

## Minutes from NLBS general meeting

held on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2024, 7:30pm

**1. Welcome and new members**

**2. Apologies:** Carolyn Jewell, Ailsa Gibson, Anne Garland, Suzanne Davis, Sharon Cash, Liz Davison

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting**

**a. Proposed:** Frances Clisham      **Seconded:** Sheena Robertson

**4. Matters Arising: none**

**5. Bridleway News**

- a) update on the Thwaite Brow Woods BW Order going to public inquiry. If you filled in a user evidence form back in 2015 please look out for a letter from the council, and we encourage you to reply to the council and offer to be involved.
- b) Trimpell Sports Club area and cycle track from Morecambe to Lancaster – does anyone ride this area and if so have you recently or ever met any opposition to equestrian use? One member at the meeting used to ride this route, but not for some time. NLBS will contact Lancaster City Council about getting signage to make it clear that equestrians are permitted to use the route.
- c) One member has been in touch with Melling council who have indicated that wherever possible they are supporting the idea of rights of way to be Bridleways not just footpaths. There is an old coffin road from Selby Lane from Melling to Arkholme which is currently being pursued for recognition as a bridleway.

**6. Membership update**

NLBS Membership – Report to September 2024 meeting

Welcome to Denise Brooks who joined at the July 2024 meeting:

The membership currently stands at 169 including 18 honorary members.

Membership forms and requests to pay by standing order can be downloaded from the NLBS website. I have an updated membership form needs to replace the one currently on the website as there have been problems for people trying to set up one-off and regular payments.

	No. of members	No. of Subs
Due May 2023	5	5
Due May 2024	14	12
Due May 2025	26	23
Due May 2026	3	3
Standing Orders	103	82
Honorary Members	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b><u>169</u></b>	<b><u>125</u></b>

The above totals exclude the mystery member, 'R J Elliston', who pays subs by BACS each year but there's no record of their membership. Once again, if anyone knows him/her please let me know by email at [membership@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:membership@nlbs.org.uk)

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**Please note:** Annual Membership of £5 is now overdue (beginning of May 2024). If you have already set up regular membership payment thank you! If you haven't yet and would like to, please see "How to join us" on [our website](#) and the link at [top of our FB page](#).

### 7. NLBS and members responses to consultations

- a. **Keswick to Threlkeld link [survey will be open until 30th September](#)** - Bridget has written on behalf of NLBS to ask that it be inclusive of equestrians as well. If responding please request that they open up the whole route to equestrians. There are 2 drop in sessions in September on 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at council offices and Threlkeld village hall.
  - b. **Westmorland and Furness local plan** – letter written asking that any ROW improvements please make multi-user and equestrian friendly.
  - c. **Halton with Aughton local plan** – mentions equestrians positively – hurrah!
8. **NLBS Tack Sale – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – request for help in the pop-up café and sandwiches and cake for the event from Julie. Please email her [vicechair@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@nlbs.org.uk) if you are able to provide something for the café and/or offer help (even for a short time).

