

Report re WAW from Val October 2016

In October member towns are invited to attend a weekend by a host town for walks on Saturday and lectures and the AGM on Sunday. I considered going this year but it falls exactly when Graham, Bob and Russell are off to India and Zell and I off to the north west + I cannot do any of the walks justice even though they are largely flat it being held in Lincolnshire! There are however two proposals which I think we should express a view about:

Population maximum There is currently a maximum town population of **35,000** for membership.
Options to consider:

1. Should this stay the same?
2. Should this be increased with suitably higher subscription as there have been a number of larger towns interested in becoming members?
3. Should this be reduced to 25,000 for new membership to reflect that we are an organisation of villages and small towns that do not have the benefit of larger council or business budgets?

My recommendation: vote for point 3 as I always feel dwarfed and disadvantaged by towns who get Council support whilst all our support is from CMFA volunteers.

Constituted groups

We would prefer to promote democratic and independent organisations as members which have been shown to have more longevity and are able to raise their own funds.

Should we insist that all new member steering groups have a constitution?

My recommendation: I do not feel it is crucial if the group has the backing of a group which can show financial stability.

Date of the next WAW AGM 21/22 October 2017

10th Anniversary Get-Together 'The Heart of the Pennines' Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd and Todmorden **Note:** Hebden Bridge was where the concept of WAW was conceived and born in 2007. CMFA joined in 2009.

Report re publishing of new routes

1. **Simon Evans Way** I have been working on a new design with Mike Ashton of a folded A3 leaflet. Bill and I met to agree the final text. I sent the final draft to Mike this week so hopefully this will be completed before the end of the month for sale.
2. **Linear Walk from Bewdley to Cleobury** This route was conceived and written up by Susan Sharp in a novel format. I recommend that a limited print run of 30 copies of its' four pages be made available to the golf club and Market Hall/Library display as the format would breach copyright if it was sold.

Both routes will be uploaded to the website in November as PDF's to download