

2018 Festival of Walks Working Group

Meeting 3

Notes of Meeting held on 11 January 2018

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

Apologies: A Shaw

1. Notes of last meeting

The notes of the Working Group meeting held on 16 November 2017 were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting.

2. Matters arising

It was noted **that** hi-viz jackets and 10 whistles (without lanyards) had been received – the whistles with lanyards were not ordered as the lanyards were not of the break-away type . It was **agreed** to order additional whistles (without lanyards) and issue one to each walk leader and back-marker for hygiene reasons.

3. Walks programme

Working group members reported back on various actions and dates were allocated where appropriate at this stage. The programme will be finalised at next meeting.

See updated list (appended)

4. Publicity

a. Banners

Cheshire West & Chester Council has refused permission to place a banner on its railings near to Helsby Post Office. Liz to contact Helsby PC for permission to use their railings near the play area and Caroline to approach Helsby Sports and Social Club and Kingsley Community Primary and Nursery School. Liz will contact Father Michael Mills nearer the date regarding the Parish Hall railings, but as they are heavily used by regular hall users it was agreed to look for an alternative town centre site. The Facilities Manager will erect the banner at the end of Tarvin Road before he leaves at the end of February.

b. Social media

Liz reported that she has updated the banner and profile image on the Festival of Walks Facebook page.

c. Walks leaflet

Liz has obtained a quote from Crewe Printers and was asked to seek further quotes before the next meeting.

5. FTC insurance

Liz reported that there are no specific recommendations regarding ratio of walk leaders to walkers. She will bring back further information to the next meeting.

6. Demo of Viewranger website and app

Deferred to next meeting

7. Date of next meeting

Thursday 25 January at 9:30am, Castle Park House

FOW Programme – as at 15 January 2017

Date		Walk	Leader	Notes	Action required/Feedback on action from last meeting
Sat 28-Apr	Morning start	Baker Way	Tony Hinkins	<p>From Delamere to Chester</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official walk start time (for programme) 0830 at Chester Railway Station • Train departs Chester 0859. Fare £5.70. • Train arrives Delamere 0915 • Official walk start time from Delamere 0930 (for people providing their own return transport) 	Tony will re-check train times before leaflet goes to print.
Sat 28 Apr or 5 May (TBC)	Afternoon	Grappenhall Walled Garden	Methodist Church Walkers	<p>This was the July 2017 Church Walk (see link)</p> <p>www.frodshammethodist.org/church-blog/a-walk-in-vale-royal</p> <p>Walk was led by Sue & Kevin Fairbanks – church walks generally co-ordinated by Ros Caldwell</p> <p>walking@frodshammethodist.org</p>	Kath Gee has asked Ros Caldwell if they would like to contribute. Ros said she would talk it over with their walk leaders. Their walks are usually on a Saturday afternoon. Kath to follow up and try to firm up date and walk leader's name/contact detail.
Sun 29 Apr (TBC)	Morning	Dawn Chorus Walk	Doug Percival	A late potential addition to increase no. of weekend events.	Caroline to contact Doug to see if he is willing to lead a walk.
Sun 29 Apr	Afternoon	Alvanley Treasure Trail	Steve & Melanie Allen	Steve & Melanie have agreed to run this again.	
Mon 30 Apr	Morning start	Frodsham & Helsby Hills	Lesley Mitchell	Walk of between 4 and 5 hours including a refreshment stop. Start in Castle Park, then go to Helsby Hill, Woodhouse Hill (if included) and finally Frodsham Hill, before returning to Castle Park.	Liz has confirmed with Lesley.
Mon 30 Apr	Morning	Buggy Push	Pat Hinkins	Bradley Lane, Watery Lane and back including llamas.	10am start.

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Mon 30 Apr (TBC)	Evening	Snickets of Frodsham	Kathleen Povall	Kath has agreed to lead this walk again, starting from St Lawrence church if possible.	Liz to contact church as courtesy when date agreed.
Tue 1 May	Morning	Walking Back to Health	Cheryl Lockley	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.	Peter will get contact details – Nichola 01244 886887
Tue 1 May (TBC)	Morning	Dog Walk	Paws & Claws	Paws & Claws – yes. Would have liked Sat but would have to limit to 20 so happy to stay weekday when numbers may be self-limiting.	Liz to confirm date with Paws & Claws
Tue 1 May	Morning start	Natural History of Minera Lead Mines	Paul Day		Sue to confirm date with Paul.
Tue 1 May	Afternoon	Frodsham Hill	Neil Oxley, Woodland Trust	Around Woodhouse Hill and Snidley Moor Woods Attached is a map showing the outline of the route. The walk would start on the track off Manley Road past Shepherd Houses. 2.5 miles and probably last about 2-2 ½ hours with stops.	Following a route which WT is going to promote later this year with some new information panels on site. Kath has arranged a recce with Neil in Feb/Mar.
Wed 2 May	Morning	Health Walks	Alan Gerrard and Kath Povall	A gentle 1 ½ hour, 3 mile guided walk for anyone wishing to improve their fitness. Ideal for all, including families, the young and the young at heart. A progression walk of up to two hours will also be available for those who want a more challenging experience.	This is a regular weekly walk from Castle Park. 2 walks available as first Wed of the month.
Wed 2 May (TBC)	Morning start	Delamere/Kelsall	Joyce Porter	Start from Gresty's Waste car park.	Sue to confirm date to Joyce.

