

West Somerset and Exmoor Bridleways Association Meeting.
Rest and Be Thankful Inn
19 February 2020

Apologies: Peta-Jane Field.

Present: Alison Kent (Chair). Shelagh Dean, Jaye Jones, Julia Holtom, Amanda Hamley, Barbara Wigley, Nic Kemp (Treasurer)

Minutes from meeting held 19 October 2019 were agreed.

Matters Arising:

Discussion over possible use of money in WS&EBA account?

Grant funding – not all applicable to our area for the BHS Landfill Grant, Veolia Environmental Trust. Other possible sources of Grant Funding? **Action =AH**

Bridleways: Codsand to Thorne Lane. Wheddon Cross to Luckwell Bridge to be investigated.

Action = A.K. to speak to Dan Barnett re possible funding?

Gates overgrown / difficult to open – Action = **B.W. to speak to Charlotte Wray** (ENPA Ranger) S.D. to download riding routes.

J.J. has Viewranger for walkers, could this be used for riders? **Action =JJ**

AGM Report.

A.K. embarrassed by the poor turnout (only 5 turned up!) especially when bringing in a special speaker from away. Low attendance possibly due to a road closed and bad weather? Unfortunately, people did not bring money to renew membership.

Decision agreed that no more AGM at Moorland Hall.

Membership renewal forms will go out in the newsletter.

AGM will be held at the Rest and be Thankful, possibly mid October. Low key, no speakers. Will follow newsletter. **Action: P-J F** Newsletter in late September 2020.

Membership Update.

48 members, only 3 have no e-mail.

Data protection.

J.J. has sorted this. J.J. has used her e-mail as contact and used the BHS template. Data is low key. New committee members will be given the information. Thank you to Jaye.

Finance

£970.22 in bank. £25.00 to be given to the auditor. A.K. reported that BHS insurance renewal is £100.00. Nick to pay this. (value of the insurance is £850)

Organiser of any events must notify BHS prior to event.

ROWS

Parracombe road surface. No change still dangerous to ride on this slippery road surface.

Ladyswell Farm, Parracombe. Dog exercise area planning application next to bridleway. A.K. has written in to ENP to express safety concerns for riders.

Future Events.

Flagged Fun ride. Possible date September 5th, Saturday (have forgotten hunting!!) Dartmoor ride is Sunday 6th September.

Venues. First choice, Brendon Manor again. Second choice, Haddon Hill.

May need portaloos for Brendon , access into parking in field is difficult.

Guided rides: S.D. will do in a guided ride June, from Haddon Hill, same route as 2019.

BW will lead a ride in July/August. Date & venue tbc.

All riders must be competent to walk, trot and canter in a group.

Spring Ride 2021: A.H. has spoken to Nikki Routledge. Matt Harley is Land Agent for ENP.

Possible venue Haddon Hill after shooting has finished.

There will not be a 2020 Christmas Cracker ride.

AOB

BHS ride out UK in May -promote awareness of bridleways.

Volunteer training days. BHS strongly recommends participating in a local training day. TBA.

BHS has appointed Philip Hackett as Access officer for SW region. To help look at ROWs issues and also to help / support “Lost Rts of Way” prior to cut off date 01/01/2026.

Agricultural Bill – possible proposal for payment for access.

Next meeting:

Wednesday 17th June at the White Horse, Exford.