

2018 Festival of Walks Working Group

Meeting 1

Notes of Meeting held on 12 October 2017

Present: Cllr C Ashton (Chair), K Gee, T Hinkins, S Kellett, P Webley, L Kenny (Admin Officer)

1. New FTC Events Committee

Noted that FFoW now comes under remit of this new FTC Committee (Terms of Reference circulated). Caroline is a member of Events Committee.

2. Membership of Working Group

Agreed to retain membership as present (ie not actively seek to recruit new members) although any expressions of interest in joining will be considered positively. Retain Anne Shaw on mailing list for papers – she will be welcome to attend if she wishes.

Action point: Liz to circulate meeting notes to Active Cheshire's Eloise Glitheroe for information (AC are organising the West Cheshire Walking Festival which overlaps in dates with FFOW).

3. 2017 Debrief Revisited

Reviewed the notes of the debrief carried out on 11 May 2017 – points will be picked up through the FFOW planning process. Specifically agreed:

Action point: Liz to obtain prices for hi-viz jackets for walk leaders and backmarkers, and whistles for next meeting.

4. New Walk Opportunities

Noted new walk opportunities arising since the debrief. Agreed to include offers from Neil Oxley of Woodland Trust, Hilary Davies of Liverpool Geological Society and Elizabeth Kerley of Kerley's Nordic Woodland Walking in draft programme. Ramblers may be able to help with navigation training.

5. First Pass of Walks Selection

Cllr Ashton reported that Cllr Poulton had requested an additional dog walk. Agreed to stick to two, but look for other short walk opportunities suitable for dogs.

From previous programme omit:

Photography walk – not well-attended last year
Kemp's Castle Park – was specific to bicentenary
Historical Ince – possibly repeat another year
Norley: A Tale of Two Manors – run for last two years

See appended list

6. Route-logging and sharing

Noted Liz's suggestion to use ViewRanger app/website, which will accept routes exported from a wide range of route-logging apps.

Action Point: All members to download and try out ViewRanger app or view website www.viewranger.com before next meeting.

7. Publicity

Deferred

8. FTC new Event Protocol

Noted that FOW will need to comply with this new protocol.

9. AOB

None.

10. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 November, 9:30am, Castle Park.

First Pass of Walks for 2018 – 28 April to 7 May 2018

Walk	Leader	Notes	Action required
Baker Way	Tony Hinkins	From Delamere to Chester	Tony to look at logistics of transport, ie buses and trains.
2 x Bird Walks	Bill Morton	Ask Bill if he can get other local birders to be helpers so that larger groups can be split and allocated a “helper”, preferably with a scope.	Liz to contact Bill and discuss dates and arrangements.
Pub Walk	Anne Shaw (if available)	Thursday	Liz to contact Anne to see if she is willing to lead walk again and ask for location.
2 x Dog Walks	Paws & Claws and Vets Helsby		Liz to enquire if willing to participate again.
Buggy Push	Pat Hinkins		Tony to discuss with Pat!
Alvanley Treasure Trail	Steve Allen		Tony to ask Steve if willing to run again
Snickets of Frodsham	Kathleen Povall	Always popular	Peter to ask Kath if she will lead again
Watery Walk	Sue Kellett	Various ideas discussed, involving finish at Anderton Boat Lift or Marbury Country Park. Might start at Sutton Fields. We would provide a minibus leaving destination at 4:30pm to bring walkers back to Frodsham. Walkers would need to book and pay bus fare.	Sue to decide preferred route Liz to obtain price for minibus for return trip.
Wednesday Health Walk	Leader on rota for this week		Peter to discuss with walk leader
Tuesday Health Walk	Leader on rota for this week	Brio/Macmillan short walk for people recovering from illness or in rehabilitation. This is a weekly walk in Castle Park that is not well-attended – would benefit from additional publicity. WG members offered to provide lifts if required for people wishing to attend. The two “health walks” will need distinctive names to avoid confusion, as different target audience.	Peter to discuss with walk leaders
Nordic Binerflon	Elizabeth Kerley	Nordic Binerflon is based on the Winter Sport of Nordic Biathlon. But instead of cross country skiing round a course and shooting at targets with rifles, participants Nordic walk and shoot at	Liz to contact Elizabeth Kerley (known as “Kerley”)

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		targets with nerf guns. Sessions are an hour long and designed to be a fun way of exercising by young and old alike.	
Brindley to Norton Priory and return	Caroline Ashton		Liz to contact Halton BC and see if they can assist and offer some access to Norton Priory.
Geological Walk	Hilary Davies	Has offered to lead a geology walk around Frodsham taking in the local bedrock geology, with a visit to a graveyard to look at the range of ornamental stone used.	Kath to contact Hilary to discuss details.
Frodsham Hill	Neil Oxley, Woodland Trust	Would be a “walk and talk” focusing on woodland management	No action currently required – wait until we have a preferred date.
Navigation Walk	TBC	Ramblers may be able to assist with this	Liz to contact Steve Thomas of Mid Cheshire Ramblers
3 x Rambler led walks	Barbara Penlington, Joyce Porter & Paul Oldfield	Barbara and Joyce led successful walks last year and it was agreed to foster stronger links with local Ramblers groups. Paul is a friend of Sue’s who may be able to lead a walk around Kelsall.	Sue to approach Barbara, Joyce & Paul.
Wildlife Walk	Cheshire Wildlife Trust		Liz to contact CWT.
Grappenhall Walled Garden	Methodist Church Walkers		Peter initially to discuss with Kath Povall
North Wales Walk	Peter Webley	Possibly Llangollen	Peter to give further thought

22 walks in total

Others discussed:

History walk (s)

Bluebell walk – is this part of the walk to Anderton Boat Lift?