**‘Oranges and Lemons’ East of Trafalgar Square, Saturday 14th January 2012**

33 walkers, 18.5 miles – leader Lynne McKenzie

At 9am 33 walkers met at the Olympic countdown clock in Trafalgar Square. Armed with an information sheet about the days walk we set off along the South Bank under clear blue skies and sunshine which lasted for the entirety of the walk. There was a chill in the air but we soon forgot about that as we went through the City via Bunhill Fields to Shoreditch, Stepney and on via Mile End Park and the Regent’s Canal for a lunch stop at Victoria Park. We lost one person at lunch but luckily Don joined us to retain the 33. In the afternoon we braved the throng of Broadway Market on to London Fields, Hackney Downs, Hackney Marshes and the Lea Navigation to reach the view tube over the Olympic Site (with a short unexpected diversion at the Greenway). A short stop to take in the view and on to finish at Stratford Station at 4.40pm. A very satisfying day for this first time leader as no-one was lost as we finished with 33 as we had started. A highly enjoyable day.  I may even try this leading again!