seating arrangements and social distancing is dependent on how comfortable people would be? (ie 8 per table) Action: Neil to email members asking for expressions of interest. Numbers determine the overall cost of the meal. 22nd September –pm Fish and Chip walk from Mike and Kate Motley, Eccleston. NB No dogs. 18th October, social evening at the Sea View Whittle le Woods. To include sandwiches. General meeting to discuss the 50th Anniversary, pre AGM, the Amble and any other items of interest. AGM 15th November: Venue to be decided, dependent on numbers attending.</p> <p>Actions: Neil to incorporate the above in a general email to members.</p>
5	<p>AOB Amble date for 2022 is 12th February. New guidance from LDWA suggests that it is business as usual, Ian has checked with Gerald, at the hall and they are operating as before, with weddings and other events taking place. A wider discussion needs to take place in regard to the use of the hall, catering and checkpoints. It was agreed to discuss this at the October meeting. 50th Anniversary – Strider asked for recipes used at checkpoints. Karen contacted two long standing members for their popular recipes. The article in Strider also asked for celebration walk ideas from local groups. A couple of members suggested ‘loops’ of two 10 x mile walks and 2 x 15mile walks, combined to make a 50. Other suggestions were to have a combination of West Lancs classic walks, like the Whittle Wanderer, The Sirloin Stroll. To be discussed at the October meeting. Action Neil to email members for suggestions. Date of next committee meeting – to be decided.</p>