



**Oxon
Weekend
Walkers**

OWW Committee Meeting

Wednesday 12th October 2022 7.30 – 9.00 pm

By Zoom

MINUTES

1. Apologies – Treasurer. Webmaster and WOP1 not present.
2. Minutes of last meeting – agreed as accurate
3. Matters arising – to be discussed at relevant agenda item.
4. Chair
Thanks to Walks secretary for taking on the Walks admin again. Will comment on other matters at the AGM planning item.
5. Walks
Programme being filled. Three pairs of secateurs (average cost approximately £10) have been purchased for trial.
6. Socials
Shakespeare play attended by approximately eight and Micron approximately 10. We could consider a Christmas/early new year event. Suggestions include reviving the “Mince Pie” walk, a drinks evening or hiring Freeland Village Hall. **WOP2 will investigate Freeland Village Hall availability.**
7. Membership
Increase in membership to 151. New member leaflets, showing slight increase in fees, have been received to be distributed.
8. Finance
Treasurer unable to attend but submitted the below written report.

Bank balance 1/10/21		£328
Income in year		
Ramblers funding	£228	
RWH Travel	£50	£278
Expenditure in year		
AGM costs	£84	
OS subscription	£100	
Sit mats	£54	£238
Current bank balance		£368

The annual return has been sent for independent inspection, and will be submitted to Ramblers by the deadline (17th October).

Notes for 2022/23

Ramblers funding allocation for 2022-23 is £254.

Expenditure will include AGM costs and Ordnance survey subscription as in 2021-22.

Other ideas for expenditure:

- First aid kits (these would need regular review and updating)
There is a debate to be had as to whether these would be worth purchasing
- Tools for clearing paths

Ramblers guidance says group funds should generally be 40% to 100% of annual expenditure.

As can be seen above, our funds are currently a bit higher than that.

If we do not have the need to spend enough to bring us within this limit, there is also the option of us donating to a suitable charity, for example an Oxfordshire charity connected to walking or conservation.

9. Web

Chair still in process of liaising with Webmaster. It is noted that the main Oxfordshire area of the Ramblers website is a good back up if we have problems keeping our own website up to date. **Social Secretary will investigate possibility of social events being logged via the Walks and Events management system.**

10. Publicity

Membership Secretary and Secretary have received small stock of new membership leaflets to be distributed.

11. Area

Next Area meeting not until next week so nothing to report at present.

12. AGM planning

AGM will be on Sunday 20th November. We will suggest people gather in the pub from 15.30 ready to start the meeting at 16.00. Chair will buy one drink per person. **Membership**

Secretary will see if pub will provide £40 worth of chips/snacks.

Membership Secretary will run pre meeting walk.

Walks Secretary will arrange prizes (which could include giving away some of the group seating mats).

Secretary will prepare agenda and chair the section on election of committee.

Treasurer will not be putting himself forward for re-election because of work commitments.

Chair and Secretary will look at how this role can be covered if no one volunteers to take on the post. It is agreed that we need to encourage new committee members, ideally two, initially to WOP posts if people are unwilling to take roles with specific responsibility. **Chair will email membership to advise of AGM and to request engagement in the committee.**

13. AOB

None.