

CLEOBURY MORTIMER FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION
AGENDA FOR THE 109 TH MEMBERS MEETING
To follow on after the AGM on FRIDAY 31 st MARCH 2017 at THE BELL

Agenda 0

Members asked if there is anything they wish to be added to the Agenda (avoids AOB).

- (1) Minutes of 108th Members Meeting. (MWH)
Updates to 108th Members Meeting + Executive Meeting Updates
- (2) Reports. (MWH)
- (3) Walking for Health (AK)
- (4) Food & Ale Trail (RK)
- (5) Date of next meeting. (MWH)

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Members were asked if there was anything they wished to be added to the Agenda
Bill requested to add the SEW.

(1) Minutes of 108th Members Meeting. (Mazella)

Acceptance of the minutes of the 108th Members Meeting as a true record.

Proposer: Geoff

Secunder: Chris

Accepted by majority.

Updated Actions from the 108th Members Meeting.

Action 1. Mazella

To email all members to seek a volunteer to organise a CMFA Social Meal 2017.

10.10.2016. Done.

25.10.2016 Only one response from Diane.

17.01.2017. CMFA Breakfast arranged for February 16th at The Colliers.

[16.02.2017. BREAKFAST EVENT PROVED TO BE A NICE CHANGE. FEATURED IN THE CLARION.](#)

e) In communication with the landowner (Charlotte Woodward)with regards to the obstructed path in Andrews Wood, Hopton Wafers.

Action 2. Mazella

Will send an email to request update.

25.10.2016. Email sent.

11.11.2016 Further email sent.

14.11.2016.Reply received.

20.01.2017 Susan also replied.

27.03.2017 E. Tolley appointed as Project Manager by C. Woodward.

30.03.2017 SUSAN AND MAZELLA HAD A SITE MEETING WITH P. HARDING (CONTRACTOR) TO CONFIRM THE CORRECT ROUTE OF THE PATH THROUGH ANDREWS WOOD.

3) There is currently a missing footbridge at Lower Langley at the junction of two footpaths, one from Milson centre & one from Lea Fields. Although replacing the footbridge is unlikely as it would involve SC inconsiderable expense, it would be possible to open up these two paths to form a circular route from Milson. All that would be required is one stile (near the brook) and some way marking.

Action 3. Russell

Option 1 & 2 were thought not to be worth pursuing but Russell would liaise with Susan to investigate option 3 further.

NO FURTHER ACTION PLANNED AT PRESENT.

Shropshire Way

Action 4. Alan

To draft a reply to Helen Beresford's last email (03.10.2016) addressed to Susan (P3), which will be read by the Executive before being sent.

19.10.2016. Alan has drafted the letter and it has been sent to Geoff to check and approve.

25.10.2016. Email sent to Helen Beresford. Copied Alan, Geoff, and Susan.

26.10.2016. Received reply.

CMFA plan to maintain and update the linear Shropshire Way Extension leaflet Clee Hill to the Severn Way.

Once both sections have been walked and checked an updated version can be uploaded onto the CMFA website.

Action 5. Alan/Don

To check the route and walk description from Clee Hill to Cleobury.

ACTIONS 4/5 ARE IN HAND AND AWAITING BETTER WEATHER!!

Action 6. Mazella

To email members asking if there is anyone who would check the route and walk description of the route section Cleobury Mortimer to the Severn Way at Highley.

10.10.2016. Done.

12.10.2016. Alec has expressed an interest and Alan has spoken to him.

25.10.2016. No other interest shown.

Parish Walks

Action 7. Graham

To arrange a meeting with Don, Alan, and Russell to plan the 2017 Parish Walks Programme.

08.11.2016. Meeting arranged at Alan's house (Mazella attended for Russell).

Action 8. Graham

To confirm November Walk with Diane and Tank.

10.10.2016. Graham has spoken to Diane and she in turn is going to speak to Don.

DIANE LED A VERY SUCCESSFUL WALK STOPPING FOR MULLED CIDER AT BRANSLEY.

Action 9. Mazella

The 2017 programme would be circulated to members to ask for leaders.

09.11.2016. Draft PW Programme sent to members.

03.01.2017.Re-sent email to members asking for more volunteers to lead.

[10.01.2017 PROGRAMME COMPLETED.](#)

Action 10.Mazella

Send out a request to members asking for volunteers to lead the Boxing Day and New Years Day Walks.

10.10.2016. Email sent out.

13.10.2016. Russell to lead NYD Walk.

25.10.2016 Email sent out again.

06.11.2016. Jane volunteered to lead BD Walk.

[JANE LED A SUCCESSFUL BOXING DAY WALK.](#)

Social Walks

Action 11.Mazella

To email Paul with a request that a walk record for the last 5 years be sent out with the 2017 programme dates to help leaders to plan where to walk.

08.10.2016. Done.

25.10.2016 Paul has arranged the dates and is beginning to collect leaders names (October social walk).

06.11.2016.Paul sent out the 2017 dates.

03.01.2017. Email sent out to ask for leaders for May and October.

10.01.2017.Bob and Russell to lead October walk.

25.02.2017.Programme completed with Judy and John leading May and Paul and Hazel leading March.

[25.02.2017. SOCIAL WALKS PROGRAMME 2017 COMPLETE.](#)

Website

Action 12. Mazella

To forward the photographs taken by visitors on the WFH walk on Wednesday to Graham and Alan.

08.10.2016.[Done.](#)

(2) Reports. (Mazella)

Website

Graham is happy to continue as overall manager but would like a volunteer or two to take over the running of -

(a) Facebook:

No volunteers forthcoming at the meeting.

Action 1 (Mazella) Email members to seek a volunteer.

(b) Calendar:

Chris volunteered to help Graham with this.

Action 2 (Mazella) Email Chris with Graham's contact details.

Footpath Repair & Maintenance Report (Susan)

Work done since last report:

Oct 16 Install gate at Wyre Farm. Grab post on stile at Dinmore

Attendees(6): SS, RF,RK, SP, CH, DT

Nov 16 Install kissing gate at Pioneer Centre + stile improvement and clearance

Attendees(7): SS, GH,AK, CH, DT, DW, RF

Dec 16 **Install kissing gate near Caravan park. Repairs to FB**

Attendees(5): SS, CH, DT, GH,AK

Mar 16 (2 teams)

Repair steps at Workhouse bank, improve gate post at Clenly seat, add stile step and fingerpost

Attendees(5): SS, CH, GH,RK,IL

Small plank bridge at Sproselly and repair stile on Common Lane

Attendees(3): DT,AK,RF

Candidates for forthcoming work parties:

April: kissing gate Mawley/golf course border + various fingerposts needing attention

May: Hopton Wafers. Two stile improvements and clearance

From late May through to August, I plan for work parties to be clearance. I may plan one or two more than usual with smaller groups if I can make that work. Will make more definite plans late April.

Ongoing issues

Bridge on Shropshire Way at Little Woodhouse. UPDATE Walk 14 affected

Shropshire Council has now issued the diversion order so this should be through in a couple of months. We will be asked for the money £500

I have agreed with the landowner to waymark the route anyway. This will be a work party later in the year.

Andrews wood, Hopton Wafers

The path is obstructed by fallen trees. Landowner has now said they are planning to do the work soon but no confirmation. Will check soon.

Baveney Wood(Yew tree farm) UPDATE

A footpath has been illegally fenced in such that it easily becomes obstructed by hedge growth and bramble. Neen Savage parish council were asked for help but they did not do anything. May have to give up on this one.

Overwood common diversions. On-going. Walk 24 affected. No progress to report

NeenSavage FP44. The corrections to the definitive map for the path through the Glen Caravan park have been objected to by the landowner. As a result it is to go to the planning Inspectorate for a decision. Any work we do in this area, including possible permissive path on north side of brook must wait.

I have also deferred replacing the bridge rails as it is not urgent and other work has taken priority.

Stottesdon Footbridge: This bridge is on the new line of the SEW and needs refurbishment. I spoke to Tim Simmons about it and he said that he would arrange to do it. I will follow up

Little Woodhouse Diversion.

The Shropshire Council order and notice provides details of how to object to the proposals by 7th April 2017.

£500.00 commitment by CMFA to this diversion.

Social Walks (Paul)

The Social walks program for 2016 consisted of 9 walks and a weekend away in April 2016. Many thanks to all the walk leaders for their assistance in arranging a varied programme and for their excellent navigation skills. The walks averaged 7 miles in length and either ended with a picnic, BBQ or pub lunch. The average attendance was 14 which is slightly higher than the 13 from the previous year.

