

WIGHT SOLE AGM 29th APRIL 2007 – HELD AT 7 UPPER HYDE LANE, SHANKLIN

MEETING STARTED AT 14.20

PRESENT – Gary, Hilary, Spencer, Alison, Dave, Suzanne, Trish, Jan, Martin, Tracey

APOLOGIES – Colin, Trish, Christine

MATTERS ARISING

Publicity – Gary asked if anyone had any ideas. Trish said the free ad in the County Press events section would be a good idea. Alison said she does mean to do this but doesn't always get done.

ACTION POINT – Alison to contact C Press for future walks re events section.

New walkers mostly come to us through the website. It is hard to not put pressure on them to join but most agreed they need to be encouraged to join after 2-3 walks.

Programme in the Area newsletter but needs to have info to show that we are the 'younger group'.

ACTION POINT – SOMEONE NEEDS TO AGREE TO WORD THIS AND SEND TO TD FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER.

Places where we can get adverts/publicity – eg County Press, Beacon, shows, walking festival – we need to plan ahead, and have a stock of adverts, leaflets and/or notices with pictures and just text that we can scale to fit and issue quickly so we don't miss out – the last County Press supplement is an example of this.

ACTION POINT – Alison and Spencer to produce samples of publicity for agreement at next cttee meeting.

Possibility of being able to get additorial in the Beacon, and if not consider an advert to see if it works, as well as offer a prize of a joint membership for the year in their competition. We thought this could be taken out of funds as it will promote walking and the group.

ACTION POINT – Alison to contact Beacon to see whether we can be put in the events section. Tracey to supply contact name.

REPORT ON LAST YEAR

Forms at shows etc – maybe try to get some with discount – we need to write IW Group 2 to make sure they join Wight Sole and not the main group.

ACTION POINT -Tracey to contact David Skelsey and ask for discount forms.

We probably need more short walks as not everyone has time for the longer ones and we have mostly long ones in this programme. Particularly around September/October time when people have collected the info from shows and maybe new members.

ACTION POINT – Cttee to consider for next programme. NB needs to be done before summer hols!

It was suggested that we should say how long the walks will take, as new walkers will not have an idea of the time taken for the distance given.

ACTION POINT - Walk leaders to give this info to Gary before their walks.

ACCOUNTS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance start of last year was £337.50 and currently £235.54. We haven't claimed any funds from Area for the current year.

Alison asked if printer cartridges can be purchased – black and white & colour - in order to produce posters and leaflets etc. Agreed this was OK.

Suggested that we have some leaflets or cards to give out to new walkers on walks so that they have contact info and also to raise our profile. Gary and Spencer discussed business cards which can be printed @ Tesco.

ACTION POINT – Spencer to action this.

Tracey suggested slips of paper which could be cut from sheets of A4 divided into 4 or 5.

ACTION POINT - Tracey to action these.

We need a form to have at shows for people to leave their contact details so we can get in touch with them, as in previous years lots of people have expressed an interest but we don't see them on walks, except for Jan who joined following the Garlic show last year!

ACTION POINT - Tracey to action form.

It was also suggested we get some car stickers to give to members and also at shows

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Treasurer in the chair for election of Chairman.

Chairman – Gary

Proposed Martin, Seconded Trish

Chairman in the chair for rest of posts.

Treasurer and Webmaster – Dave

Proposed Alison, Seconded Gary

Membership Secretary – unfilled

Publicity Officer – Alison

Proposed Spencer, Seconded Jan

Graphics Officer – Spencer

Proposed Alison, Seconded Gary

Deputy Chair – Tracey

Proposed Gary, Seconded Hilary

Gary proposed that he contact Ann to see if she wants to be membership secretary as she wasn't at the meeting. Also speak to Colin to see if he wants to be on the committee as he had expressed an interest, or if Ann says no see if he will be membership secretary.

ACTION POINT – Gary to action re rest of cttee.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

An anniversary picnic was suggested

It needs to be somewhere we can leave a car with food so Spencer's walk on 23rd June was chosen, as it is later in the day to allow for car moving. Picnic will be on the downs when the boat race is on. Everyone to bring some food and share. Budget to pay for the drinks!

ACTION POINT – To be added to the website on the walks list and to be discussed at future walks.

Tracey mentioned the summer shows and asked if anyone wanted to do a slot at any of the three shows the RA are attending this year – Chale, Garlic and Wolverton. A few people volunteered but we are going to ask the other members.

ACTION POINT – Tracey to email Gary with dates and ask him to send out to all members on his list

Meeting ended at 15.20