

Festival of Walks Working Group

Notes of Meeting 7

Date & Time: 20 February 2020, 9:30am **Venue:** Castle Park, Frodsham

Present: C Ashton, Kath Gee, Sue Kellett, Ross Nichols, Peter Webley, Liz Kenny

1 Apologies

Martin Maris

2 Notes of last meeting

Agreed.

3 Kids Planet Nature Trail

Martin has agreed this with Leanne at KP and will be meeting her on Friday 21 February at 11.30am to run through details. Liz will be available if required to discuss risk assessment and public liability insurance. Agreed that insurance position must be clear if walk is to go ahead.

The Town Clerk has subsequently clarified the position with FTC's insurers. Walk leaders and participants are covered by the FTC insurance policy so long as a risk assessment has been carried out, the walk leader is aware of the risk assessment, knows what to do if something goes wrong and follows any FTC procedures.

4 Rotary Club Walk

Rotary has sent details of their walk, which was noted and welcomed.

5 Weaver Words Walk

The late addition of the Weaver Words Creative Writing Workshop and Nature Ramble was noted and welcomed.

6 Festival Programme

Noted. A few minor amendments were made, including the addition of a credit for the Frodsham and District History Society with respect to the Be Amazed at Foxhill walk.

7 Wristbands or Cards

After some discussion it was agreed that wristbands were more suitable than contact cards for the Festival. Liz was instructed to go ahead and order wristbands.

8 Risk Assessments

The returned risk assessments were noted and Liz asked to chase up those outstanding. Caroline confirmed that the dog walks RAs would be the same as in 2019. Liz will redraft the Walk Leaders' Check List and circulate for comments.

The provision of a First Aid kit for walk leaders to carry was discussed in some detail. It was noted that few if any walk leaders have first aid training. The possibility of carry a first aid kit for use by walkers at their own risk was discussed, along with the possibility of purchasing foil emergency blankets, but it was decided this was not necessary, although walk leaders could bring their own if they wished.

The value of having a third person to assist on longer or more remote walks was recognised and the programme was reviewed and potential third persons identified where necessary.

10 Leaflet Production

The leaflet wording was agreed, subject to the changes discussed in item 6 and corrections to the names on the Working Group. Liz was instructed to send the text to the printers and aim to have the leaflets printed and delivered week commencing 16 March, if possible.

Sue and Kath will work with Liz to review the proofs.

11 West Cheshire Walking Festival – Update

Liz and Lesley Mitchell have sent back comments on the draft West Cheshire Walking Festival leaflet.

12 Any Other Business

Liz will meet Janet Nichols around lunchtime on Friday 28 February to discuss the Facebook page and to start sending out "teasers" to generate interest ahead of the publication of the leaflet.

Liz passed on an invitation from Frodsham & District Photographic Society to Group members to attend the opening of their landscape photography competition at the Cowshed Frodsham Golf Club on Monday 4 May at 7.30pm.

13 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 26 March 2020 at 9.30am.

Draft Text for FOW page in West Cheshire Walking Festival Leaflet

The Frodsham Festival of Walks is an event being run for the 17th consecutive year in 2020. This year it starts on Saturday 2 May and runs until Sunday 10 May. There will be 25 walks in the Frodsham Festival – with the majority included here. A separate leaflet will be available to download from the Frodsham Town Council website and the Frodsham Festival of Walks Facebook page.

Our Festival is organised by local volunteers, is well supported by local community organisations and walking groups, and last year attracted over 800 participants.

It includes three regular local health walks.

Date	Start time	Title	Walk Leader	Second Person
02/05/2020	10:00	Two Trails	Lesley Mitchell	Ross Nichols
02/05/2020	14:00	Be Amazed at Foxhill	Kath Gee	TBA
03/05/2020	09:45	Riverside Ramble	Sue Kellett	Peter Webley
03/05/2020	14:00	Hob Hey Wood Discovery Trail	Mark O'Sullivan	Ross & Janet Nichols with Kath Gee's assistance if required
04/05/2020	10:30	Delamere Explored	Christine Martin	Sue Kellett
04/05/2020	10:00	Buggy Push	Pat Hinkins	Tony Hinkins
05/05/2020	10:00	Frodsham Dog Walk	Caroline Ashton	Martin Maris
05/05/2020	10:30	Walking for Health in Castle Park	Lesley Mitchell	Peter Webley
05/05/2020	14:00	Highs and Lows of Frodsham	Glyn Morris	Kevin Fairbanks
05/05/2020	18:00	Mindfulness walk and yoga at Foxhill	Will Burton	Sue Kellett
05/05/2020	18:30	Snickets of Kingsley	Kathleen Povall	Alan Gerrard (check), otherwise Peter Webley
06/05/2020	06:00	Early Birds Walk	John Davies	Ross Nichols
06/05/2020	10:30	Wednesday Health Walks	Kathleen Povall & Alan Gerrard	Supplied by RWfH
06/05/2020	14:00	Woodland Wander	Neil Oxley	Kath Gee
07/05/2020	10:30	A Taste of Frodsham	Peter Webley	Ross Nichols
07/05/2020	13:00	Delamere's Lost Mosses	Kevin Feeney	Kath Gee
07/05/2020	18:00	Sophie's Helsby Dog Walk	Sophie Rigby & Caroline Ashton	Martin Maris
07/05/2020	10:00	A Perambulation Around the Limestone Hills Behind Prestatyn	Paul Day	Sue Kellett
08/05/2020	10:00	Frodsham's Fallen Heroes	Caroline Ashton & Adrian Walker	Kath Gee
08/05/2020	10:00	Marbury Country Park and Anderton Nature Reserve	Alan Gerrard	Peter Webley
09/05/2020	13:00	Exploring around the Whitegate Way	Kevin Fairbanks	Peter Webley
10/05/2020	09:30	Morning Marshes Bird Walk	Bill Morton	Caroline Ashton
10/05/2020	09:45	Wish Tree Walk	Sue Kellett	Ross Nichols