

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AREA RAMBLERS' ASSOCIATION
COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17TH OCTOBER 2017 AT 7.30 PM AT
BILSTHORPE MINERS WELFARE & INSTITUTE, THE CRESCENT,
BILSTHORPE

Minutes

Present Judith Anson, (Area Sec & Membership), Martin Gawith (Chair), Steve Parkhouse (Minutes Sec, Newsletter Ed), Barbara Dobson & David Dobson (Nottm), Allan Rogers (Council), Chris Thompson (RoW Sec), Keith Jacobs (Broxtowe), John Young (Vale of Belvoir), Alex Staniforth (Mansfield & Sherwood), B Evison (Southwell), Keith Wallace (Mansfield & Sherwood)

1. Apologies - Jim Norris (Vice chair, Countryside Officer & Gedling & Dukeries), Diana Munro (Worksop), David Hunt (Council), James McGill (Groups Officer), Alan Wilson (Rushcliffe), Jack Prust (Treasurer)
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (18th July 2017)
Approved
3. Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3.1 Walks with MPs – Chris Thompson will come back with a coordinated approach.
4. Area Officers Reports
 - 4.1 Chair *Appendix I*
 - 4.2 Secretary *Appendix II* Dates for 2018/19 will be circulated. Area Officer Reports and Group reports for the AGM required by 30th November. All Area Officers re-elected every year but nominations required particularly for Area Secretary
 - 4.3 Treasurer *Appendix III*
Accounts approved. The following resolution also approved:
'Area Council agrees to fund a further purchase of waymarks for the Robin Hood Way at an approximate cost of £105.'
 - 4.4 Rights of Way Secretary *Appendix IV*
CT needs updated list of Group Footpath Secretaries after Group AGMs
 - 4.5 Countryside Officer *Appendix V*
 - 4.6 Membership Secretary *Appendix VI*
National Membership at 1.10.17 corrected to 104,694
 - 4.7 Groups Officer *no report submitted*
 - 4.8 Communications Subcommittee *Appendix VIII* Members attention drawn to walk on Isle of Wight September 2018
5. Group Reports *Appendix IX*

Nottingham Group had to call mountain rescue 2 weeks ago following an accident.

Southwell Group – Racecourse RoW application not making progress- Steve Parkhouse to advise.

Broxtowe Group – working with Alex Staniforth about proposal to extinguish a ROW. Discussion on non-members joining walks – general opinion that they are welcome and then encouraged to join – walk must be publicised in an official Ramblers Walk Programme.

6. Discussion Topic for January – Impact on the Environment, facilitated by Jim Norris - noted
7. Any Other Business - None
8. Discussion – Walking for Health
Facilitated by Keith Wallace

Keith provided an interesting summary of the scheme and the way it works. The funding was changing from 1st April 2018. Ramblers need to think about future interaction with Walking for Health groups.

There are 12 registered schemes operating in the County and their contact with Ramblers Groups is variable. Rushcliffe, Broxtowe & Mansfield have schemes working well. A number of schemes are run by District Councils. There was an interesting discussion and questions about the Walking for Health Scheme and the future in Nottinghamshire.

Agreed

Keith will set up a meeting of Walking for Health Groups and Ramblers Groups to look at mutual support and cooperation. The following resolution was approved:

‘Area Council agrees to fund a venue, refreshments and travel expenses for a meeting between representatives of Ramblers Groups and of Walking for Health Groups in Nottinghamshire at an approximate cost of £100.’

9. Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday, 16th January 2018 at 7.30 pm