

Festival of Walks Working Group

Notes of Meeting 1

Date & Time: 18 October 2018, 9:30am Venue: Castle Park, Frodsham

1 New Walk Opportunities

- a) Caroline to discuss a "Walk the Beat" walk with Neil Flanagan.
- b) Kath to approach Iris Keating about leading a canal walk in the Preston Brook/Dutton area.
- c) Caroline to approach Peel Energy to see if they would offer a walk around the windfarm.
- d) Outdoor walk for teenagers – discussed the possibilities of asking one of local groups, eg Scouts, Guides, Youth Club Duke of Edinburgh trainees to organise an event to engage young people, but not restricted to members of a particular organisation. Caroline to contact Nikki Barker.
- e) U3A walking group have offered to lead a walk – Kath to speak to Anita.
- f) Sheila Sheedy from the Ramblers has offered to lead in the south Warrington area– Liz to contact for details and possible dates.
- g) Sue suggested hiring a day boat on canal between Llangollen and Trevor at a cost of £160. The boat can take a maximum of 10 people, including helmsperson. Bob Kellet had volunteered to helm. Idea would be that 18 walkers would pay in advance towards cost of boat hire, with half in boat and half walking outward leg, and swapping over for return. Decision deferred.
- h) Kath to look into possibilities of a history-themed walk, and make enquiries with Runcorn and Weaverham History Societies.

2 First Pass of Walks Selection

The Group reviewed last year's programme and considered similar/replacement walks for 2019.

- 1 Long Walk – Tony isn't able to lead this year. Peter to approach Lesley Mitchell, as she has offered a walk taking in part of the Sandstone Trail.
- 2 Kath to approach Methodist Church walkers.
- 3 Little Barrow – Liz to ask Sue & Steve Smith if they will lead the walk planned for last year (route changed on the day in 2018 because of ground conditions).
- 4 Treasure Trail – Steve & Melanie Allen want a year off. Agreed that Working Group would organise an equivalent event in Frodsham, based in Castle Park if possible. Peter to get Alvanley examples from Steve & Melanie. To be discussed further at next meeting.
- 5 Longish local walk – Tony to approach Andy Todd to lead.
- 6 Buggy Push – Tony & Pat will lead – starting from Nethererton Hall.
- 7 Snickets – Kath will confirm with Kathleen Povall.

- 8 Tuesday Health Walk – Peter to confirm with Brio that it's OK to include.
- 9 Paws & Claws Walk – Caroline to check with Liz Gleave.
- 10 Paul Day willing to lead another walk in North Wales – Liz to contact Paul to confirm.
- 11 Woodland Trust – Liz to contact Neil Oxley.
- 12 Joyce Porter has offered a river and canal walk from Eccleston – Liz to follow up.
- 13 Wednesday Health Walk
- 14 Bird Walk – Liz to contact Bill Morton. Suggest group is split between Bill and his helpers.
- 15 Natural History Society – Tony to contact John Davies.
- 16 Long North Wales walk – omit this year.
- 17 Geology Walk – Kath to contact Hilary Davies to see if she will lead walk in Wirral.
- 18 Evening Dog Walk – Caroline to contact Sophie.
- 19 Pub Lunch – Tony to contact Anne and discuss routes and Anne's level of involvement.
- 20 Slot to be taken by one of new walks.
- 21 Liz to contact Cheshire Wildlife Trust.
- 22 River walk – Sue & Peter to discuss route.
- 23 Slot to be taken by one of new walks.
- 24 Nordic Walking – Liz to contact Kerley.
- 25 Possible walk around Hob Hey Wood with Friends Group.
- 26 Bird Walk – as 14.
- 27 Slot to be taken by one of new walks.
- 28 Sue to contact Judy Cross.
- 29 Peter to ask Allan Gerrard.

3 Festival "Fringe"

Liz explained that some other Festival programmes she had seen included events such as a film night (with an appropriate outdoors film). She suggested that the FFOW might approach other local societies to see if they would put on a themed event – either at the same time as the Festival or the following week (so that people had something to look forward to after the walks).

For instance, Frodsham Film Society might arrange a film and Castle Park Arts Centre might arrange an outdoor sketching or painting day.

Discussion deferred to next meeting.

4 Updating banners

It was agreed to order the necessary patches to update the banners with the 2019 Festival dates.

5 2018 Debrief Revisited

It was agreed to take on board the points raised throughout the planning process.

5 Any Other Business

None.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 15 November at 9.30am at Castle Park House.