

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of general meeting held on 12 September 2017

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed everyone to the meeting and new member Jane Barnes from Wharles near Preston. Membership now stands at 176. Congratulations were sent to Ailsa Gibson who has recently given birth to a baby boy!
2. **Apologies:** Kay Edwards, Linda and Steve Hobson, Kate Lennox, Hannah Gardner, Julie Trafford, Sheena Robertson.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Sue Nelson, seconded Ann Rigby.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Trip to Royal Windsor Horse show 2018.** The dates of the show are 9th -13th May 2018. More information will be available at the November meeting, but members were asked to be prepared at that stage to make a commitment and provide a deposit.
6. **Bridleway Clearance.** On Sunday 3rd September, Nick, Cath, Kay, Mandy, Karon, Liz, Kev, Chris B, Eve and Sheila cleared the Lune Millenium Path at Halton, where the start had got overgrown. Please ride this route now to ensure that it is used. Best wishes were sent to Nick who is going into hospital soon for a knee operation. Unfortunately, the NLBS chainsaw was stolen from a van along with other tools – the police have been informed, but unfortunately, the chainsaw is not covered by insurance for theft. However, some of our members have volunteered to bring such tools along in future.
7. **BHS Rights of Way Book.** To help us with bridleway research, a new edition of the book has been ordered and paid for.
8. **NLBS Tack Sale - Sunday 22 October 2017** – Help is still needed both in providing sandwiches and cakes, helping out on the day and clearing up at the end. A list was sent round, but anyone else who is able to help is asked to contact Eve Hall on 01524 824205.
9. **Fire Safety.** Members were made aware of the procedure to be followed should the fire alarm bell sound.
10. **Horse Count.** We may pursue this by asking vets in the area for the relevant data.
11. **Rides.**
 - (i) Barton Pleasure Ride 23rd September
16km or 26km, Barton Equestrian Centre, Bilsborrow Lane, Bilsborrow, Preston Lancs, PR3 0RR. Ride Organiser Janet Bebbington –
jbebbington@btinternet.com – 07709 329963
All enquiries to Maxine Braithwaite – Maxine_braithwaite@live.com
33a Rainhall Road, Barnoldswick, Lancs BB18 5DR. Entry fee by 15th September.
See also lancs-egb.org.uk
 - (ii) Pleasure ride at Towneley Park, Burnley BB11 3ER. Sunday 1st October. 8 or 15 miles. For further information, see BHS Lancashire Facebook page or contact Chris Peat at mail@chrispeat.co.uk or 07811 279 092
12. **Any other business:**
 - i) **Ideas for speakers** – A list was sent round for members to add their suggestions for possible future speakers at our meetings.
 - ii) **Cross Bay rides** – cancelled this year, too wet. Maybe next year!

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- iii) **Road Safety leaflets** were available. Eve asked members to take these and distribute them eg at local garages etc.
- iv) **New Bridleway at Wray!** Members were delighted to hear from Michael Helme that there is a new circular route available now approx. 1 mile long near Lower Broadwood Farm. If you would like further details or have any ideas of a celebrity to open it, please contact Michael at horsechesnut5@hotmail.com. Finance for this has been provided by the BHS Paths for Communities Fund. Michael also reported that he is working to improve some rarely ridden concessionary bridleways in the area.

The meeting was followed by a very interesting presentation by Rebecca Sisson (nee Gregory) of Lakes Animal Physiotherapy about how we might detect the subtle signs that a horse shows when he is uncomfortable or needs the help of an equine physio.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 14 November 2017

The speaker will be from The Calvert Trust

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend