

MINUTES

Date: 6th March 2023

Ipswich Ramblers

	Present: Ian Gosden (Chair). Jo Mann. Keith Redfern. Ann Buckles. Keith Moxon. Helen Howe. Paul Buckles. Rob Young.	Actions <i>(initials)</i>
	Apologies: none	
1	Minutes of last meeting	
	<i>5th December 2022 agreed</i>	
2	Matters Arising / Actions completed if not covered elsewhere in	
	• Constitution amendments to Area – actioned – emailed to Philip. After further discussion of comments from Area we decided to leave as is, Jo to advise Philip • Payment for petty cash – JM/IG - actioned • Use Intouch magazine to advertise walks / events. JM carry forward • Bounced emails- contacted by post. Actioned. 1 updated • Martlesham wilds walks - RY– in diary 16 people signed up • Facebook admins – Ann and Paul added, actioned	JM JM
3	Chair report / Area Matters - Ian	
	Noting to report from Ian. Keith R attended last area meeting –	
4	Finance Report – Keith R	
	Keith R has full access to bank account. £50 received from Suffolk rambling club £565.88 balance plus petty cash £42.80 Expected expenditure Soup walk. £65 hall Shotley plus food expenses. Cake walk hall cost (estimate £65 Offton) Summer picnic hall cost Not felt to be a need to request any funds from area at present.	
5	Membership Report - Ann	
	317 members. 6 new, in the last 3 months. 14 leavers Around 80 members have been on a walk this year so far.	
6	Footpath Report - Helen	
	Little to report. Solar farm not yet been approved at Bramford.	
7	Holiday	

	Final list = 26 Walks – do our own. Meeting Weds 15th Swann’s nursery IP12 2PN 1.15pm (after walk) email group. Restaurant for group meal – Jo to look into Next meeting date for all after the cake walk 7th June. Hastings meeting 12.30 – 1.30 walk start 2pm. Cakes 3.30pm	JM JM JM email when hall confirmed
8	Programme and any specific upcoming walks	
	• Soup walk Weds 19th April . Shotley village hall £65. Need soup volunteers, Ann , Janice? Sandra . 4.5 miles Keith R to lead. • Cake walk 7th June hall? Creting? Offton? Emailed requesting quotes. 12 lunch and Hastings update – walk start 2pm. Cakes 3.30pm out of hall at 5pm • Summer picnic / long walk Gipping valley / Fynn valley. Part of birthday celebrations. 19th July. Have a think about options. Bramford bookings manager Julie Last on 01473 749082 (Evenings) Jo to contact • AGM 8th November venue to be decided. Tuddenham village hall emailed and booked £75	JM
9	AOB	
	None	

GDPR – Committee members consented to their names being included in the minutes above.

From Suffolk Area meeting - 4th Feb.

- Wool Towns Walks - 14 - 17 May. Transport laid on. £15 per day. Medal for walking all sections
- Plenty of money is available for use in promoting walks
- Ramblers reaching the end of a 10 year strategy cycle, and the new Ramblers CEO is reassessing how we go forward - what are the priorities?
- Historic Rights of Way in England - The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 provides that paths that are not recorded on the definitive map by 2026 and that were in use prior to 1949 will automatically be deemed stopped up on 1 January 2026. This deadline has now been repealed.
- A new Head of IT is pushing for a complete IT transformation, using a strict budget including sponsorship from Postcode Lottery.
- An approach to dynamic Risk Assessment and Management is evolving.
- Ramblers feel there is a need for leaders to feel confident about saying who will or who will not be comfortable on a walk.