

Minutes Ipswich Ramblers

Date: 7th Feb 2022

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Rumana Zuberi. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Geoff Knight. Paul Buckles. Helen Howe.	Actions (initials)
	Apologies: Rob Young.	
	Ian welcomed Helen to the meeting	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	The minutes of the meeting held 29 th Oct 2021 were agreed.	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in agenda	
	- Procedures regarding footpath clearing need to be reviewed for future dates. Documents are on Insight / Assemble – GK/PB. Care needs to be taken in future before any footpath work is undertaken, full procedures must be followed and the council consulted prior to starting. Report to Rights of Way of any issues. Melton 22 issue still not resolved. - AGM email to be sent with details – JM – actioned - Holiday details to be given at AGM – actioned - Purchase of thumb drives for secretary / webmaster / treasurer £100 allocated. KM/JM	KM/JM
3	Finance Report - Rumana	
	£705.37 balance. Cash in hand £5.78 Rumana to transfer to herself an additional £25.00 and put in petty cash. We have not requested current tranche from Area. To be kept under review. Still no guidance from Headoffice.	
4	Membership Report - Ann	
	348. 11 new in last 3 months, 10 leavers. Steady numbers on walks.	
5	Area Matters	
	Walk leaders is an issue in a lot of groups. Members seem to walk with which ever group is convenient, rather than step up to lead. Area AGM 12 th Feb via zoom – a number of the committee are standing down. 2023 will be Ipswich Groups turn to host.	
6	Footpath Report - Geoff	

	Geoff will be standing down as chair of footpath committee from 1st March. Helen Howe will take over the role, Paul to support and a request to go out to members anyone wishing to join the sub committee. Geoff has advised Jim Richards and David Homes to contact Helen in future and will pass on details as and when someone contacts him. (E.g council planning applications) JM to advise area and change details on Assemble. KM to change details on website East Suffolk Line Walks. Paul and Helen to look at this and see how the group can help monitor footpaths. Geoff advised Helen she did not need to attend all meetings just if there was any specific footpath issue needing to be discussed, can just send report if necessary.	JM JM / KM PB/HH
7	Holiday	
	Shrewsbury 27th June. Future eligibility of who can join the holiday - A number of those who have applied are not regular walkers. This needs to be reviewed before next holiday. To be advised at the time of announcing the location. Not first come first served – give a month for members to register and then see numbers and committee decide depending on how often they have walked with group, member, walk leader etc. Keep to 25 as maximum Current holiday has 31 names. Walks – booklet / contact local group. Meeting for walk leaders – 24th Feb 3pm at Rumana's Email to those on holiday list to join if they have any knowledge of walks or wish to lead. - JM Email Shrewsbury group - JM	JM JM
8	Website / IT - Keith	
	Update on Ramblers new website / Walks Manager. New website is up and running. Assemble is the place for volunteer documents. New Walk Manager. Timetable says March to go live. There will be a small amount of time with GWEM and new running together – we wait for training. Members need to be registered as walk leaders and can then contribute. Thanks to Keith, there has been a lot of work with the recent and planned changes. The group will need to think about succession planning for this role in the future	Next meeting
9	Programme dates / events	

