

OWW Committee Meeting

Wednesday 21st April 2021 7.30 – 9.00 pm

By Zoom

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Webmaster not present.
2. Minutes of last meeting – agreed as accurate
3. Matters arising – to be discussed at relevant agenda item
4. Chair

It has been nice to be able to get out on group walks again!
5. Walks

Four walks taking place this weekend, one already full.

If walk leaders are unsure if an applicant is a member they can contact Membership Sec to check.

There has been a problem of individuals signing up for more than one walk and then withdrawing. Keep an eye on this and liaise with Walks Sec as necessary.

Walks Sec will continue using a placeholder so walk details are hidden and bookings are not made too far in advance.

Even when Covid regulations are completely relaxed we may still give walk leaders the option to limit numbers on their walk.

You may put a walk on as a “recce” but it must be clear to applicants that it is a “recce”.

It is not mandatory to use Assemble but note that there is some training offered via Assemble.

OS map subscription has been renewed. Chair comments it is very useful for planning and encourages others to use it.

Some people have made Facebook posts requesting shorter walks. It is of course up to walk leaders what they offer.

The group telephone number is now available again if anyone wishes to use it.
6. Socials

Many thanks to Social Sec, and especially Lyn R, for running socials to keep everyone engaged with the group. The following have taken place

6th February – Quiz (Geography) 22 attendees

21st February – Charades 8 attendees

6th March – Quiz (Smile) 17 attendees

21st March – Categories 13 attendees

3rd April – Spring Quiz 14 attendees
7. Membership

Number stable at 136 with leavers and joiners balancing out. This is very positive with other groups we are aware of having falling numbers.

Any queries on if an individual is a member to be referred to Membership Sec who can call central Ramblers if necessary.

An idea being mooted is that we may have to “register” people on walks, perhaps using an app to scan them in. No need for action yet, we will wait and see.
8. Finance

Current balance £343. After outstanding expenses are paid this will reduce to £254 but a further £100 will be received from Ramblers at the end of April.

In rough terms we have about £200 which could be spent if required. Excess balances are claimed back by the Ramblers so it is a good idea to spend the money to benefit the group. Any spending requests/ideas should be sent to the Treasurer.

On line payment system now working well.

£29 has been spent on Zoom subscription (now cancelled).

9. Web

Webmaster absent. Nothing to report.

10. Publicity

About 2 people per month join our Facebook group but a significant proportion are “questionable” (e.g. foreign nationals located abroad and seemingly trying to make contacts). Chair rejects applications that he is concerned about but we should all be aware that not all Facebook group members are OWW members. Chair will emphasise this on our Facebook page.

Question raised, could we have an OWW member only Facebook account? Yes, but our Facebook page acts as a publicity outlet. Facebook are changing rules re public or private groups and Chair will check.

11. Area

Membership Secretary attended most recent meeting last week. Highlights are, First Aid courses are being planned.

The expressway is still generating discussion even though it has been cancelled.

Ramblers are concerned that they are not attracting young walkers. Membership Sec has joined a group to look at this. Any ideas for attracting young members should be sent to Membership Sec.

Assemble was discussed.

Next meeting is 12th July.

12. AOB

WOP1 is thinking of offering evening walks on some Wednesdays with a 17.00 or 17.30 start.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 14th July at 19.30. This will be a “Face to Face” meeting if allowed. Membership Sec will book at table at the pub.. It is suggested we could have a short evening walk prior to the meeting, Membership Sec will consider.