

## Minutes of general meeting to be held on 14th March 2023, 7:30pm

### 1. Welcome and new members

Bridget welcomed all to the meeting. A new member joined at the meeting: Anne Garland – welcome 😊

### 2. Apologies:

Gillian Nicholson, Suzanne Davis, Eve Hall, Kate Lennox, Sheena Robertson

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

These were agreed as a true and accurate record proposed by Hannah Gardner and seconded by Sarah Fulwood.

### 4. Matters Arising:

- a. **Sealford farm** – we had earlier agreed we would arrange a work party in March if necessary;  
This has been checked and has been cleared at ground level, but there are still some small overhanging branches on one side.  
It would be good to have a small work party to clear this. Hannah Gardner will speak to the people at Sealford Farm to see if it's possible to park there to undertake the work. Call for volunteers will be out later 😊
- b. **NLBS New Year lunch outing update** – this is now proposed as an afternoon tea at the [Appelstore Café](#) on **26<sup>th</sup> March at 2:30 pm at a cost of £18.50 per head**. A list went around the meeting and anyone else who would like to come please email Diane Richmond on [diane3richmond@yahoo.com](mailto:diane3richmond@yahoo.com) as soon as possible (further details including photos are in the NLBS email from 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023).
- c. **Quote for signs** – These came back from a local supplier at £22 per sign. NLBS will order 5 of each design at A1 size in the first instance.

### 5. Bridleway News

- a. **Lune Millenium path update**  
Liz met with UU land agent and they don't have money to clear the vegetation behind the wooden fence. They have suggested that as the fence falls down they will remove it. We are welcome to use the verge to ride on where possible and also the tarmac path. See Appended email confirming this from United Utilities.
- b. **Multi-user track** – See appended information. There is a new access path created from the Swan Hotel at Newby Bridge up to (eventually) near Lakeside. A newly created bridge has a lovely surface and really safe feel to ride with good gates. It is over the Lakeside and Haverthwaite steam railway line so you might want to check timetables before riding in the summer! It's not officially open yet as waiting for the new unitary authority to sign it off as a bridleway before people are allowed on it.  
The good news is that the Lake District National Park ranger got in touch to ask Bridget and Hannah to check it out, which is great in terms of being part of and influencing future developments.

**6. NLBS and members responses to consultations:**

- a. **Forestry commission survey** – link in the [BHS Access and RoW news](#) regarding permits for horse riding and carriage driving – still time to reply. You may wish to read [this article in the Guardian](#) first. Bridget will also fill in on behalf of NLBS.
- b. **South Lancaster link** – consultation ends on 22<sup>nd</sup> March. People will be able to find more information about the updated proposals and take part in the consultation online at: [www.lancashire.gov.uk/Transforming-Lancaster-Travel](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/Transforming-Lancaster-Travel).

Bridget will reply on behalf of NLBS, but needs some help from locals to know what to include. Please email her directly [chair@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nlbs.org.uk)

- c. **DMMO enquiry in Wray** – the earlier enquiry did not result in any riders claiming to have ridden it as it goes onto a playing field in the middle of the village.

**7. Any other business**

**a. Speaker ideas:**

**The Brook**

**Local donkey sanctuary?**

**Retraining of Racehorses (RoR)**

**Police Horses - Hutton**

**Adam Hiscock** – offered to come back to talk about his previous experience in the mounted police

**World Horse Welfare** – there is a new person in charge and so may be good to have an update

**South Lakes Horsemanship** – Jane Armstrong-Lancaster

**b. Best wishes are sent from us all to Eve for a speedy recovery.**

**Speaker:** Emily Massey from [EJM Horseback Archery](#) gave an inspiring talk about horseback archery, which has been around for millennia. She showed examples of the bow and arrow equipment and the various phases of HBA competition (it's not just galloping about firing arrows off left right and centre!). Emily shared the slides from the talk – thank you Emily!

**Dates of future 2023 meetings:**

**9<sup>th</sup> May AGM**

11<sup>th</sup> July

12<sup>th</sup> September

14<sup>th</sup> November

## NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

West Windermere Trail

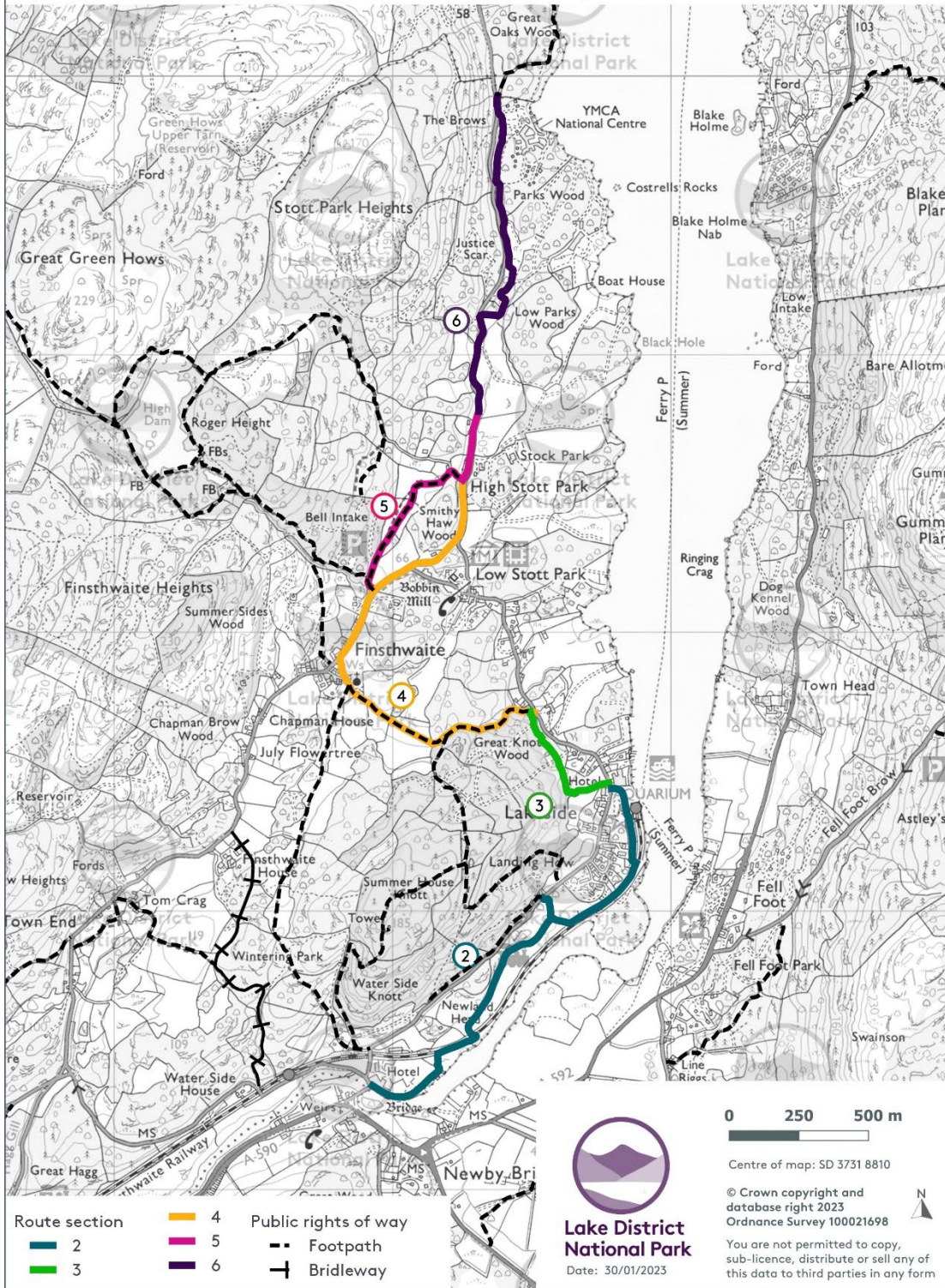
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The first part of this new trail From the Swan Hotel should be opening shortly, with other parts open through the year when they finished them (see website for more info). Bridget and Hannah at the request of LDNPA tested out the the new board walk and bridge and looked at access points. Bridge has a nice grippy surface and and board walk is good too being made of recycled plastic.

When going over the bridge best to check for a steam train coming and maybe worth looking at the train timestable before going. The trains do not run in winter.

A circler route can be done by parking on the road by the Motor Museum, Old Blue Mill, Backbarrow, Ulverston LA12 8TA

# West Windermere Way - proposed route and sections, January 2023



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