



**The Camping and Caravanning Club  
Walking and Cycling Section  
(formerly the Mountain Activity Section)**

Minutes of the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Matlock Rugby Club, Cromford Meadows, Mill Lane, Cromford, Matlock DE4 3RQ

The Meeting commenced at 7.00 pm. 77 members attended the Meeting.

**1. Chairman's welcome and opening remarks**

Francine Nutt welcomed everyone to the Walking and Cycling Section's AGM at Cromford and stated that it was better to see everyone in person rather than on Zoom as has been the case for the past two years. She also extended a warm welcome to Phil Henson, Chairman of the Club who will be making a special presentation.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Andrew and Catriona Wood, Geoff and Carole Booth, John Hammond, Anne and Philip Lowe, Steve and Carol Harris, Angela Ellis, Anne Seymour, Trevor and Deb Masters, Malcolm and Christine Clough, Yvonne and Colin Plevy, Tim and Delia Clarke, Dave and Gill Hall, Cindy Lingard, Alan and Jenny Jobburn and Chris and Claire Hudson

**3. Minutes of the 86<sup>th</sup> AGM held via zoom on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2021**

The last paragraph should read: On behalf of the Club and the Committee, Phil Henson thanked Trev Masters for organising and conducting the meeting so well.

Acceptance of Minutes - Proposed: Toni Busutill-Reynaud Seconded: Barry Cowlard. Agreed unanimously.

**4. Annual Report of the Section**

The brief report from the Chairman has been sent to members attending and to Club HQ at Coventry. However, the Chair expanded on this by stressing the importance of having a quality team around her which enabled the Section committee to support our three Areas to provide around 40 meets over the year, held in picturesque venues across our beautiful countryside. She also praised members for showing resilience regardless of prevailing weather conditions. A round of applause was given to everyone who had given their time to make these meets such enjoyable social events in the last year. All three Areas have new Chairs for 2022 – Mick Pink (Wessex), Graham Mason (Peakland) and John Allen (Northern). Members have come forward to serve on Area committees, hopefully allowing them to function for many more years. However, we still need to persuade members to give a little of their valuable time to keep Section committees running smoothly.

A new online voting platform has been introduced to elect members to serve on the Section Council. This means candidates' names need to be put forward to the Club in February each year, then members will be able to vote by email. As only two of three Section committee members are seeking re-election, we need to co-opt another member and hopefully they will stand for election for a longer term in 2023.

In 2023, three more volunteers will have completed their term, so please contact Christine Mason (Secretary) or a committee member if you can offer any help by volunteering to serve on the Section Committee. We don't want to be in 'Dire Straits' (Chair's favourite 70's band) in the near future without new volunteers coming forward. An increasing presence on social media allows sharing of experiences and information in a timely way, reaching a new generation of prospective members. Funds are in a healthy state and we are able to support Areas for the benefit of members attending meets, thus leading to individual enjoyment mixed in with some social bonding and nurturing of friendships.

**5. Audited Accounts for the Section for the year ending 31st December 2021**

These were previously distributed.

**6. Auditor's Report – Yvonne Plevy/David Lewis**

Accounts have been signed off by the auditors.

**7. Adoption of Accounts**

Proposed: Pauline Porter Seconded: Graham Mason. Agreed unanimously.

**8. PRO/Website Co-ordinator's Report**

John Gerner reported that Section Webmaster Adrian Rose has continued to maintain and develop the website. The latest addition is an option to show a what3words reference in the meet location information to help members locate the gate into rally fields. Clicking on the what3words link opens a map with options to view a satellite image and use Google Street View.

There are more than 900 walking and cycling routes on the website many of which provide a useful starting point for planning activities when making a return visit to a meet site. John would especially like to thank John and Pippa Hand for their regular contribution of cycling routes and would welcome walking and cycling routes from others too. All that's needed is a gpx file and John can be contacted using the link on the website contacts page.

All three Areas now have Facebook groups with a total membership at the time of writing of 430. It is pleasing to see the number of posts generated during meets.

John is in regular contact with the Club's Community Editor, Pete McKenna. Since the last Section AGM this has resulted in profiles of Christine Mason and Andrew Wood, a report on Francine Nutt's 2021 mile walking and cycling challenge and three reports / previews of Section meets appearing in print. The Section's activities are expected to feature again in the June edition of the Club's magazine.

A very effective way of promoting the Section is through personal recommendations. He asked members to take some contact cards to issue to others who share our interest in walking and cycling.

**9. Report of the Section Advisory Officer to the National Council**

This report by Les Morton had been sent previously and he picked out items that are of interest to Section members and gave news of Club Sites and the overall Club membership which has reached a record high, although some DA's and areas have folded. The Club overall has come through the pandemic in quite a good position financially and is able to operate similarly as before. If a Section does not provide an Advisory Officer then it cannot continue to exist as a Section of the Club.

**10. Report of the Membership Secretary**

The figures have been previously sent out and Les Morton reported that these were slowly falling away. However, some members of the Club phoned and asked to come to a meet, enjoyed it and then joined the Section.

**11. Notice of appointment of Hon Treasurer 2022**

The Chairman was pleased to announced the appointment of Tim Clarke as Treasurer from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022

**12. Election of officers**

Retiring members: Barry Cowlard, Christine Mason and John Allen

John Allen and Christine Mason are willing to stand for re-election. Sadly, Barry Cowlard is not standing and will be missed after serving on the Section Committee for many years. John Allen and Christine Mason were elected unopposed. Angela Blood kindly offered her services to Section, this would be discussed at the Section Committee at the Appointments Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May

**13. Activity Magazine**

Toni Busutill-Reynaud, Editor, reported that there had not been the usual level of walking over the past two years so less magazines produced. It will now carry on with three issues a year electronically and one per year by post. If anyone does not have email, please give Toni their name and address and they will receive a copy by post. Toni is happy to carry on as editor and will accept all articles etc – 400/500 words will fill a page.

The Chair thanked Toni for his report.

**14. Announcement of the Representatives to the Section Council from the Walking and Cycling Section Areas 2022/23**

**Northern:** John Allen

**Peakland:** Jean Morton

**Wessex:** Deb Masters

**15. Election of Auditors:**

Yvonne Plevy/Pat Presland are willing to serve as Auditors. David Lewis is retiring from this role.

Proposed: Diane Goodyear Seconded: Pauline Porter

**16. To announce membership subscription 2022-23 set by the Section Council to stay at £6.**

**17. Date, time and venue of the next AGM 2023**

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00 pm at Sixpenny Handley Village Hall, SP5 5NJ

CLOSE OF FORMAL BUSINESS AT 7.32 pm

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Phil Henson, Club Chairman, gave a citation for the Certificate of Honour to be presented to John Allen. This should have happened in 2020 but due to the pandemic has been delayed until this year's Section AGM. The citation gave information about John's work and dedication to the Club, Section and Northern Area.

John Allen was then presented with the Certificate of Honour and he subsequently thanked Phil for coming to Derbyshire and said the Certificate belonged to his wife Margaret as much as himself for the support she has given him over the years, especially with the computer. He thanked everyone for their support, this made it all worthwhile. He reminded us that sadly it was 20 years to the day since Derek Wood, passed away.

**OPEN FORUM**

Phil Henson noted that the Club Committee works hard on behalf of members and not all decisions are universally popular but are made for the benefit of Section members. He thanked the Section Committee for its work on behalf of members.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm.