

North West Essex Ramblers AGM 6 December 2022

AGM held at the Maurice Rowson Hall in Gosfield at 11.00am

There were 9 group members present, this constituting a quorum.

Present: Benita Andrews, Ann Reilly, Janet Bugler, Clive Collins, Gwen Worrall, Fran Starnes, Maria Coghlan, Maureen Davis, Geoff Farrow. Apologies received from Paul and Katherine Evans, Marion Lewsey.

1) It was unanimously agreed that the group name be changed to Braintree and North Essex Ramblers to give the group a stronger local identity and avoid confusion with other groups in Essex. Benita Andrews to complete a Ramblers name change form and submit to Essex Area for approval. It may be some time before a change is agreed by Area and Central Office. Website address to remain same for the time being.

2) The proposed change to a Flexigroup format did not appear to be supported by Area so could not proceed. The existing constitution to therefore be changed to reflect current group streamlining and reduce the number of named officers to two, namely to the roles of group co-ordinator and group walks co-ordinator. There were to be three other committee members. Geoff Farrow to redraft existing group constitution and submit to Benita Andrews for comment.

3) It was unanimously agreed that Benita Andrews be elected group co-ordinator and that Ann Reilly be elected group walks co-ordinator. Janet Bugler would continue with her present responsibilities relating to group membership.

4) The status of the group accounts are as follows:

main account: £355.02 in bank plus £9.60 cash with total of £364.62

self-funded account: £18.68 in bank plus £1.51 cash with total of £20.19

Maureen Davis to advise Area Treasurer that group funds would no longer be required and could be returned to Area.

5) The current group membership stood at 93 slightly down from last year.

6) The changes to the method of group operations and to the group constitution to be reviewed in 6 month's time.

7) All members were encouraged to suggest group walks and social events for incorporation into the group programme. Consideration to be given to promoting shorter and slower paced walks which might better suit some members.

8) There were no comments on last year's AGM on 6 November 2021 which was agreed.