

Ramblers Association West London Group.

Annual General Meeting 7.30pm Monday 2nd December 2024.

Northfields Community Centre, 71A, Northcroft Road, W13 9SS

Minutes

1. Welcome by Chair.

The chair welcomed 35 members to the meeting and 7 apologies for absence were received.

2. Agreement of minutes of last AGM, December 2023 and matters arising.

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved. There were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere in the meeting.

3. Reports.

Reports from the Chair, Treasurer and Programme Coordinator of West London Group of the Ramblers Association for the year ending 30th September 2024 were presented to the meeting. These are available on the group's website.

3.1 Chair.

The chair reported that it was a good year for the group and highlighted that there were new walks leaders in the group and a WhatsApp group for getting help for recce partners. There were also successful holidays in Woodbridge, Elan Valley and Great Malvern. The group now has 566 members which is 50 more than last year. Chris Parnell has decided to step down from the job of sending out the emails to members. New arrangements have been put in place and Chris is thanked for his work.

3.2 Treasurer.

The treasurer reported that the group had a balance of £1475.17 at the end of the financial year. This is more than the Ramblers Association national guidelines. Suggestions as to how to spend the money within the aims of the RA were welcomed. The accounts were approved by the Independent Examiner and then accepted by the meeting.

3.3 Programme coordinator.

The programme coordinator reported that the group had a varied programme including the holidays and a large variety of walks. These included walking several long distance paths. The group welcomed 8 new leaders and has an active leader training programme. Thanks was given to Carolyn Oxley for her work as she hands over the programme coordination role to Vino Kanapathipillai.

4. Election of Committee.

The meeting reappointed the following posts individually:

- Chair Monika Eady
- Secretary Martin Harris
- Treasurer Innes Garden

The meeting then elected Mary Rutherford, Jackie Gower, Sue Aldridge, Pete Grist, Hansa Jadvapati, Judith Woods, Vino Kanapathipillai, Jim Barnes and Janet Clark to the committee whose members will share out the remaining roles

- Membership Secretary
- Programme Coordinator
- Walks Organiser
- Footpaths Secretary
- Webmaster
- Publicity Coordinator

Rowena Muir stood down at the meeting and was thanked for her efforts.

5. Appointment of Ind. Examiner (auditor).

Paul Ryan was reappointed as the Independent Examiner.

6. Ideas for 2025 including how to involve more members in the running of the group.

Holidays for 2025 include Selworthy, Forest of Dean and Aberystwyth. Possible support for a holiday in Germany was sought.

The role of Walk Champions, for which a job description has been created, was suggested. Volunteers are being sought.

The group has geographic responsibility for looking after paths in the boroughs of Ealing and Hounslow as documented in the Definitive Maps. Mary Rutherford is seeking volunteers to help with checking these paths.

7. Any Other Business.

None.

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