

Minutes from general meeting held on 10th January 2023, 7:30pm

1. Welcome and new members (please see appended details on membership)

2. Apologies

Sheila Kissack, Sue Clowes, Patricia Oliver, Jill Jenner, Pat Oliver, Carol Dial, Kate Lennox, Sheena Robertson, Sharon Cash, Anna Twiname

3. Minutes of Last Meeting

Proposed: Frances Clisham **Seconded:** Hannah Gardner

4. Matters Arising:

a. Bridleway clearing work party (see minutes 101, item 9b)

- i. **Beetham** – has been cleared, but may need to do again
- ii. **Sealford farm** – agreed we would arrange a work party in March if necessary;

Action: Bridget will talk/report initially to the county council and Hutton Roof parish council have also been good in keeping things clear

- iii. **Member suggestion:** The equestrian ‘half’ of the Lune Millenium path (aka the Greenway) needs assessing, as it would be a big job to clear this path. Perhaps this could be done in consultation with the parish councils or whoever should be involved.

Action: Liz Davison will follow up with her local contacts.

5. Honorary Members

Bridget proposed that Eve, Frances and Sheila should be granted honorary member status for all the work they have done over the years for NLBS and its members. **This was unanimously agreed.**

6. Bridleway News – Thank you Sheena for the most recent edition. Please all remember to send photos and stories to Sheena for the next one! <email>

7. NLBS responses to consultations:

a. Taylor Wimpey North Lancaster Strategic site consultation

Bridget wrote to ask them to be mindful of other users not just cyclists and walkers. No response has been received as yet.

8. NLBS New Year lunch outing – agreed a lunch at a weekend would be a good idea. Diane Richmond will explore options in Scorton and get some dates to send on.

9. Any other business

- a. **Signs: see attached** – the meeting agreed Slow Down and Slow were the ones that gave clear instruction to drivers. Then members can choose which is most appropriate for local circumstances e.g. if it’s a lane where passing at 2m isn’t possible the Slow Down might be more appropriate.
- b. **Cumbria Bridleways Society AGM** - Cumbria Bridleways Society Annual General Meeting Thursday 16th February 2023 7pm, Shap Memorial Hall A short meeting followed by a talk by Tom Lloyd from Hades Hill Fell Ponies and Fell Pony Adventure. The website is a bit out of dates, unfortunately we do have anyone keeping it up to date.
- c. **[Coast to Coast national trail](#)** – this project is picking up pace. They are now talking about having an off road route for riders and cyclists using bridleways that already exist.

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- d. **Diary dates:** Two rides across the bay in 2023 on 23rd June and 11th August – more details to follow
- e. **Speaker ideas** - Julie Sico (vicechair@nlbs.org.uk) asked members to please email her with ideas for topics and/or speakers for future meetings.

Ailsa Gibson suggested we could ask Di Brooksbank and will check in the first instance that she is happy to be asked. To date, she has submitted 50 to Lancashire County Council, but only 8 have gone to committee so far.

Speaker: [Sarah Yeates from Birkby Veterinary Physiotherapy](#) , [MSCP](#), [ACPAT CAT A](#), [RAMP member](#)
Once I've received them, I will forward the slides from the very informative talk given by Sarah about the links between physiotherapy for humans and animals and the benefits for both.

Membership Update as at January 10th 2023

No new members since the last meeting.

The membership currently stands at 165 including 16 honorary members.

Summary of membership numbers. The lower number in the subscriptions column reflects family memberships.

	No. of members	No. of Subs
Due May 2019	5	4
Due May 2020	9	9
Due May 2021	10	10
Due May 2022	3	3
Due May 2023	20	18
Due May 2024	3	2
Due May 2026	1	1
Standing Orders	98	86
Honorary Members	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>165</u>	<u>133</u>

Overdue subs by year due:

2019 – 5

2020 – 9

2021 – 10

2022 - 3

If you think you may be one of those overdue please email me via membership@nlbs.org.uk or text to 07766 807049. Thank you.

Dates of future 2023 meetings:

14th March

9th May AGM

11th July

12th September

14th November