

*Ramblers Association- Bath Group Committee Meeting
10th January 2008
Held at Percy Community Centre*

Present: Eric Robinson (Chairman) Marilyn Wright (Secretary) Christine Day (Treasurer) Diane Adams, David Waterstone, Joy Lory, Frank Tompson, Mareitta Starbuck, Brian Marsh, Daphne Lovelace and Hilary (long walks coordinator)

Apologies: none

1. Chairman's Opening remarks:

The Chairman welcomed everyone with new years greetings.

2. Minutes of the Previous meeting;

The minutes were approved proposed by David, seconded by Christine

3. Matters Arising:

None.

4. Secretary's Report:

Marilyn had received nine enquiries, seven through the web, one through the Chronicle and one through recommendation from a friend.

a). **New Membership Book**, to include routes and accommodation provided by groups. 2009 will incorporate hills and mountains. 2010 Moor, Heath and Down. 2011 Coast and Riverside. 2012 Towns and cities. 2013 Access to all areas, including coast. This new version can be purchased from Waterstones, to widen the RA audience. Phone 02073398527 or e-mail www.ramblers.org.uk/routes to submit your routes.

B). **Flag walks**, with ALW or ALWW if using access and when adding walks to group walks finder.

C) **Introduce a Friend** (for Footnotes) introduce a friend though registering at www.ramblers.pr.uk/gift or 02073398595 or use tear out card in WALK and you will receive a £10 voucher from Rohan towards £50 of shopping.

D). **Publicity and Recruitment Work Shops**, this is for our publicity officer or another committee member who carries out recruitment, and this will be held in Bristol on 12th May 2008 Application form from Marilyn

E). **Themed Walks, suggestions and 'booking form'** to be sent to R.A. HQ: Marilyn provided copies of these to give time for further planning and compilation. These should also be uploaded onto the walks finder.

F) **.R.A Advertisement Poster Available** (Footnotes) from www.sophie@ramblers.or.uk or phone 02073398573

G). **R.A Civil Liability Insurance** (Footnotes) details plus accident report sheets, received and now held by Marilyn, who will. photo copy these on request and compile the reports.

H). **Central Office Open Day** Tues 10th June 2008 11am-5pm, lunch provided. Application form available from Marilyn

I). **Areas and groups to send in copies of their walks publications to HQ** at walk magazine to be featured in our 'Guides' for the attention of Dominic Bates

J). **Joy Lory and Barbara Bain have retired as representatives of Bath Group at Area Council** and should be taken off the Committee list on the web site, Marilyn is to take up the representative post.

K) **Over 100,000 challenge squares now completed.**

L) **The Ancient Tree Hunt**, local 'ancient trees' photographs/details of the trees 'story'/size etc can now be recorded on www.ancient-tree-hunt.org.uk

M). **Cancer Research Sponsored Walk Somerset Area.** Sara Van Der Meer looking for interest I being involved with organising this. They can help with promoting/printing Sara.VanDerMeer@cancer.org.uk or phone 01454 454800 Marilyn will reply

N). **Fresh Air Firm Ground Survey** –to complete Marilyn volunteered to do this.

5. Footpath Secretary's Report:

- a) University footpath, a bridge will now be constructed, after resolving the issue by taking out a Section 56 Highways Act. This is the first time this Act has been taken out against the University and Highways Authority.
- b) Batheaston, the footpath is still closed. David has had a meeting with the council who have suggested a bridge leading to a new bridleway on the opposite side of the river which would be on land owned by the council. David is seeing Will Steele next week regarding possible Section 56 action.
- c) Bristol/Bath border an alteration to the new diversion, due to the danger of traffic will be implemented due to pressure from David and Bristol Group
- d) Lansdown, a new right of way is being pursued, for a 35 mile path across the top of Lansdown
- e) Ramblers wardens/Cotswold wardens, David to organise a meeting in February or March with drinks and nibbles to coordinate group action.
- f) Radstock, David has contacted them, they are not a very active group but he hopes to gain reports from them.

6. Publicity Officer's report:

- a) Brian is has completed the news letter and is compiling a break down of costs for a new equipment which may enable us to print our own material.
- b) Brian was sent the format for an article regarding walking/routes from the Chronicle. After filling in details they printed this together with coloured archive photographs.
- c) Our walks are now appearing regularly in the Chronicle.
- d) Frank's Two Tunnels campaign has been widely publicised and appears in tonight's addition.
- e) Marietta is to take leaflets to the pub in Upton Cheyney, having received a call from the new land lord to say ramblers were now welcome, and lunch time snacks would be available.

7. Treasurer's Report:

- a) Christine said she need projected expenses to retain the grant from HQ, with expected meeting between Rambler/Cotswold wardens, Brian's new computer equipment and Marilyn now having to charge for photocopying, it seems we are on track, however future problems may evolve unless future projects can be carried out.

Funds now stand as at 1st January 2008 £739.47 in comparison to 1st October 2007 £ 970.04

8. Two Tunnels:

Congratulations all round for the successful lottery bid, the tunnel project will now go ahead although £400,00 will still have to be raised from business, sponsorships and subscriptions. Adrian (Area Treasurer) will be contacted re the legality of a donation from Bath RA

9. Internet/Website:

Frank reported two or three enquiries each month, 50 holidays with a 10% discount are now available and lastly, interesting photographs are needed for the sight as he has not received any for two months.

10. Licking and Sticking:

Thursday 24th January 7-30 at Marietta's

11. Any Other Business:

David is to investigate St Margaret's as a new venue, due to the noise and lack of facilities at Percy Community Centre. It was felt that it may be more expensive but given our financial position this was acceptable . Marietta is to ask Joanna to attend a committee meeting to discuss her suggestion regarding a meeting for walks leaders.

12. Holidays;

March 21-24 Litton Cheyney, confirmed –phone Ann Forster 465108 (£6 deposit £15 per night self drive)

May 31-June 7th HF the Dordogne, confirmed, phone Marietta for details

August bank Holiday-confirmed Secret Walking Co to Derbyshire phone Eileen Davis

Next Meeting April 10th of 17th David to confirm