

Epsom & Ewell Health Walks
AGM
Wednesday 15th May 2019 11.30 – 11.59

Attendees: 31 members plus 3 committee members

Apologies: 3 members plus 1 committee member

Minutes of previous meeting: Minutes were read and agreed as accurate

Matters arising: None

Chairman's Report: See Annual Report. Funding for Ramblers Walking for Health has been agreed with Sport England and the National Lottery Community Fund until 2020. It is not clear what will happen after this date and Roger Kaye said that the committee are discussing what will happen to EEHW in the long term future. It is hoped that we will gain some financial support and carry on as we are at the moment. We continue to lead one walk per month from The Old Moat Garden Centre for Richmond Fellowship. These walks are slowly gaining in popularity and we intend to continue them. Roger thanked Chris Jones for continuing to carry out the Risk Assessments on all walks and the Committee for all their hard work.

Treasurer's Report: See Annual Report and Financial Statement on the AGM 2019 Programmes and Reports pages on the website:

The expenditure remains consistent and at a satisfactory level. Leaflet printing and distribution along with meeting expenses makes up a large percentage of the overall expenditure.

There were no questions about the accounts.

Roger offered thanks to Malcolm Howard for once again examining the Accounts.

Walkers and Attendance Report: See Annual Report and Walkers Attendance Report and full statistical report on the AGM 2019 and Programmes and Report pages on website

In 2018-19 the Sunday, Monday and Wednesday walks took place at the same locations as in 2017-18. However, the Stewponds Car Park used for the Epsom Common walks was closed for part of the year and so some walks were switched to Horton Country Park.

Tuesday walks from The Old Moat Garden Centre were organised at the request of the Richmond Fellowship. Several of you came along to help out on the initial walk, for which, many thanks. We have continued these walks one Tuesday a month. Over the 11 months May to March the average attendance was 11 although there were two walks (August and November) when no walkers turned up. There were 28 new Tuesday walkers which pretty much accounts for the increase in the number of different people coming on our walks.

As in previous years, most new walkers found out about our walks by word of mouth but the Internet and libraries were also important sources of recruitment. Since the introduction of the shorter Walker Registration Form in May last year we only get this information for those going on to complete a health survey electronically or completing a paper one alongside their Walker Registration

Form. We are also only able to put onto the database people who actually complete a Registration Form.

A question from the floor asked if there were plans to offer new venues for the walks. Keith confirmed that there were not but said that we would happily consider any suggestions from members. At the moment our programme is more varied than other nearby WfH groups.

Programmes are no longer available in Epsom Library but it may be possible to ask the Council staff to print a copy.

Election of Officers: All Officers are willing to stand for re-election

Roger Kaye – Chairman

Denis Fenton – Treasurer

Keith Childs – Data Analysis Officer

Susan Anderson – Walks Secretary

The re-election of the committee was proposed and seconded from the floor and then the committee members were re-elected unanimously

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Since the group's inception we have made use of the Surrey Community Website which is free for voluntary groups. This website is going to be discontinued next year. We are looking for an alternative website and possibly a volunteer to design and manage the site. We will advertise on local Social Network sites for a volunteer.

Roger apologised to walkers who attended the Monday Christmas Lunch for the very slow service. Steps were taken on the Wednesday Lunch to ensure that the same didn't happen. The next Christmas Lunch will be organised slightly differently with walkers choosing their meal when they book and pay for the lunch. Roger will not be accepting any cash without an accompanying form. The cost for the lunch will be £15.00 per head which will cover the cost of printing the menus and also a tip for the staff.

A walker from the floor thanked Roger for his work as Chairman.