



Group: West Lancs

Meeting Type: Committee meeting

Date: 30/04/2026

Time: 7.15 – 8.45

Location / Platform: Chairs Home

Chair: John Clark

Minute Taker: Gaynor Wilkinson

Attendees:

Si Jones (Walk Secretary), Ian Wardle (Challenge Walk Co-ordinator), David Whittaker, Steve Martin, Mike Motley, Diane Gordon

Apologies:

Neil Harwood, Anne Holden (Treasurer)

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Were the previous minutes approved? [Yes / No / With amendments]

1. Christmas Meal Booked for 13th December at the Lay Inn – A save the date needs to be circulated and feedback of whether we are doing a pre- dinner walk. Yes
2. Surplus Buffs were initially distributed to long standing members after a suggestion from John E, the remainder were sold at the Amble for £3-00 each. We currently have 3 remaining. Yes
3. Business cards to be present at Rivington, Entwistle and Slipper Lowe at this year's Amble – Business cards not distributed at the Amble they are ready to be given out at this meeting. Leaflets and poster were evident at the Amble instead and have already been given to various members to distribute from the end of January. Yes all committee member have cards now.

3. Main Agenda Items

****** Finance Report – Ann Holden**

****** Walks Programme – Si Jones**

We are on target for walks with 29 walks since the AGM, 6 short walks - averaging 7.8 miles, 17 Social walks - average 10.4 miles and 6 longer weekend walks - average 18.3 miles so far.

Si is going to offer the walks out several months in advance as the group think this will allow leaders more time to book a walk. The leaflets and posters are catching the attention of potential walkers, with a few positive comments and enquiries. Time will tell. Gaynor to shrink A4 posters down A5 as A5 poster have been requested.

Item	Discussion Summary	Action / Decision	Responsible	Deadline
1.	Treasures raised that she felt the cost of the Hot Pot provided at the Sea View Inn was expensive; should we look for another venue? Hot Pot Heaven provides hot pot deliveries.	Mixed reviews as the venue is convenient and FREE. We will look at venues but at this moment there is no urgency to move the venue.	N/A	N/A
2.	Date to be confirmed to examine group equipment.	No longer required. Mike as already done this.	N/A	N/A
3.	Questionnaire to West Lancs LDWA member for feedback	Not required as the outcome of a questionnaire is not clear.	N/A	N/A
4	Food Safety and Allergy Training Course	Diane & Gaynor to complete course. Places available for 4 more to attend the course.	Gaynor to send out volunteer list for amble and share the course details	End of May

4. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Put on more linear walks with the option to hire a bus/minibus. - approved
- Outdoor First Aid Training – awaiting cost (John)
- Buy a camper stove for Slipper Lowe - approved
- Does the Facebook Page needs to open to everyone? Agreed to open a new FB page and make it public. Gaynor & Si to open new account and invite members to migrate over.
- No social events in the calendar- to be review at next meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

- To be reviewed possibly beginning of August.