In April, 16 members went to Monmouth for an enjoyable weekend walking in the Wye Valley. We were very well looked after by Wetherspoons and a similar event is planned for April 17 at Ruthin.

In July Bob Westwood (with assistance from Russell and Mazella) kindly hosted a BBQ with the added attraction of cherry picking from his fantastic tree.

Dates and leaders have been allocated for the coming year, and we look forward to another

Paul will be seeking a new coordinator for 2018

Judy advertised that the May walk will be a dawn walk (06.00am) followed by breakfast at the Golf Club.

Parish Walks (Don)

Don reported that there were 23 walkers in February and 10 in March.

Diane will be leading April's Parish Walk this Sunday.

Walkers are Welcome (Val)

Annual return has been submitted along with the membership fee of £60.

Applied to the Parish Council for a 50/50 grant and this has been awarded.

(3) Walking for Health (Alan)

Walking for Health Report. March 2017

2016 Summer programme averaged 20 walkers, slightly down on 2015. A record attendance of 31 completed the Golf Course walk in April. It was appreciated that Lacon Childe School continued to supply refreshments free of charge.

The 2017 Summer programme returned to the school on March 1st (1st & 3rd Wednesday).

2016/17 Winter programme again averaged 18 walkers disregarding the Dec 28th walk when only 3 people attended. A record turnout in this period was 21. Refreshments were provided by CoCo for a small charge.

We plan to continue with the 2017/18 Winter programme December through February on 2nd & 4th Wednesday (except Dec 27th) starting from the Market Hall at 10am.

In early March, Cleobury WfH were told they would be excluded from future use of school premises & facilities due to risk of downgrading (child protection policy) by Ofsted. The Sports & Social Club was considered as an alternative but the cost of £20 for a limited opening time is not practical for our needs. Summer walks to coincide with CoCo coffee mornings in the Market Hall were also considered but the expected increase in attendance would severely stretch the capacity of the MH.

A compromise is now in place at the School with limited use of access & facilities. This is not ideal and will be reviewed by both parties at the end of July. It is appreciated that the School will continue to provide refreshments f.o.c.

Shropshire Council finally installed handrailing (requested 2013) at the top of Bull Alley (0518/UN1/1). The work was sub-contracted and below standard resulting in split rails. However, the installation is sound at this time but will be monitored. We declined SC's offer to remove, but not replace the handrailing.

A new WfH route has been established at Wyre Farm after years of discussion with the landowner who illegally closed a footpath. Thanks to CMFA (Susan Sharp) for negotiating a walkable route and arranging the installation of a gate at the access point.

Deana will take over from Mandy Smith the administration of the database for Cleobury WfH in April subject to WfH National Office protocols.

We continue to appeal for walk leaders. Ideally we need 2 leaders and 2 back-markers for each meeting as we like to offer two walks, one for the less able. I would be pleased to hear from anyone who might be interested in becoming a walk leader. I can be contacted at ajkimber@hotmail.com or by phone on 01299 271754

Geoff gave praise and thanks to Alan, Deana and the other volunteer WfH leaders.
Geoff proposed that CMFA cover the cost of WfH's possible move to the Sports and Social Club.
Proposer: Geoff
Secunder: Bill
Agreed by the majority.

Action 3 (Mazella) Put out a request to members for additional walk leaders.

(3a) SEW BILL

Bill had been contacted by Roy Rogers who was interested in doing a video for You Tube about the Simon Evans Way.
Bill has been asked to do an introduction, which he is happy to do.
The members look forward to seeing the video later in the year.
Bill will keep CMFA posted.

(4) Food and Ale Trail. (Russell)

Russell gave members an update of where we are so far in the planning of the 2018 FAT.
Hope to get a reply from Andy Gould (Sports & Social Club) in July following meetings with the Rugby Club requesting away fixtures for September 1st 2018 and September 8th 2018 (Bike Show).
Alternative last stop venue Parish Hall and the field opposite.

Volunteers to help/join the committee:-

Jane (Registration).
Ian (Walk route and clearing).
Janet (Morning refreshment stop).

Action 4 (Mazella) Ask the membership for further volunteers once we have had the Sports & Social Club confirmation.

(5) Date of next meeting

Friday 21st July at The Bell 7.30pm start.

Action 5 (Mazella) To check the email address of The Bell.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm with Diane giving a vote of thanks to The Executive Committee and Susan for all their hard work and time given to running CMFA.