

## **GEDLING RAMBLERS COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2018**

**PRESENT:** Brian T, Brian O, Malcolm, Heather, Jim, Liz, George, Pat, Graham. Guest: John Croft.

**APOLOGIES:** Alex, Jonathan

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Read and approved for accuracy

Proposed by Heather, seconded by Graham.

### **Matters Arising:**

Jim reiterated that he would not be standing for re-election at the AGM in November

Brian stated that the £75 for booking village hall for area AGM had not yet been reimbursed.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

1. I have nomination forms, signed by Alex, for him to serve as Chairman and B,C,D Walks Coordinator for the coming year. I am willing to serve as Secretary if elected.
2. There was a consultation event on Data Protection in May. Key messages are:  
  
The general thrust of the answers by Felix and Rob was that Ramblers Central Office (CO) and Walking for Health will be contacting members about consent and the data that is held. Ramblers Groups do not need to contact their members to obtain any permissions.  
  
The responsibility for compliance on GDPR is with Felix and Ramblers CO and not with Groups i.e. it is Ramblers CO who will face any prosecution, not Areas and Groups.  
  
Members must opt in to anything which contains marketing, which is defined as adverts. This means Group programmes which contain adverts for commercial companies cannot be sent out without permission. Marketing does not include details of Group social events, coach trips, etc as these are core activities of the Group.  
  
Lists of walk leaders and committee officers contact details can be kept but must be updated whenever someone leaves a post/position to remove their information.  
  
The personal information held and used by Groups about their members must be that provided by CO in the monthly lists. Groups should not continue to use, or set up new, databases about their members. The CO membership lists are Ramblers' responsibility under GDPR. Any separate databases containing personal information will be entirely the Group's responsibility with the possibility of the Officer(s) being responsible for any data breach - not CO. Where a list is set up for a specific activity e.g. a coach trip or holiday, the information must be destroyed when no longer needed.
3. Chesterfield Canal Walking Festival 15th to 23rd September. The canal is a major linear route in the north of the County running from West Stockwith, where it leaves the Trent, to Chesterfield passing through Retford & Worksop. Details at <http://www.chesterfield-canal-trust.org.uk/chesterfield-canal-walking-festival-programme/>
4. From the Area Council Minutes: Discussion Topic - Compiling a Walk Programme. John Young from Vale of Belvoir will be running the discussion session at the 15th January meeting on compiling a walk programme. Walk programme co-ordinators are invited to attend this session - further details will follow.

5. Area AGM. I have told Judith Anson that there will be a small room available for the first aid course. A projection screen for the large room is available but I will wait to hear in January whether it is required before I book it.
6. E-mail received: How kind of you to leave a card for us at Little Longstone Chapel. It is now proudly displayed! We now have a kind of cult following amongst walking groups which is so pleasant. The quiet simplicity of the old place seems to have a universal appeal. A few months ago we noticed in the visitor's book that one chap had noticed on his first visit that the door was squeaking. On his subsequent visit he had brought an oil can to rectify the problem. He said "hope you don't mind". (We didn't but just hope he is not planning an electrical rewire on his third visit!). Best wishes for the continued success of your group. Three friends and I are starting the new Peak Boundary Walk in September. Might see you on the way. Regards. Keith Adamson (Friends Group Chair).
7. Message from CO: As we prepare to leave the EU, the government is developing a new set of rules for how the countryside\* will be managed long into the future, as part of the Agriculture Bill. It is vital that these rules protect our ability, and the ability of future generations, to access and enjoy the countryside. Become a Path Protector by writing to your MP today and join us in calling for an Agriculture Bill that protects and enhances public rights of way.
8. September 2018 to February 2019 walks have now been uploaded to the Ramblers Walks Finder.
9. Membership:

The number of members attached to the Group at 01/09/2018

	Active	Payment Pending
Total	207	2
Annual - Individual	85	0
Annual - Joint	60	0
Annual Concession - Individual	30	2
Annual Concession - Joint	25	0
Life - Individual	1	0
Life Concession - Individual	4	0
Life Concession - Joint	2	0

Number of members NEW to Group between 01/08/2018 and 31/08/2018 0

Number of members Reinstated to Group between 01/08/2018 and 31/08/2018 0

### **TREASURERS'S REPORT:**

John Croft had been invited to observe at the committee meeting as prospective new treasurer, as Brian intends to stand down from this post at the AGM

Brian stated that we had a balance of £323.04 and that area grant had not yet been received and the £75 for booking of village hall for area AGM

Brian O asked if we had enough money to cover printing and posting of the next programme.

#### **WALKS EDITOR:**

Brian said that the printing of the last programme went fine but did go out a week or two late. Brian T had helped with printing of address labels and posting etc.

Liz said that Mick R had said he was still happy to hand deliver some copies in order to keep down postage costs.

350 copies were printed and Brian has 20 left.

#### **SOCIAL SECRETARY:**

The raffle on the Whitby coach made £36

Pat proposed that the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary be rolled into the annual dinner and suggested that the date of 13<sup>th</sup> April. Also that past members should be invited including Chris Thompson who was instrumental in founding the group.

Pat requested that in the next program the Annual dinner / 30<sup>th</sup> celebration should be advertised as a whole page or as a separate flyer.

#### **COACH SECRETARY:**

The Whitby coach was a great success on a very hot day. Heather had just one complaint.

John and Felicity Croft had offered a walk for September 2019 to Stratford upon Avon. This will be a 7 mile flat walk.

**PUBLICITY:** No report

#### **AREA LIAISON OFFICER:**

There had been a talk from Area Organisers who came to explain their roles.

A debate about data protection which does not take account of membership organisations.

Legislation – Government are sneaking in changes to planning regulations making it difficult to object and giving a bias towards developments.

HS2 - as reported at the last meeting this will not be that detrimental to Nottinghamshire, however during the construction there may be footpath disruption.

Jim stated that he had been area liaison officer for Gedling Ramblers for nine years and would be standing down at the AGM. He stated that the role is whatever someone wants to make of it. They get to represent the group at area and get a vote. The actual right to attend area lies with the chairman of the group. Jim's view was that it would be best if someone did represent the group at area.

#### **WEB**

Graham reported that he was busy with lots of interests and managing the website was no problem but that the uploading of photographs had become a problem. Graham has requested that there is only one photo submitted per walk resulting in a maximum of four a week that he needed to upload.

John commented the photographs were "publicity gold".

### **AGM Arrangements**

- Reports to be sent to Jonathan in the next couple of weeks
- Brian has booked meeting room dates up to the November 2019
- Current committee members were asked if they intended to stand again at the AGM apart from Brian T and Jim all indicated they would. Brian O said that he would stand down if someone else wanted the job of Walks Programme Editor. Nomination forms were not available at the meeting, this will have to be organised on the day.
- In the absence of a Chairman Brian said this would presumably fall to him on the day, Liz said she would help out as Jonathan would also be absent as he was on holiday.
- It was agreed that the role of Membership secretary was not required and that this had rolled into the general secretaries duties.
- There was some discussion about the viability of the committee and what was needed legally
- Pat and Ann will organise the hall and refreshments.

### **AREA AGM FEBRUARY 2019**

- Jonathan has spoken with Judith and she was happy with arrangements . There are to be two short walks and a longer walk and the group will provide tea and cake.
  
- MEETING CLOSED AT 21:00