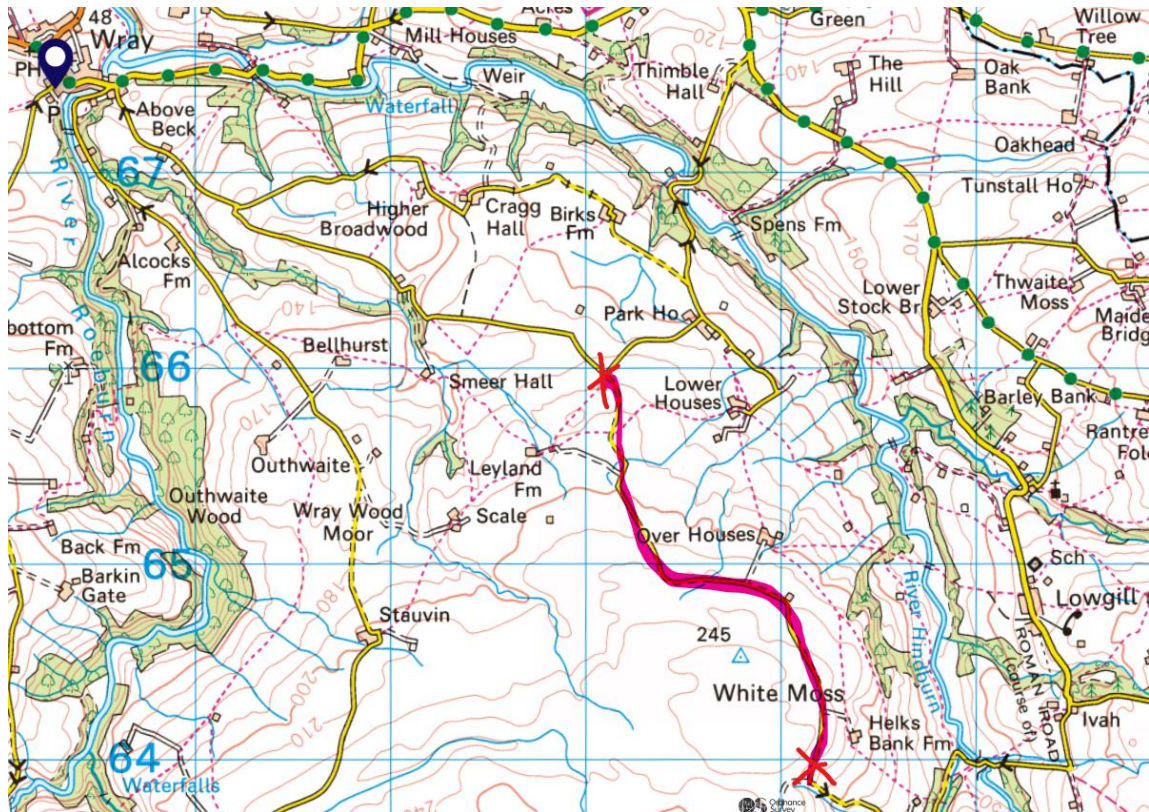
### 9. Any other business

a. **Track Tour visit on SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2024 at 1pm, 'Boundary View'..Lindale..Cumbria.**

Please remember to email Julie Sico to confirm your personal accident insurance is current before the visit.

- b. **Reminder about the [Furness RDA sponsored ride](#)** on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, entries close this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>.
- c. **Members were asked to check for discrepancies between paper and digital maps.** Recently a member spotted that a bridleway in Cumbria was shown incorrectly as a footpath on the digital and online definitive map!
- d. **Speaker ideas** - reminder to send these to [vicechair@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:vicechair@nlbs.org.uk)
- e. The coffers are looking healthy and so we are looking for ideas for how NLBS could use some funds to support projects to enhance equestrian access – Bridget has contacted Lancashire very keen, Westmorland and Furness yet to reply. Please contact [chair@nlbs.org.uk](mailto:chair@nlbs.org.uk) with any ideas.
- f. There is an issue with some gates on a road between Wray and Helks Brow (see map below - there are 8 of them!). Some of the cattle grids have been replaced but not the access gates alongside them. We can use the "Love Clean Streets" to report issues, although we will check if this is the best way to report this particular issue.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7:30pm**

### **Speaker:**

Our speaker was Janet Berry from Ulnes Walton Bridleways Society. She shared their 20 years (so far!) of creating safe off road routes for all in their area. Meeting with some resistance at first, they are now recognised locally for the benefit that multi-user access routes, as well as developing partnerships with local councils and construction activities to enable these to be designed in from the beginning. For example, Barratts are building a huge estate in the area of 950 houses when finished. Working with them will result in 5.2km of multi use paths in and around the estate together with a number of Pegasus crossings. The paths link with an existing network that UWBA have created over these last 20 years.

An inspirational talk – thank you Janet 😊



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