

Notes of Meeting

East Cheshire Ramblers' Committee Meeting

Date	21 st April 2023	
Time	10:00 hrs	
Location	16 Castle Hill Court, Prestbury, Macclesfield, SK10 4UT	
Attendees	Maggie Swindells	Chair
	Jane Gay	Committee Member
	Neil Collie	Footpath Committee Chair
	Sue Munslow	Membership Secretary
	Melanie Davy	Committee Member
	Gina Thompson	Social Secretary
	Nigel Hersee	Secretary
Part Time	Roger Fielding	Web Master

1	Apologies	
	Colin Finlayson Keith Anderson Jennefer Mellor	
2.	Previous Minutes	
2.1	No comments	
3.	Matters Arising	
3.		All
4.	Walk Programme	
4.1	Evening Walks have not started, Stroller Walks have increased numbers.	Note
4.2	MD advised the meeting that it was now possible to upload .GPX files to Walks of the Past on the Web Site.	Note
4.3	Dave Barraclough (DB) has been pushing for a resolution to the requirements of Head Office (RA). Individually recorded as below. SM recommended to use of the Risk Assessment (RA) Form for Risk Assessments and explained together with MS that this was the means of complying with the Insurance Requirements and means the group on that walk are covered in the event of an unfortunate incident.	All

	- The RA should be tabled at Walk Leader Training. - DB has suggested all new leaders register on Assemble and take the Walk Leader Course. MS to issue a note.	
5.	Reports from Officers	
5.1	Chair	
5.1.1	Appendix 1- With minor updates highlighted	
5.1.2	RF joined to meeting to discuss and conclude Website arrangements. - Firstly, the group collectively thanked Roger for the superb production of the Slideshows for Walks which was demonstrated. - We then reviewed the RA position with regard to Walk Managers and RF confirmed the RA require all Leaders to add phone numbers to their walks. This is a contentious matter as some Leaders in ECR wish to maintain a level of privacy and withhold personal phone numbers. We then debated the use of a generic mobile being added and whilst this would be possible it needed a level of managing. - RA currently require for there to be a Walk Manager in Post and all walks require approval by Teresa in HO. This was felt generally to add an unnecessary bureaucratic procedure into the process, particularly considering ECR currently include the Walk Programme issued by MS which sits on the ECR website but not the RA. MD suggested we arrange for a one line to be added to the RA website saying please refer to ECR website or Facebook pages for details of current walk programme. - JG suggested that at the September Coordinators meeting we as a group advise RA that we will Not be following the Walk Manager Plans after the concerns above over the bureaucracy. The committee agreed. - MS and RF then reviewed the notes issued in Appendices for access to the RA web site and the East Cheshire Web page programme.	
5.2	Treasurer	
	Appendix 2 – CF Report issued	Note
5.3	Foot Path Secretary	
	Appendix 3 - With minor updates highlighted	
5.4	Membership Secretary	

	Appendix 4 - SM report issued; however it was discussed that to enhance data collection we need to seek individual Membership Nos for Walks, Training etc as potentially non-members are attending events.	All
5.5	Social Secretary	
	Appendix 5 – Update that we should make a Placeholder for a meeting to discuss 50 th Anniversary Events. Group suggested 4 th May.	Note
5.6	Lost Ways	
	Appendix 6 - No further updates	
5.7	Social Media	
	Appendix 7 - No further updates	
6.	Actions from AGM	
6.	None	
7.	Any other Business	
7.1		
7.2		
7.3		
8.0	Date of Next Meeting	
	11 th August 2023 @ 10:00 hosted by Maggie Swindells	