

OWW Committee Meeting

Monday 29th April 2019 7.30 – 9.15 pm

The Plough Wolvercote

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Walks Programme Secretary, Without Portfolio 3, Secretary, Area chair
2. Minutes and matters arising – agreed to consider at relevant subject in agenda
3. Chair
4. Walks –
 - a. Walks Programme secretary submitted report via Chair: walks programme looking healthy to mid-June (one gap, 2 June [since filled])
 - b. Walk leader needed for Picnic Walk on June 23rd from Wittenham Clumps. **Walks Programme Secretary to discuss with Treasurer who will lead if no-one else comes forward**
 - c. Treasurer has contacted several former oxonww members ref the Anniversary Walk on 9th June. Others should do same. **Chair to contact former Chairs**
5. Socials- Social Secretary (SS) reported
 - a. It would be useful if previous social events can be seen on website. **Social Secretary to discuss with Webmaster**
 - b. Future events organised =
Sun June 9th – OWW 10th Birthday party (discussed further below)
Sat June 15th – Giffords Circus
Fri June 19th – Quiz Night, Oxford
Wed July 24th – Shakespeare evening - Oxford
Tues Aug 6th – Mikron Theatre – Oxford
 - c. Webmaster discussed event submission consent forms. **Social Secretary to discuss with Webmaster**
6. Membership – Membership Secretary reported
 - a. Current membership = 8 new members since last meeting
 - b. Area membership has gone up by 1.3% in last 12 months
 - c. Requested everyone to encourage people to join online instead of using forms
7. Finance – Treasurer reported
 - a. Current Balance = £383.66
 - b. Cheques require 2 out of 3 signatories. New Secretary has agreed to replace former Secretary as a signatory. **Treasurer will arrange this.**
 - c. Discussion about online banking for the oxonww account – people can pay into account for events; Treasurer can write cheques to pay for things

8. Publicity – Without Portfolio 2 (WP2) reported

- a. A Twitter account has been set up as:
Oxon Weekend Walkers @OxonWW
or direct browser link using <https://mobile.twitter.com/OxonWW>
Activity has been 2 tweets per week, one with a photo from last week's walk and one publicising our next walk
WP2's Next actions will be
 - 1. to start increasing the number of followers
 - 2. Replace the 'Ramblers' account logo with an alternative
- b. An Instagram account has been set up as:
Oxon Weekend Walkers oxonww
This should be accessed via the mobile app rather than a browser
Activity has been 2 posts per week, one with a photo from last week's walk and one publicising our next walk
WP2's Next actions will be
 - 1. to start increasing the number of followers
 - 2. Replace the 'Ramblers' account logo with an alternative
- c. There was discussion about adding some form of blog or photos to the website.
WP2 to discuss with Webmaster to add blog (or eg twitter feed) to website
- d. **WP2 to act as picture editor for website**
Exact role to be defined at a later date – may not be needed if blog is successful
- e. There was discussion about the Facebook 'Page' and Facebook 'Group'
It was agreed that current link on Website should change from the Facebook 'Page' to the Facebook 'Group'
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/oxonww/>
WP2 to discuss with Webmaster

9. Area rep reported:

- a. Area Chair (JP) wishes to attend a future meeting
- b. JP has requested groups to have a footpaths secretary / officer
Without Portfolio 1 volunteered. Exact role to be defined at a later date – Chair to discuss need with JP
- c. 2020 Area picnic will be on 28th June 2020 in Henley & Goring
- d. Country File want volunteers for 1-4th Aug @ Blenheim
Membership sec and chair have compiled a list of potential volunteers; Membership sec to email these people to check they are happy to be contacted by CfL organizers
- e. Oxonww have been invited to exhibit a display at Wychwood Forest fair on 1st Sept.
Discussed and Oxonww unable to attend

10. Chair advised Oxford Orbital walk (October) details still to be confirmed

11. 10th Anniversary celebrations.

- a. So far there have been 3 x 10 mile anniversary walks
- b. Membership Secretary will lead walk on June 9th from Port Meadow car park followed by a meal at the Plough in Wolvercote at 6pm (TBC).
- c. Membership to confirm with Plough when they need numbers.
- d. **Chair volunteered to organise a Birthday cake**
- e. Chair to email out asking for £10 deposits for meal; these can be paid directly into OWW account. To make bill paying easier on the day, we will give back deposits to those to attend (Treasurer to provide cash, or cheque to someone else who gets cash)

12. AOB –

- a. WP2 to research and promote the walk leaders courses available in the autumn.
- b. Walks booklets; members can be ask to be added to the Area mailing list

Next meetings Monday 15th July (changed from 22 July)