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Wed 2 May	Evening	Bird Walk	Bill Morton	Bill has offered to try to get some additional help with the walk. 6.30-9pm	
Thu 3 May	Morning start	Ruabon Mountain	Peter Webley	A moderate to hard 10-11 mile walk with 1700 feet of ascent around Ruabon mountain. excellent views. Some steep and rocky, exposed sections, so stout footwear essential. Packed lunch needed. No dogs, please.	Meeting at Pontcysyllte short stay free car park 10:00 am LL20 7TP
Thu 3 May	Afternoon	Geology Walk	Hilary Davies	An anticlockwise circular walk from the church car park visiting: St Laurence graveyard; Tarpoley Siltstones on Bridge Lane; fossils on the River Weaver Bridge; the railway cutting SSSI; & Howey Lane SSSI. 1.30 start, duration 2.5 hours	Kath has confirmed arrangements with Hilary.
Thu 3 May	Evening	Helsby Dog Walk	Sophie's Groom Room and Hydrotherapy Centre	Sue and Liz have spoken to Sophie and date agreed. 6.30pm start.	Caroline to contact to discuss route, etc.
Fri 4 May	Morning start	Pub Walk	Anne Shaw	Bradley Lane to river to Kingsley. Red Bull is open and can be the lunch venue.	
Fri 4 May	TBC	Brindley to Norton Priory and return	Caroline Ashton	Not possible to go over SBJ to Catalyst. Date confirmed but time and details yet to be decided.	Caroline to contact Paul to discuss further.
Sat 5 May	Morning start	Watery Walk	Sue Kellett	Belleair, Warburton Wood, lunch at Dutton Lock then walk along canal to Anderton Boat Lift. 1 hour to look around then minibus back at 4:30pm. Walkers would need to book and pay bus fare.	Liz to obtain minibus/coach quotes for next meeting.

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Sat 5 May		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 targets with nerf guns. Sessions are an hour long and designed to be a fun way of exercising by young and old alike.	
Sat 5 May		Nordic Walking Taster Session	Elizabeth Kerley	Free of charge	Kerley has now agreed to offer these sessions free of charge
Sun 6 May	Morning	Bird Walks	Bill Morton	Bill has offered to try to get some additional help with the walk.	am 10-12:30
Sun 6 May (TBC)	Afternoon	Castle Park Tree Trail	Kath Gee and Tom Blundell	An easy route that takes in a variety of specimens with interesting stories to tell.	Kath hoping to meet Tom before next WG meeting to plan route
Mon 7 May (TBC)	??		Alan Gerrard	Alan is one of the health walk leaders and has offered to lead a walk for us.	Peter to see if Alan can do 7 May and get some details of walk.
Mon 7 May (TBC)	Afternoon	Dog Walk	Cheshire Dog Grooming Studio	Potential late addition to ensure we have events over final weekend.	Caroline will approach Brenda at CDGS to see if she would like to lead final walk.
Morning of either: Mon, Tues, Fri or Sat 5th		Navigation Walk	John Padget	John Padget of Deeside Orienteering Club (Frodsham resident) will run an event based on their orienteering course marked out in Castle Park, possibly venturing onto hill if sufficient time. He requested a room in CPH for an intro talk.	Caroline to contact Castle Park Arts Centre in case Castle Park House is unavailable. Likely to be a charge for either venue – Tony to find out how long room is required for. NB was pencilled in for 28 Apr but JP not available that day.
TBC		Gowy Meadows Living Landscape	Chris Meredith, Cheshire Wildlife Trust	CWT will make a £5 per person charge as per their policy (and as they did last year).	Liz to enquire about parking.

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TBC		Evening walk around Chester	Judy Cross	This is a suggested late addition to increase the number of evening walks.	Sue has contacted Judy to see if she is available and willing to lead a walk – she will contact Liz to agree date if this is a goer.
TBC		Sandstone Ridge	Sandstone Ridge Trust	Agreed to contact SRT as they have not been approached this year.	Liz to make initial contact – can be followed up by Caroline at forthcoming meeting with SRT.

30 in total