

West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways Association

Meeting held Wednesday 13th February 2019 at Wheddon Cross

Present : Shelagh Dean, Julia Holtom, Jaye Jones, Alison Kent (Chair), Peta-Jane Field, Amanda Hamley (minutes)

Apologies: Barbara Wigley, Nic Kemp

Minutes from meeting held 15th November 2018 previously circulated were approved.

Matters Arising:

Official thank you to Peta-Jane for her work on creating the newsletter.

Shooting – What can we do to gain a better relationship with the shoots? Can we contact them to find out when and where they will be taking place so that we can inform our members? Are there official guidelines/a voluntary code of conduct for the shoots that we can add to the newsletter/website so that members are aware? **Action AK**

Treasurer:

£1226.91 in Bank account plus £5 renewal that came in on the day of the meeting.

8 renewals (of the back of the newsletter)

Online banking with one user as permitted by two signatories has been agreed. **Action: NK to send form to sign to AK and SD**

Membership:

We need to create a GDP. JJ has downloaded one from a similar organisation and will adjust to our needs. **Action: JJ**

Once created GDP will need to be uploaded to the website. **Action: AH**

New membership drive? Ideas on how to do that, what to offer and where to advertise?

Action: All – ideas for next meeting

Rides/Events:

Treasure Hunt with Trec (now Treasure Hunt with handy pony to better meet people's expectations on the day) - Sunday 1st September with a marked route. JH spoke to Charlotte Wilson at Brendon Manor, who has agreed it is ok to park and start the ride from there and is happy to help with the route. Might we be able to use Charlotte's toilet? **Action: Charlotte said she would come to one of our meetings so we can ask then or if not JH to ask her**

Watersmeet could be another location for the ride if the weather is bad – we would have to keep an eye on the weather as the route would need to be marked prior to the event.

Entry form needs updating to include (but not limited to) All horses over 4yrs old. Hats to current standards. Change accompanying juniors from two children to one adult, to one adult per one child. Get electronic copy of entry form from Barbara. **Action: AH**

Promotion for Treasure Hunt – put up banner on the fence at Brendon Manor to promote it. Go to local pleasure rides and give out entry forms. Facebook. Entry form needs updating.

Action: Banner? Entry forms at pleasure rides – all, but liaise with other members so that we are not double covering an event.

Money raised going to Caremoor. <http://www.exmoor-nationalpark.gov.uk/caremoor>.
Opportunity for a story in our newsletter about the money going towards repairing and upgrading bridleways. Get some photos' and good news stories from ENP about repairs they have done of late **Action: PF**

Escorted Rides:

21st June evening ride on Haddon Hill will be 10 miles (15k). Access with landowner to be double checked prior to the ride going ahead. **Action: SD**

BHS Update:

Subscription renewal sent via WS&EBA cheque book. **Action: AK**
Receipt for renewal required for Treasurer. However, the renewal fee was requested will suffice. **Action AK**

BHS wanted to change their constitution and this was met with **opposal** from members.

Commented [AH1]:

BHS bridleways access month does not fit in with any of our events.

A.O.B.

Can we standardise all gate latches? AK said for the ones that are the responsible to the landowner it is up to their discretion, however we may be able to talk to ENP about the ones they use. **Action AK**

ENP are putting up signs at the gate by Cow Castle, to warn riders they have missed the diversion and it is dangerous to continue.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd April 2019
4.30pm for walk (Room Hill. Meet at Exford and drive one/two cars up and walk down)
6.30pm for Dinner
7pm for meeting
The Whitehorse, Exford.