

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the general meeting held on 12 July 2016

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed new members Sue Nelson and Hannah Gardner to the Group..
2. **Apologies:** Kay Edwards, Karen Barnes, Julie Sico, Lorraine Chambers, Ailsa Gibson.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Frances Clisham and seconded by Sheila Kissack.
4. **Matters Arising:** Eve has taken some BHS safety leaflets to be distributed at the test centre.
5. **BHS Training Day – Part 2:** This will take place starting at 9.30am on **Saturday 13th August**. Please try and come – NLBS will pay. BHS are providing the refreshments. Chris Peat (the instructor who delivered the first part to us) will be leading it. Please enroll via the BHS website (Access and Rights of Way section). If you have any problems, please contact Julie Sico at vicechair@nlbs.org.uk
6. **Bridleway Clearing:**
 - (i) **Greenlands Farm.** We are hoping that members will be available to help clear bridleway on **Sunday 24th July at 11am**. Please let Eve know if you are available to help.
 - (ii) **Byway at Storth, Dollywood Lane** – this needs some work. It has been reported to Cumbria County Council. Not easy for us to help with this one – long, no parking etc.
 - (iii) **Heron Corn Mill** – to be cut back after end of nesting birds season.
 - (iv) Several at **Yealand** eg gate off hinges – waiting for our contractor (Fred) to have a look at and fix.
 - (v) **Millenium Path** – we have permission and will need to meet at Boat House Halton, date TBA.
 - (vi) **Tunstall** – ongoing
 - (vii) Gate has dropped at **Crag Bank off A6**. Needs Fred.
7. **Canal regeneration:** We have contacted Helen Moriarty who is Project Manager at the Lancaster Canal Regeneration Partnership (LRCP) to offer our support, both practical and financial.
8. **Rides:**
 - (i) Please keep **Saturday 22nd May 2017** free in your diaries. It is the provisional date for our Annual Ride which will be from Dolphinholme. Lots of help will be needed.
 - (ii) BHS Lancashire ride on Sunday 11th September at Longlands. No more info yet.
 - (iii) Farm Ride, Saturday 13th August at Cantsfield, Kirkby Lonsdale. Unfortunately this is the same date as our Training Day – see above.
 - (iv) Date for Cross Bay ride is rearranged to 11th August.
9. **NLBS Tack Sale – Sunday 16th October:** Another date for your diary! Refreshments and helpers needed
10. **Any other business:**
 - (i) Frances and Eve attended a meeting organized by the Lancaster and District Community and Voluntary Solutions about possible help from Lancaster University staff. We have put in a request asking for help with Bridleway research.
 - (ii) We wrote to the BHS to ask how they had spent the £1000 we donated to the Access Fund and how their legal department proposes to influence the development of drones and driverless cars in ways which are sympathetic to horse riders. The letters were available at the meeting for members to peruse. Another hazard which was raised was that provided by Hot Air Balloons being flown near horses.
 - (iii) Sheila attended the Hincaster Trailway AGM to keep abreast of developments.

Eve welcomed Sue Thompson who gave a most enjoyable and entertaining talk on her experiences riding in Spain.

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Next meeting: Tuesday, 13th September 2016

Alison Whittaker Stewart

Challenging Mounts to Super Steeds

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend