



Location: Macclesfield Tennis Club, SK11 8LF

Meeting called by Jane Gay

Attendees	Jane Gay Maggie Swindells Melanie Davy Neil Collie Colin Finlayson Jennie Mellor Nigel Hersee	JG MS MD NC CF JM NH	Chair Social Secretary Without portfolio Footpath Secretary Treasurer Social Media Secretary Secretary
Other Members Present	Marion Duff Sue Thersby Terry Pritchard Sue Marshall Janet Allan Roger Fielding Ken Hobbs Graham Walker Leslie Bull Neil O'Dell Sally Ann O'Dell Pauline Roberts Dave Barraclough		Frank Gay Chris Dale Ian Mabon Jane Selva Gina Thompson Maureen Walker Susan Mayes Rodney Hughes Susan Hughes Steve Hull Helen Richardson Brian Richardson Chris Brear
Distribution	Committee plus website		
Note	<i>Additional</i> comments to the Appendices are recorded as sub sections below of the relevant Appendix for clarity.		
1.	Apologies		
1.1	Ruth & David Harrison, David Gylee, Andy Davies, Lorraine Tolley, Keith Hartley, Jean & Stephen Osborne, Dave & Jane Collick, Katherine Carty, Sue Munslow, Peter Cummins,	Denise Hutchinson, Keith Anderson, Ann Thompson, Gillian Kay, Jennefer Mellor,	Note

2.	Last AGM meeting 20th November 2021				
2.1	Minutes approved without comment			Note	
3.	Matters arising from last meeting				
3.1	None			Note	
4.0	Annual Reports				
4.1	Chair	Jane Gay		All	
	Treasurer	Colin Finlayson			
	Membership Secretary	Sue Munslow			
	Social & Events Secretary	Maggie Swindells			
	Footpath Committee Chair	Neil Collie			
	Lost Ways Coordinator	Keith Anderson			
	Social Media	Jennie Mellor			
5.0	Additional Reports				
5.1	Projects Team	Brian Richardson		JG	
	Walk Numbers	Steve Hull			
6.	Election of Officers				
6.1	Treasurer	Colin Finlayson			
	Secretary	Nigel Hersee			
	Membership Secretary	Sue Munslow			
	Footpath Committee Chair	Neil Collie			
	Lost Ways Coordinator	Keith Anderson			
	Projects Team	Brian Richardson			
	Social Media	Jennie Mellor			
	Committee Member	Melanie Davy			
	All the above proposed by Ken Hobbs and seconded by Janet Allen				Note
7.	Additional Nominations				
7.1	Name	Role	Proposed by	Seconded by	Note
	Maggie Swindells	Chair	Jane Gay	Colin Finlayson	
	Jane Gay	Committee Member	Nigel Hersee	Neil Collie	
8.	Motions Received				
8.1	None				
9.	Appointment of Independent Examiner (Auditor of Accounts)				
9.1	Ken Hobbs was agreed as the Independent Examiner			Note	
10	Comments received from the floor following Committee Member Report				
10.1	Appendix 1 Report by Chair				
10.1.1	JG did not propose to reiterate her report as it was available to all online. JG confirmed we are such a successful group because of the walk leaders, but we always need more. JG briefly outlined the role and responsibilities of a walk leader and how to become involved by offering to back mark for an experienced leader No further comments from the floor, however applause for Jane contribution over the years.			Note	
10.2	Appendix 2 Report by Treasurer				
10.2.1	CF reviewed the accounts position and confirmed when asked that the Ramblers Account format reflect a short form and not the traditional type of account			Note	



10.3	Appendix 3 Report by Footpath Secretary	
10.3.1	NC confirmed to the floor that there were vacancies on the Footpath Committee. Currently from a recent report the paths are slightly in a worse condition than the previous review.	Note
10.4	Appendix 4 Report by Membership Secretary	
10.4.1	SM advised the members that currently the total membership stood at 591, and that generally we are back on track after Covid 19.	Note
10.5	Appendix 5 Report by Social Secretary	
10.5.1	MS referred the 2023 Social Calendar which is shared on the website and part of the pack for this AGM.	Note
10.6	Appendix 6 Report by Lost Ways Coordinator	
10.6.1	KA reported in His absence however, hopefully 2023 will see a regeneration of the imitative to reclaim lost ways. Dave Barraclough expressed the view that this was a hard challenge.	Note
10.7	Appendix 7 Report by Social Media Secretary	
10.7.1	Jennie Mellor presented the Social Media report and confirmed that the Facebook profile had indeed been raised considerably by the active support of the members posting comment and photographs of walks regularly.	Note
10.8	Appendix 8 Report by Projects Team Coordinator	
10.8.1	BR reported the current activities as his narrative and confirmed initiatives associated with Blue Plaques, and Post Overs (method of wrapping post) were ongoing.	Note
10.9	Appendix 9 Walk Numbers Report	
10.9.1	SH advised that the first half of 2022 numbers were affected by Covid, also that walk numbers were down for long walks.	Note
10.9.2	Neil O'Dell from the floor asked if there was a split available for total membership vs actual walkers as we are constantly looking for walk leaders? It was felt this information isn't readily available.	Note
11.	Any other Business	
11.1	From the floor Terry Pritchard asked if the web master could incorporate a Gallery for walk photos. Discussion followed between Terry and Roger which JG asked to be taken offline.	Note
11.2	Beth Marshall wished to express thanks to all the volunteers who had contributed to her pleasure and received applause.	Note
11.3	JG thanked the committee and Frank Gay for all the support over her terms in office.	Note
11.4	<p>MS took the floor to confirm that it was her privilege, on behalf of us all, to say thank you to Jane.</p> <p>“Jane has been one of the most active committee members of ECR completing eleven years of office, often with multiple roles; as Social Secretary, Chair and Area Chair. As Social Secretary Jane developed a very comprehensive number of social activities enjoyed by members throughout many years; organising festive meals, weekends away, speakers; to name but a few.</p> <p>Both Jane and Frank have attended most away weekends; recceing and leading walks and organising accommodation and meals. They have all been very successful events with many members attending in various parts of the country.</p> <p>Jane has also been a short walk coordinator for many, many years and she has an uncanny</p>	



knack on walks of ‘encouraging’ new walk leaders to join the team! Both Jane and Frank certainly lead by example. Both have been very active walk leaders in the short and stroller walks programme.

During her five years as Chair Jane worked hard to developing strong links with the Footpath Committee and Walk Leader Coordinators. She also played a major role in developing our own Walk Leader Training Programme. Without doubt Jane recognises that at the heart of ECRs’ success is a full walking programme with excellent footpaths to walk on!

Jane has also represented our group beyond East Cheshire. She has been Area Chair for two years and she has also attended National Ramblers events.

Jane has been a brilliant Chair. Her good humour, common sense, generosity and sound guidance have always underpinned her role. Jane led ECR through two years of Covid; in her ‘no nonsense’ style she ensured our programme continued to flourish despite increased bureaucracy from Ramblers HQ! In short Jane Gay does not get in a flap; she ensures common sense prevails!

Jane has volunteered to continue to support ECR as a committee member and will continue to coordinate the Weekend Short Walk Programme.

In conclusion when I (MS) took on the Social Secretary role, I knew Jane was going to be a hard act to follow. Following her as Chair I know I will have even bigger boots to fill. The committee all would like to thank Jane for continuing to be a member of the committee.

Thank you Jane, for everything. We all hope you will now have more time to play tennis, travel, and spend time with family and friends. Your energy, enthusiasm and commitment have been ‘simply marvellous!’”

There followed considerable applause from the floor in appreciation of Jane’s commitment to the continued success of ECR.

As a token of appreciation Jane was presented with flowers, a bottle of wine and a voucher for a meal at the Lyme Tree in Bollington.

11.5 The meeting ended.