

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of general meeting held on 12 March 2019

1. **Welcome and new members:** Eve welcomed everyone to the meeting. There are 16 outstanding subs for 2018. Eve reminded everyone that subs for the coming year are due on 1 May 2019.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Armitage, Janet Bebbington, Suzanne Davis, Sarah Fulwood, Kate Lennox, Diane Richmond, Ann Rigby, Helen Wilkinson.
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting** confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Sue Nelson, seconded: Helen Wain.
4. **Matters Arising:** Lancaster Canal Regeneration Project (LCRP) – further to LCRP's decision not to allow horse riders on the new towpath NLBS and Cumbria Bridleways sent a joint letter to the partnership asking them to reconsider. A response has been received along with an offer from the partnership chair to meet later in the spring.
5. **Bridleway News**
 - (i) *Horse Access Campaign (HAC) UK* has started to look into the work Fix the Fells (FTF) are doing to the bridleways (BW). Hannah Gardner has been asked to provide a list of FTF BW's that are now unusable for all users and has asked for our help. To date there is Nethermost Pike down to Grizedale from Helvellyn; Boredale; bridleway over Catbells from Derwent Water side; Scarth gap from Blacksail YH to Buttermere and Angle Tarn to Great Langdale though it is unclear if FTF have done work in either of these areas, but horse riders say they are not good. If you know of any others/further info on these routes please leave Hannah a message on Lake District Mountain Bike Association (LDMBA) Facebook page. The original post was dated 21 January.
 - (ii) *Yealand Redmayne* – unsafe gate still awaiting repair.
 - (iii) *Tunstall* – negotiations with the landowner are ongoing regarding replacement of several unsafe gates on BW.
 - (iv) *Riding on canal towpaths* – Burnley Bridleway Association are looking for information from horseriders who ride any canal towpath. Info needed: canal name; stretch ridden; is it statutory BW, concessionary or de facto access; how long have you ridden this towpath; do you have any knowledge of verified incidents of user conflict. Please send details to Cosi Towneley (email: mail@cositowneley.co.uk or tel: 07817 725976)
 - (v) *BHS Ride Maps* - the site provides maps of riding routes in England/Scotland/Wales/Northern Ireland. www.bhsaccess.org.uk/ridemaps/
 - (vi) *BHS Map my Hack* – www.bhsaccess.org.uk/mapmyhack - this site allows you to upload routes that you regularly ride. Visit the site for further information. In brief it shows BHS everywhere that is ridden and will help them to preserve where you ride and enable them to show demand for safe traffic-free routes for riders. It only shows where YOU ride – it does not provide route guides for others to follow. See Ridemaps for verified route guides
 - (vii) *SUSTRANS* Mark Weston, BHS Director of Access is now a member of the steering group and has requested examples of horses denied access to routes on the National Cycle Network (view map of cycle routes at www.sustrans.org.uk). If anyone has examples of cycleways banning horses please let Mark have details email: mark.weston@bhs.org.uk
6. **Any other business and dates for your diary:**
 - (i) *Karl Greenwood, Rider Confidence Seminar – February 2019* Following this event the NLBS received a kind donation raised from the provision of refreshments.

Liz Davison, TREC GB International Rider gave an informative account of competing at the Senior Rider European TREC Championships 2018 in Bracciano Italy.

Next meeting: AGM and General meeting, Tuesday, 14 May 2019

Hest Bank Memorial Hall, LA2 6JB

Please come along and bring a friend