

OWW Committee Meeting

Monday 30th September 2019 7.30 – 9.00 pm

The Plough Wolvercote

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Walks Secretary and Without Portfolio 3.
2. Minutes and matters arising – agreed to consider at relevant subject in agenda
3. Chair

Reported Orbital walk has been cancelled as part of the walk requires re-routing. The walk will be rescheduled for next year (possibly autumn) and a walk leader will be required for the bottom half of the route.
4. Walks

Programme is full in to November and we have had some new walk leaders. Numbers remain good with typically 15-20 although the last two walks have had fewer participants, possibly because of poor weather.
5. Socials

The Mikron Theatre trip was enjoyed by 7-8 people. A trip to the theatre for Pride and Prejudice (sort of) is planned for the New Year. Post walk pub visits are well attended.
6. Membership

Now stands at 137 (up from 134). A new membership leaflet for distribution to potential new members has been received from Head Office.
7. Finance

Bank account stands at £383.66. £20 discrepancy from our birthday event reported at our last meeting has been rectified.
8. Web

Webmaster currently exploring Formed Content products which could, for example, be used by Social Secretary to input event details.
Twitter feed has been added to our newspaper.
Webmaster will instruct secretary on use of meeting pages to record minutes.
Webmaster working on creating secondary email list for group activities (as opposed to marketing).
A walks archive is available on the main Ramblers website but some members consider this does not give sufficient information. Webmaster will investigate generating an archive on our own website possibly by use of OS maps and downloading GPS information. It was pointed out that the Ramblers website has a list of suitable start and end points e.g. with suitable car parking, which could help members to plan walks.
9. Publicity

WP2 reported the Facebook group is the most successful of our social media outlets with 238 members. Our Facebook page has 29 followers, Twitter 22 followers and Instagram 21 followers.
Country file Live– our stand was not as well located as last year but was still busy. Games created by Area Secretary last year worked well in attracting people to the stand.
Chair has leaflets/fliers that were created for Countryfile Live, which can be distributed to committee members
10. Area

There has been no Area meeting since our last committee meeting. (Next meeting 14 Oct.)
11. Annual General Meeting

AGM will take place on 17th November at 16.30. Membership Secretary or Without Portfolio 3 agreed to organise a walk before with a start time of approximately 13.00. Agreed that The Plough is a good venue and Chair will check with them they are happy to let us use the room and see if they will provide food as last year (but smaller quantity).

Chair, Treasurer, Social Secretary and WP3 are all standing down at AGM. Chair emphasised we should all talk to members and encourage prospective new recruits to the committee.

We are aware that one committee member is considering making themselves available for the post of Chair. There was discussion of the possibility of the Chair post being a “jobshare” between two or three members but it was felt there should be one named Chair who could then delegate and call on others as necessary. Chair emphasised that the Chair role is not onerous or time consuming.

Chair will invite members to contact her with items to AGM agenda.

Added after meeting: committee members should send their reports for the AGM to the Chair, as Secretary unable to attend.

12. Group Dinner

For the last few years we have had a group “Non Christmas” Dinner at La Cucina in Oxford. It was agreed to a change of venue and this year to make it a post-Christmas event in January.

Chair offered to organize, with help from Social Secretary.

13. **AOB**

None