

OWW Committee Meeting

Monday 29th July 2019 7.30 – 9.00 pm

The Plough Wolvercote

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Treasurer and Social Secretary
2. Minutes and matters arising – agreed to consider at relevant subject in agenda
3. Chair

Reported Birthday walk had been a great success. Thanked Membership Secretary and Walks Secretary for their contributions to this.
4. Walks

Programme is full until the end of August and we are aware of people planning walks so are confident the subsequent programme will fill up. Generally members are managing to submit their walks via the website but there can be difficulties in subsequently making amendments. Webmaster advised there may be imminent changes to the programme which may help this. It was noted that occasionally the start point details have not been clear and we are aware of one member missing a walk because of this.

Walk numbers still good – typically 20-25.

Noted that joint walks with 20s&30s tends to lead to rather large groups.

Chair referenced that the 5-early Oxford Orbital 25 mile walk is coming up (October 19)– an attractive walk through green spaces that is very “doable” . Actions: all to drum up interest; Chair/Membership sec to add more attractive description to website.
5. Socials

Shakespeare play was enjoyable and attended by 10 people.

Mikron Theatre is next week. No confirmed attendees yet but this doesn’t mean people aren’t planning to go. WP 2 will send a reminder.
6. Membership

We have 7 new members but membership remains stable at 134. Membership sec will share list of new members to committee
7. Finance

Chair reported on information supplied by Treasurer.

Our basic allocation has been requested from the Area Treasurer.

There is a £20 discrepancy on deposits for the 10th anniversary meal. **Treasurer** to resolve.
8. Web

Discussion around GDPR. We interpret recent instruction that it is OK to email group business, but not marketing, to members who have opted out. **Action Webmaster** to create new email list for group business.

Walk archive – all walks since 2010 are on the main Ramblers website. This does not list the walk leaders but we hope the rest of the detail is sufficient.
9. Publicity

WP2 reported we are concentrating on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook. We have about 220 followers on our Facebook page (against 134 members). Instagram and Twitter not generating as much interest but still worth doing.

Chait has created a publicity leaflet for Countryfile live.
10. Area

Chair attended as Area Rep not available.

Area Council Chair attended our meeting and reported one of the purposes of Area was to find out what groups were doing and to share information. JP thanked the committee for running such a successful group.

JP advised that Area is currently considering best way to respond to the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. While noting we need to wait to see final plans the basic position is to protect existing footpaths and rights of way.

11. Walk Leader Training

We had discussed possibility of putting on some training but feel training provided by Area is very good and difficult for us to replicate so we should encourage attendance at Area training.

Walks Secretary and WP2 will discuss other ways to support and encourage new walk leaders.

12. **AOB**

WP2 reported recent Welsh coast trip was very good

Chair, Treasurer and Social Secretary are all standing down at the AGM so committee members should talk to and encourage prospective committee members.

We need to plan AGM at next committee meeting.

Date of next meeting 30th September