

RAMBLERS EAST CHESHIRE GROUP
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Monday 20th October 2014
at the home of the Treasurer

Present: David Gylee Chairman Andy Davies
Colin Finlayson Treasurer
Mike Bull Membership Secretary David Bates Secretary

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	ACTION
	Thanks to the Treasurer for providing the venue and refreshments.	
1.	Apologies	
	• Jane Gay, and Sue Munslow	
2.	Minutes of the meeting held 27th August 2014	
2.1	• Accepted as a true and fair record.	
3.	Matters Arising from the meeting 27th August 2014	
3.1	• The ECR Walk Programme was discussed together with the co-ordination of walks for the Ramblers Walk Finder. Please read the attached document covering these two important topics on Page 3.	
3.2	• A reply has been received from Central Office and a web link has been given for Walk Leader checklist. This link will be circulated to Walk Co-ordinators.	DB
3.3	• A nomination for a new Chairman has been received, and will be presented at the AGM.	DG
3.4	• An overview report on Footpath Maintenance has been compiled and discussed with Brian Richardson. Publication of which, will be in the AGM papers and be on the website on a regular basis with Committee minutes.	DB
3.5	• Area AGM, venue organised, which is Deanwater Hotel, Wilmslow on the 21st November 2014.	
3.6	• Walk articles are appearing in the Express Newspapers on a regular basis, and a thank you to walk leaders for submitting their walk details. Please continue to do so, and send your editorials to Helen Richardson.	ALL
4.	Reports	
4.1	Chairman	
4.1.1	• Year End Report completed.	
4.2	Treasurer	
4.2.1	• Bank balance at 30th September was £6,783.	
4.2.2	• A donation has been received.	
4.2.3	• Curry Evening, and talk by Oldham Mountain Rescue overall broke even.	
4.2.4	• Archiving of past documents to be investigated.	CF
	• Banking arrangements with Unity Trust Bank with HSBC for a cheque paying in facility is now in place.	
4.2.5	• Our Annual Return is to be submitted to Area/RA by close of business on 22nd October.	CF
4.3	Membership Secretary	
4.3.1	• Membership at the 1st October was 620, compared with 629 for October 2013.	
4.4	Footpath Report	
4.4.1	• See the full report for October in a separate document on the website.	
4.4.2	• Annual footpath survey is complete, with the exception of 4 parishes where the reporting has been slightly delayed.	
4.4.3	• Monitoring of Woodford development and Poynton By Pass continue.	

4.5 Social Secretary

- 4.5.1**
- Weekend in Wales went very well, with over 50 attendees. Many thanks to walk leaders, for overcoming the issues they encountered whilst organising the walks.
- 4.5.2**
- Schedule of forthcoming social events, viz:
 - 8th November – Hoe Down at Victoria Hall, Mobberley. Tony Battilana and Ann Thompson organising.
 - 15th November – AGM at Macclesfield Tennis Club. Short walk precedes the meeting. Louise Winstanley will be holding a clothing sale.
 - Christmas lunches for weekend and midweek walkers organised and advertised to members.
 - Andy will organise a Curry evening on Monday 2nd February 2015 **AD**
 - Bowling Day 5th April 2015, being organised by Chris and Sue Munslow. **SM**
 - 5th to 7th June 2015 – Weekend at Ironbridge. Ann Thompson organising.
 - Weekend at Snowdonia National Park Centre, 25th to 27th September 2015, being organised by Alan Catherall and Jane Gay. **JG**
- 4.5.3**
- Steve Hull has taken over the responsibility for organising evening walk. All walks will be in one programme.
- 4.5.4**
- Coach trips, no one has offered to organise a trip for the next programme. A request for an organiser has been sent out to members. **ALL**
 - Nick and Ken will organise for the July – December programme.

4.6. Publicity

- 4.6.1**
- Helen Richardson has agreed to continue to co-ordinate arrangements with the Express Newspapers on walk articles.

4.7 Footpath Maintenance

- 4.7.1**
- See the full report in a separate document on the website. This will be updated on a regular basis.

5. Issues

- 5.1**
- Papers for the AGM to be prepared and publicised on the website, together with copies for the actual AGM. **DB**
- 5.2**
- How to contact police/emergency services if there is a problem on a walk. This may include use of an app on smartphones. To be a discussion item at the next Incident Training session. **JG**
- 5.3**
- Walk Leader mentoring to be discussed at the next meeting. **JG**

6. Any other business

- 6.1**
- A note to be sent to members showing the benefits to our Group when members book a holiday with Ramblers Holidays. **DB**
- 6.2**
- Photographs on Facebook, Andy to check if all is working satisfactory. **AD**

7. Next Meeting

- To be held on Monday 1st December, or Wednesday 3rd December 2014. Venue and time to be decided.

David Bates 9th November 2014

RAMBLERS EAST CHESHIRE WALK PROGRAMME AND RAMBLERS WALK FINDER

Implementation notes

ECR Walk Programme

For the walks programme (as received from the walk co-ordinators) Roger F. inputs data into a database (only Roger can actually see the database, nobody else has access). The data input will include Walk Leader name, telephone number (preferably mobile) as well as walk details that are made available at the time of the programme.

We know that for January to March, because of possible bad weather, it is quite possible that all that is obtained is the Walk leader as well as the date and whether it will be a short, medium or long walk. If this is the case, then a telephone number WILL be required, so that the information can be made available to non-computerised members. It is possible that the start point for a walk can be given and then the telephone number is not needed (although there is a rider to this).

We are proposing to our members that a 6 month programme is made available, month by month with ALL walks shown for that month. This programme would be a .pdf file (or files) that would be emailed to members and then they could print it if they so wished. Where provided, telephone numbers would be on this version. For members without the ability to print, we would post to them provided they produce a stamped addressed envelope. So, yes we show telephone numbers on this (printed) programme.

As now, the full programme is also available on the website, does not show walk leader names and does not show telephone numbers. Names and telephone numbers are available on the database (accessed by Roger F.) but are not shown to anyone on the website.

Ramblers Walk Finder

For the Ramblers Walks Finder, which we are anticipating Teresa Marshall is going to input, the standard appears to be that names AND telephone numbers are shown. This is Ramblers' policy and for it to be recognised as a Ramblers' walk, needs this information. So, all walk details are supplied (including both name and telephone number.) I suggest that you have a look at the Ramblers site, pick a location wherever you like and then find a walk. Whenever I did this I always picked up a name and a contact (usually mobile) telephone number.

So, we would have an inconsistency if we go down this route - names and telephone numbers for the Ramblers' walks, but neither for our own.

Committee Ramblers East Cheshire