

WIGHSOLE AGM 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2008  
HELD AT THE BLACKSMITHS ARMS, CARISBROOKE

MEETING STARTED AT 20.45

PRESENT: Tracey, Alison, Gary, Hilary, Dave, Suzanne, Julian.

APOLOGIES: Martin, Alf, Jan.

**MATTERS ARISING**

**Publicity** – Advert has been produced by Alison and she has investigated putting the advert in the various supplements in the County Press (CP). There is special publication being produced for the 'mini' celebratory walking festival in October (24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>) so there is a possibility of putting the advert in then or an earlier publication if appropriate.

**Action – Alison to contact CP.**

Alison was congratulated for her work on getting walks in the listings in the CP and the Beacon. Wightbay also have a free entertainment guide on their website – to be investigated further.

**Action – To continue to put walk listings in the various publications.**

Other places for publicity were also discussed – the library, tourist centres etc. The possibility of sending the poster/advert to existing members so they could put the advert up at their work, in their local area, clubs they go to etc.

**Action – Condensed walks programme to be placed in the library next to the main Ramblers group if possible. Advert to be sent to existing members with explanatory email.**

The main IOW ramblers have a new website - could our website be linked to theirs.

**Action – Link to be added to their website** (post meeting note - our website is already on their website as a 'walking link')

Time taken for walks – this was being put on walks for a while but not consistently.

**Action – Walk leaders to give info to Dave and he will add times to the detailed programme on the web site.**

Information slips – Slips to be handed out to new walkers at walks/shows with the following information on: email address, chairmans phone number, website and ramblers logo.

**Action – Suzanne to make slips on coloured card.**

Discount forms – These forms will be needed for the summer shows.

**Action – Tracey to order discount forms.**

Wightsole T-shirts - Alison has got the transfer paper for ironing the logo onto t-shirts. She will print the transfers and individuals will buy their own t-shirt to use.

**Action – Alison to print iron on logos and members to buy and 'make' their own t-shirt.**

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Gary reported that the group had undertaken 38 walks since the last AGM. This year we had the highest number of cancellations due to the weather but we had a good turnout on most walks.

Mainland walks – a couple of members have expressed an interest in doing more mainland walks

but how do we organise these? The options need to be explored – railcards? Network cards? Minibus? Coach? Possible trip say next April.

**Action – Ask members/walkers at forthcoming walks if they would be interested on going on more organised mainland trips? All committee members to action.**

The membership of the group was around 30 members but a membership secretary was needed.

**Action – If possible elect a membership secretary.**

### **TREASURERS REPORT**

The current balance is £433.52 and the main expenses this year had been on publicity.

It was decided that some of the budget be spent on adverts in the CP – especially in the 'feature' pages – this would cost between £200+£300 depending on size/colours etc. Also purchasing of t-shirts for logos.

**Action – Alison to sort adverts. Members to purchase t-shirts.**

### **ELECTION OF WIGHTSOLE COMMITTEE**

Treasurer in the chair for election of chairman.

Chairman - Gary Proposed Tracey, Seconded Hilary.

Chairman in the chair for rest of the posts.

Treasurer and Webmaster – Dave	Proposed Hilary, Seconded Alison.
Membership Secretary – Suzanne	Proposed Tracey, Seconded Gary.
Publicity/Graphics Officer – Alison	Proposed Suzanne, Seconded Gary.
Deputy Chairperson – Tracey	Proposed Hilary, Seconded Alison

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Health and Safety – whistle and first aid kits were discussed.

**Action – Hilary to purchase a whistle and Suzanne to purchase 2 first aid kits.**

New walk leaders – ways of encouraging new walk leaders were discussed – it was suggested that maybe people would be more comfortable leading a walk with a more experienced walk leader (in partnership).

**Action – All committee members to encourage other members to lead walks, in partnership if they prefer.**

Summer Shows – Pam Dana (tel:863189) for group 1 organising volunteers for shows.

Shows: Chale - 2/3<sup>rd</sup> August, Garlic - 16/17<sup>th</sup> August, Wolverton - 30/31<sup>st</sup> August.

Discussed having quizzes at the shows to attract people – quiz questions, guess the weight of the walking boots and offer a joint membership for a year as the prize. Also need signs with big Wightsole logo and one saying - 20% off membership if join at festival.

**Action – Gary to email members for volunteers for shows. Quizzes and signs to be organised by Gary.**

MEETING ENDED BY 21.45.