

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of the general meeting held on 8 July 2014

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed 4 new members – Ann Rigby, Jacqui Butler, Sarah and Jessica Partington.
2. **Apologies:** Helen Wain, Diane Richmond, Petra Rowley.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** were confirmed as a true and accurate record.
4. **Matters Arising:** None.
5. **Forest of Bowland AONB 50th Anniversary Award:** . Former secretary Vicky Lowe has been nominated for all her hard work on the North Lancashire Bridleway – a circular bridleway in the Forest of Bowland. These awards aim to recognise the outstanding work of a wide range of projects, individuals and organisations that have contributed to conserving and enhancing the natural beauty of the AONB since its designation in 1964. For details of the route download a leaflet from www.forestofbowland.com website, look under Enjoying – Cycling/Bridleway leaflets.
6. **Code of Conduct on Bridleways:** The Lake District National Park Authority (LDNPA) are in the process of producing a code of conduct for the use of bridleways and other public routes within the Lake District. The initial draft sent out for consultation suggested horse riders should go no faster than a trot on bridleways. NLBS have sent a letter opposing the proposed limit and have suggested riding with consideration for other users and the conditions at the time. A response has yet to be received.
7. **Tabards:** The recent purchase of Hi Viz tabards for use on our pleasure rides has been well received resulting in a neighbouring bridleways group expressing an interest in purchasing similar tabards for use on their rides.
8. **Gate on Scout Hill:** One of the bridleway gates leading up to Scout Hill is badly in need of repair/replacement. This is now in hand and the contractor will undertake the work in due course.
9. **Overgrown Byway near Farleton:** A contractor has been approached to undertake clearance of said Byway.
10. **John Barlow Trailers:** An open day is to be held details will be circulated when to hand.
11. **Any other business:**
 - (i) *Black Castle Lane, Off Bottomdale Road, Slyne* - this byway will be closed for up to 2 years due to the construction of the new Heysham/M6 link road.
 - (ii) *Pennine Bridleway* - a National Trail which runs roughly parallel with the Pennine Way but provides access for horse rides, cyclists as well as walkers. Leaflets available detailing the route and accommodation providers see www.nationaltrail.co.uk/pennine-bridleway. Well worth riding, fully waymarked with excellent accommodation providers.
 - (iii) *TREC English Championships* - congratulations to Liz Davison and Jane Armstrong-Lancaster members of Bowland TREC Group who are now 2014 English Champions - Level 3 pairs.
 - (iv) *Pleasure Ride, fundraiser for GB TREC squad – Malham - 2nd August 2014 at 10.30am*
Approx 15 miles, using quiet country lanes, bridleways and the stunning open moorland surrounding the Dale. Numbers limited. Minimum donation £20 to include parking and tea/cake on return. To book a place please contact: crossley.caitlin@googlemail.com

William Reddaway gave an entertaining talk on his long distance "Ride around England"

Next meeting: Tuesday, 9 September 2014

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend