

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of general meeting held on 13 November 2018

It was with sadness Eve informed the meeting of the death of long time supporter Michael Helme who worked tirelessly to improve access for riders in our area

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed everyone to the meeting and new member Gill McClements. Membership now stands at 164. There is still one family subscription overdue from 2017 and 15 subs overdue from May this year.
2. **Apologies:** Ann Rigby, Elaine Edmondson, Carol Dial, Anna Twiname, Lorraine Chambers.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Sue Nelson, seconded Frances Clisham.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Julie Trafford** - Due to work commitments Julie is no longer able to help out with circulating emails and online admin. Eve thanked her for all her help and sent a gift card on behalf of the Group. *Note: Following the meeting Sue Armitage very kindly volunteered to look after the email account.*
6. **Fundraising ride Sunday 14th October.** Thank you to everyone who helped ensure the ride was a success. Over £1000 was raised which will be split between Rosemere Cancer Foundation, Cumbria Bridleways Society (CBS) and North Lancs Bridleways Society (NLBS). It was proposed that the funds be allocated £200 to CBS and £200 NLBS with the remainder to Rosemere Cancer Foundation. The proposal was accepted by members in attendance at the meeting – proposer: Diane Richmond, seconded: Helen Wain. CBS members had already approved this proposal at their recent meeting.
7. **NLBS Tack Sale - 2018** – Eve thanked everyone for a mammoth effort, especially Julie Sico for taking on the arrangements. A total of £608.50 was raised (tables £315, refreshments £202, entry £91.50).
8. **Bridleway News**
 - (i) *Update on Pennine Bridleway* – Derbyshire County Council have given a commitment to progress the funding application for £500,000 to complete the unfinished section of BW at Glossop.
 - (ii) *Regeneration of Canal* – despite representation from riders and bridleway groups at a series of consultation meetings it has been decided that horses will not be allowed on the Towpath Trail. The reasons given were a) more land would be needed b) Safety – increased costs to ensure public safety c) Maintenance.
 - (iii) *Greenlands Farm* Part of the bridleway leading to the canal has become overgrown again. Roger Mason, owner at Greenlands Farm will arrange clearance. Signage also needs updating.
 - (iv) *Update on route through Thwaite Brow Woods, Bolton le Sands* At the final stage objections have been received so the County Council cannot complete the process themselves. They have to submit the Order to the Planning Inspectorate for confirmation. This could take up to six months.
 - (v) *BW 13 – Jenny Brown's Point, Silverdale* - From Hollins Lane it is signposted as a footpath with BW sign further along the path. The need for correct signage has been reported.

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- (vi) *Permissive path Coach Road to Warton Crag BW* - This off rode route, which joins up with BW 12 over Warton Crag, is no longer available to be ridden or walked. The access agreement ceased on 31 July 2018..
- (vii) *Televison Licence* the Memorial Hall Committee have written to advise us that they do not hold a TV licence nor have a broadband connection. They are willing to consider the purchase of a licence if we think it would be useful.

9. Any other business and dates for your diary:

- i) **Cumbria Bridleways AGM 7.30pm Wed 21 November** – at The Greyhound, Shap followed by a talk from Nicola Evans “Fell Ponies and Conservation Grazing”
- ii) **Cumbria Bridleways BW Clearance Sun 25 November** Ulverston area. Further details from Bridget email bridgetpickthll1@gmail.com
- iii) **Vale of Lune Young Farmers Charity Promise Auction** – Monday 26 November, Arkholme Village Hall at 7.30. All proceeds to be split between Cancercare, Lancaster and Rosemere Cancer Foundation in memory of Victoria Wigglesworth.
- iv) **FairTrade at home** - 23 and 24 November 11am - 6pm at 1 Kirklands Road, Over Kellet LA6 1DP. Christmas shopping, crafts, food. Not horsey but lots of horsey people to chat to. All welcome.
- v) **Karl Greenwood, Rider Confidence Seminar – Sat 2 February 2019 at 13.00** Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Slyne with Hest , Lancs LA2 6JB. £25 - must be booked in advance. For more information contact Liz at klmdavison@btopenworld.com

Melanie Cruickshank gave a talk on her work as an Animal Communicator, illustrated with some examples of animals she’s helped which included horses, dogs and cats.

Next meeting: Tuesday, 8 January 2019

The speaker is to be confirmed.

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend