

WEST SOMERSET AND EXMOOR BRIDLEWAYS ASSOCIATION

Meeting on Thursday 10th October 2019

Present: Alison Kent, Barbara Wigley, Shelagh Dean, Amanda Hamley, Peta-Jane Field, Julia Holtom (Mins), Nic Kemp (Treasurer)

Apologises: Jaye Jones

Minutes of meeting held 19th August 2019

Were agreed. Actions A.K. had contacted Julie Garbett re Health Check for Horses– no response. AGM the speaker Davis Gervers (BASC) has been booked. Newsletter will be produced by PJ before Christmas to include the AGM

Membership

See Nick's e-mail. 19 non members came to the Treasure Hunt increasing our membership. Social media, newsletter and general improvement in communications has boosted our membership. A.H. has self addressed envelopes left over from the TH to be used. J.J. is to send info out before AGM to our members.

Treasurer's report.

Increase in income with membership increase. Costs of stamps and TH costs. TH didn't make a profit but was much enjoyed. N.W. to send £100 to ENPA's Caremoor as stated in entrance form. PJ to ask members for ideas for using some of the surplus cash in the next newsletter. There is a growing problem with overgrown bridleways. A.K. to ask if we can pay Rangers or contractors to do this work where problem on ground exists.

Data Protection.

JJ is sorting this out. Needs to be done by the end of 2019.

Slippery Road surfaces round Parracombe.

J.H. to send all info to A.K. who will speak to Adrian Biggs (BHS Regional).

Proposed gallop time extension Timberscombe.

A.K. responded on behalf of the committee. B.W. and N.W. raised concerns that not all the committee had been consulted. The extension was refused by ENP.

Membership Subscription Proposals.

JJ has offered to continue as Membership Secretary. It was agreed after discussion that annual membership should be £8.00. 5 year membership £25.00. Anyone who joins at an event in the Autumn will automatically be a member until the next year's AGM. The Autumn date kept deliberately vague to allow for date changes of events. NW to update membership form and include info on BACS payments.

Treasure Hunt.

It was a success but needed more entries. Venue was good, as was the marking of the route. The Trail Riders enjoyed the day, one refusing payment!. It was decided that in future would just hold a pleasure ride, no food or drink supplied. Very little was purchased this year at the TH. Handy pony was enjoyed by the few who did it but not worth SD work. Discussion as to next venue. If at Brendon need to hire a loo and possibly pay more to venue owners. Need to have route marked there. Wheddon Cross a possibility. BW suggested that if there could do a talk round, however, rest of the committee preferred the marked route option (which Barbara had arranged for this year.). JH said it must not clash with the EGB rides.

Flu vaccinations were discussed.

Future Events.

Escorted rides. SD and BW offered to do some for next year. The Christmas Cracker ride was discussed, AK and JH to follow this up for 2020.

BW to put up map routes on the website.

AGM – Thursday 7 November.

Speaker Davis Revers booked. Talk “Co-operation in the countryside between shooters and riders”
Posters =AH. All to distribute to tack shops etc. AK to contact David for final arrangements. SD to do veggie snacks as last year. NW will get accounts audited. AK to do Chairman's report. JJ to do Membership. All committee happy to stay on in their present roles. AH to give a report on the IT and encourage members to join our Facebook page.

AOB

ENP have produced their annual Access and ROW report 2019. AK to forward link so it goes on the website and newsletter.

Martinhoe– Path Creation Order to upgrade Public Footpath 13 (The Carriage) to public bridleway. Trentishoe - Public Footpath12, Diversion Order (near East Cleave). If no objections received to the above proposals, then by diverting Bridleway 1, near Hunters Inn, a link will be made o the newly created bridleway.

Glover Report. This government report came out in September.

AK attended BHS Somerset Access meeting in September.

BHS ROWs training for Levels 1 & 2 now available on line – see BHS web site.

Access in Wales – horses and cyclists may be able to use some suitable footpaths.

BHS website “Accident” needs more input of incidents. Near misses to be included.

Electric cars – from July 2019 all need to make a noise when going 12mph or under. No help to horses cyclists / walkers on narrow country lanes!

AH to check that BHS link to our website is working.

Next meeting: Wednesday12th February 2020 at Rest & Be Thankful, Wheddon Cross.