

THE RAMBLERS TRAFFORD GROUP

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 12 November 2024, 7.00pm, at 34 Witley Drive, Sale.

Present:

Kath Thorley (Chair), Phill Connolly (Social & Publicity), Rosie Hurley (Walks Coordinator), Richard Longbottom (Webmaster), Jan Moore (Secretary) [*part of the meeting*], Tony Reynolds (Committee Member), Kath Smith (Membership Secretary).

1. Apologies for absence.

Frances Bennett (Treasurer)

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

Accepted

3. Matters Arising

Kath T has held a poll of committee members' preferred days of the week for meetings. These will in future rotate, as will venues for the meetings.

4. Keswick trip, May 2025

Around 35 people are now in the WhatsApp group, though it is not certain whether all will attend.

The following walk leaders were identified: Kath T, Richard L, Vicky, Rosie, John, Phill, Jan, Tony (to undertake the online training). Depending on whether they confirm attendance, Jacqui K and Angela could also be included. Rob has offered to lead a walk from previous years, but it is hoped to offer new walks in 2025.

There was a discussion about possible routes for all the walks to be programmed during the week.

Action: Rosie to circulate a summary of possible routes to the walk leaders and ask them to indicate the walks they would be interested in leading (two leaders for each walk), and walks they would like to attend. This will enable the committee to assign walks to days, and leaders to walks.

Phill is in contact with the Fellpack with a view to holding the Thursday evening meal there, but it is possible that the group may be too large for this venue.

Phill is also exploring the possibility of holding the meal at the Mary Mount Hotel at the southern end of Derwentwater. This would necessitate transport by minibus but would be a scenic location for the meal.

Action: Phill to contact those in the WhatsApp group who have not confirmed whether they will attend the dinner, and firm up the options for the evening meal.

5. Walk and lunch, February 2025

It was agreed to hold the annual walk and lunch on Thursday 6 February 2025.

Action: Phill to investigate the Fishpool Inn and Carrier's Inn in Delamere as possible venues.

6. Expenses

It has been established that Ramblers allow expenses to be paid for the travel and parking costs associated with reccies. It was agreed that the group should offer expenses to walk leaders, though it is not likely that all will take it up.

Action: Kath T to ask Frances to consider how a system for paying expenses for reccies could be implemented in RTG.

7. Footpath maintenance team equipment

Action: Richard and Phill to establish the value of the equipment and then approach Area to explore the options for disposing of the equipment.

8. Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 13 January 2025 at 7.00pm at Rosie's house, 10 South Drive, Timperley, WA15 6QJ.

At this meeting, arrangements for the Keswick trip will be firmed up and a date agreed for an autumn walking trip.

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