

Mansfield & Sherwood Ramblers



Minutes of Committee Meeting, 13th October 2023

The County Hotel, Kendal

Present:

Stephen Bramley, Julie Casey, Bev Clough, Hazel Dickinson, Alex Ellis, Jackie Evans, Steve Evans, Diane Fern, Denise Garley, Martyn Gill, Julie Lawson, Terri Lawton, Julie Marasco, Eileen Matthews, Robert Matthews, Sue Mullen, Russ Osborne, Jan Rek, Yvonne Rek, Sue Rick, Barbara Sirdifield, Brian Tuffnell, Kieth Walker, Joy Walker, Linda Wilcox, Pat Wilcox, Val Woolley

Apologies:

Richard Lord

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 30th July 2023 we approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Stephen Bramley, seconded by Russ Osborne.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

Finance

When our social account with NatWest was opened Mary Hind was issued with a debit card as she was the only committee member with an account at NatWest. As Mary is no longer a committee member, we need to have someone on the committee who also has an account with NatWest as that was one of the conditions when opening the account. Yvonne Rek is a committee member and also has a NatWest account. Brian suggested that Yvonne should replace Mary as a signatory on our social account and be issued with a debit card.

Julie Lawson proposed that Yvonne Rek be added as a signatory on our account replacing Mary Hind and that she was issued with a debit card. The motion was seconded by Stephen Bramley. The proposal was passed unanimously.

The meeting was informed that Martyn Gill has offered to take over the role of Group Treasurer when Richard retires the position at our AGM in November. This will be voted on at the AGM along with all other committee member positions.

Solar Arrays

Sue explained the reason why we had circulated papers regarding the Ramblers position on the building of solar panel arrays. The majority of our members agreed that we should oppose the building of solar arrays on green belt land or across long distance footpaths.

Social Events

Looking back over the past events since the last meeting

Fri 11 August -Skittles and buffet at Sherwood Ranger - 20 people tested their skills and had a laugh. Well done and prizes Steve Price for the highest non-professional score and Terri for the O score but at least she tried. Thanks to Yvonne and Jan for arranging this evening event.

Sun 13 Aug Idle Valley, Retford - Beavers Tours 20 people enjoyed an informative tour round the enclosure led by Elliott. Thanks to Steve and Jackie for suggesting this day out.

Fri18-Sun 20 Aug - Alex Staniforth's Malham Cove Weekend. Only 5 of us stayed over but many joined us for the walk on Sunday. Thanks to Sue for sorting the accommodation and Brian for his help and welcome to Bendy Bob - Our

new Group Mascot! Need to plan earlier next year and maybe people sort their own accommodation. Single rooms are the main issue.

Sat 9 Sept Howarth Bus Trip - 50 people enjoyed the bus trip which was free to those who did not go to Bridlington. This used up the donation from last year. Thanks to Sue and Brian for organising this.

Tues 12 Sept - Tissington Hall Visit Didn't happen due to no interest.

Thurs 12 to Mon 16 Oct Kendal Holiday - 44 of us enjoying this Autumn break. Thanks to Sue and Brian

Future Events

Sun 22 Oct Papplewick Pumping Station - 1940's Day 32 of us booked on. A 4-mile easy walk prior to the visit

Dressing up optional. Also, optional visit to Victorian Underground Reservoir bookable on the day for £4

Fri 22 Dec Christmas Party at The Venue, Rainworth £10 Bring your own food. Need to make £275 to cover Disco and Room Hire. 29 booked on so far. Feel free to invite family and friends. Thanks to Denise for booking this.

Thurs 25 Jan Burns Night at Patchills, off Maltby Road £22.50. Lots of Scottish themed entertainment and 3 course meal. Bring your own drinks and wine glass. £10 deposit needed. 20 booked so far. 40 places available. Again, please feel free to bring family and friends. Thanks to Steve Bramley for organising this.

25-29 March 2024 Tenby Coach Holiday (Fully Booked)

Future Ideas

Disc Golf King George V Playing fields - £4. Game last 90 minutes to 2 hours

4 people per team. 5 teams so far? September - Linda Kennedy sorting. Need to arrange a new date.

Chesterfield Canal Narrowboat Trip. £35 for 7 hours - 6 locks Carolgate Bridge (Aldi) heading west towards Retford. Bring your own picnic and have a go at steering and operating locks under supervision.

3 Yorkshire Peaks over a weekend - Steve Dobbs offered to lead walks

Amazon Trip -? Mansfield - Julie to investigate.

Greyhound Racing - Nothing arranged yet

Pendle Hill - Jan offered lead walks

Other ideas

Ecton Mine Trip, Barley Mow, Quiz Night, Bat Walk, Observatory Visit, Newark Civil War Centre, Sunrise/Sunset Walk, Sound Bath/Reki, Newstead Abbey, Beamish Museum, Summer/Winter Solstice Walk, Night Walk, Barn Dance, Creswell Craggs Cave Tour, Workhouse Visit, Mini weekend cruise to Amsterdam - House of Anne Frank, Games Day, Pétanque, Weekends Away, Day Trips, Coach Holidays. Long distance holidays. All suggestions and help welcome.

Thanks again for all your support and stay safe

Walks Programme

We have very few walks planned for the remainder of 2023 and we need more to fill our programme. Brian provided a sheet for leaders to record any walks they are willing to lead. He again reminded the meeting that although Sunday is our main walking day, leaders are welcome to lead a walk on any day and that these would be welcomed by some members who are unable to attend our Sunday walks.

Thanks to all our leaders for their continued support in leading our group walks.

AGM

Sue reminded the meeting that our AGM will take place on Sunday 12th November 2023 at the Ravensdale Village Hall. It is hoped that we will be able to have a short walk before the meeting. Some other ideas for the meeting included a fuddle, a Bring & Buy stand and a raffle. The AGM itself is scheduled to start at 2pm.

A.O.B

The were no other items raised at the meeting.

Next Meeting

19th November 2023 for the AGM at Ravensdale Village Hall.

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Brian Tuffnell

Group Secretary, Mansfield & Sherwood Group

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