

Ramblers Association Mendip Group

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

At The George, Gurney Slade on Friday 19th November 2021 at 7.00pm

- 1 Present : 24 members were present. See list attached
- 2 Apologies : Mary Dadley, Mo Bennet, Peggy Fortunati
- 3 The minutes of the 2020 AGM were accepted.
- 4 Mike Plaskitt, the Chairman gave his report which is enclosed.
- 5 Tony Dyson presented the accounts for the year 2020-21. He said that the Works Party is self funding and so are the holidays.
- 6 The accounts were adopted, proposed by Les Stather and seconded by Mary Birchall.
- 7 Mrs Simpson was appointed Auditor for 2022.
- 8 Mary Dadley gave the Publicity Officer's report. At the Festival there was a problem of a few people turning up with no food so next year our advertising will need to be clearer. Peter Gatenby will be asked to put some photos of Mendip Ramblers on Facebook, but permission must be given before publishing people's picture.
- 9 Mary Birchall said our membership was up to 370 members, our highest number.
- 10 Les Stather gave his footpath report. He said that when restoring old footpaths help is needed in reviewing archives for evidence and this often needs going to Taunton as not everything is online. He will put something on the website.
- 11 Jane Dyson's Social Secretary Report. Due to Covid not much has happened. Peter Gatenby has organised a Christmas meal.
- 12 Les Stather gave the Web Master's report.
- 13 Peggy Fortunati sent her Programme Coordinator's report. There was a plea for more leaders. Risk Assessments can be downloaded. There is a RA course on how to lead a walk that can be downloaded. It was decided that all future rambles will be online and there will not be any printed programmes.
- 14 Festival Report. We finally held the 2020 Festival in 2021. The numbers were down from previous years. The next Festival will be at Stratton on the Fosse. More 'walkers on road' signs are needed.
- 15 Election of Officers. Mike Plaskitt was re-elected unopposed as Chairman and all the remaining officers were re-elected. There were no new officers.

The meeting ended with a buffet meal and knock out skittles.