

CLEOBURY MORTIMER FOOTPATH ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF THE 108TH MEMBERS MEETING
FRIDAY 7 th OCTOBER at THE BELL start 7.30pm

Those Present.

Geoff, Russell, Graham, Alan, Deana, Chris, Veronica, Jane, Julian, Mazella

Apologies.

Ian & Janet, Don & Rosemary, Bob & Carol, Paul & Hazel, Shaunah, Bob, Bill, Val,

1. Welcome by Chairman. (Geoff)

Informed members that The Executive had started to plan for the 2017 Food & Ale Trail and the proposed date is either Saturday 2nd or Sunday 3rd September.

Geoff mentioned the CMFA Annual Meal and it was decided to ask the membership for a volunteer to organise one in 2017.

Action 1. Mazella

To email the membership to seek a volunteer to organise the CMFA Social Meal 2017.

2. 107th Members Meeting Updates. (Mazella)

- a) The new Social Walks Secretary is Paul Jennings.
- b) Shropshire Way Diversion at Little Woodhouse (Walk Leaflet 14 A Walk in Three Parishes). Susan has completed the necessary forms with the landowner and the diversion is now with Shropshire Council to progress.
- c) Alan has written to the Shropshire Way Association (SWA) and is being kept informed (*Ref SWA Minutes).
- d) No progress with the obstruction at Baveney Wood.
- e) Still 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 Charlotte Woodward requesting an update.

Correspondence.

i) In July, anti-social behaviour (drinking, swimming and littering) at Lower Forge, Mawley, was reported by Mrs. Galliers-Pratt.

Do CMFA need to consider the use of signs about dangers of swimming and trespassing on private land?

It was agreed that this was up to the landowners and CMFA was only responsible for the ROW.

It was also the responsibility of the landowners to ring 101 to report this anti-social behaviour.

ii) CMFA Executive sent a letter to the Shropshire Way Association (August).

iii) Received a concern about a path/stile Ghost House to Caravan Park.

Alan and Susan have dealt with this and the necessary work is to be carried out in December.

iv) Neen Savage FP44 Glen Caravan Park Footpath.

Alan and Susan are dealing with this and are awaiting a reply.

Thanks to Alan who explained this in more detail.

3. Footpath and Maintenance. (Susan) *Report available to read.

Russell led the discussion about the opening of other paths now that the Wyre Farm path is to be opened up and the diversion at Little Woodhouse is agreed.

There are three options, all in the Milson & Neen Sollars area.

- 1) From the centre of Milson near the church through Hill House Farm to the Coreley road.
- 2) In the centre of Neen Sollars from Neen Sollars House towards the river, cutting the corner of the road.
- 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 in considerable 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 waymarking.

Action 3. Russell

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

4. Walkers are Welcome /Simon Evans Way.(Val) *Report available to read.

CMFA agreed to Val's recommendations re: Population maximum and the need for a constitution.

Thanks was expressed to the time and hard work Val continues to give to WAW and to the forthcoming publishing of new routes for the Simon Evans Way and the linear walk Bewdley to Cleobury Mortimer.

5. Walking for Health /Shropshire Way. (Alan)

*Results of Shropshire Way Survey available to read.

*Shropshire Way Association Minutes of September Meeting available to read.

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.

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 will be uploaded onto the CMFA website.

Action 5. Alan/Don

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

Action 6. Mazella

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

6.Parish Walks.(Don/Graham) *2016 Parish Walks Programme.

Action 7.Graham

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

Action 8. Graham

To confirm November Walk with Diane and Tank.

Action 9. Mazella

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

Action 10.Mazella

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

7.Social Walks.(Paul) *Report available to read.

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.

8.Website.(Graham)

Graham reported that there had been over 7,700 hits and the Facebook page had 63 likes.

To keep the Facebook Page current and fresh Graham requested any news, photographs, etc to be sent to him.

Action 12. Mazella

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

9. Date of next meeting.

This will be the 26th AGM on FRIDAY 31ST MARCH 2017 at THE BELL start 7.30PM

Please note that the Executive will be meeting in the interim.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

* Reports will be available to read on the CMFA Members Page.