

NORTH LANCASHIRE BRIDLEWAYS SOCIETY

Minutes of general meeting held on 10 March 2020

1. **Welcome and new members:** There have been no new members since the last meeting. The membership total at March 2020 was 166 however 10 subscriptions are still overdue from 2018.
2. **Apologies:** Sue Armitage, Suzanne Davies, Liz Davison, Caroll Dial, Elaine Edmondson, Steve and Linda Hobson, Sheila Kissack, Kate Lennox
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Proposed: Ann Rigby, seconded Sue Nelson.
4. **Matters Arising:** there were no matters arising.
5. **Bridleway News –**
 - (i) *Extension to the Lune Millenium Path* – Sustrans have invited comments from the NLBS on the draft options appraisal report for the *Lune Valley Greenway – extension from Bull Beck to Wray*. A letter has been drafted and sent indicating our preferred route along with information about suitable horse friendly surfaces. We have also offered to send a representative to any further meetings and suggested practical ways in which NLBS may be able to help.
 - (ii) *Eskrigg Lane bridleway* - in 2018 this overgrown bridleway was cleared by a work party made up of members of NLBS and Cumbria Bridleways, we are pleased to report this bridleway has been kept clear by the local farmers and our thanks go to them. Please continue to ride and enjoy this route.
6. **Events Training Day** –. The BHS are providing training days to ensure each group have the necessary skills to run events and any other activities covered by their insurance. As a BHS affiliated group we are covered by this insurance and to comply with the insurance requirements we are obliged to send a Group member to attend one of these training days. Our thanks go to Sue Clowes who has kindly agreed to be our representative and attend on our behalf.
7. **Any other business:**
 - (i) **Christmas meal:** once again we had an enjoyable evening at The Smithy Inn and our thanks go to Frances for organising this on our behalf.
 - (ii) **Used Postage Stamps** – thank you to everyone who brought along their used stamps. Eve will now send these to Bransby Horses Rescue and Welfare. Unfortunately their centre in Lincolnshire was badly flooded in November 2019 and an Emergency Flood Crisis Appeal was launched. If you would like to donate to this appeal or for more information go to www.bransbyhorses.co.uk
 - (iii) **Beacon Fell/Garstang area Saturday 21 March** – for anyone who rides in this area a motorsport car rally race is taking place in and around the Forest of Bowland. The race is in several stages and one of the stages will make use of part of the circuit road of Beacon fell.

We were grateful to Helen Wain for stepping in at short notice to introduce us to *The Dominance Factor* and how the link between the side of the body we favour for seeing, hearing, touching and moving can influence the way we think and learn. We had fun establishing our *dominant profile* and considering ways in which this could then be used to help us in our riding and learning.

Next meeting: AGM Tuesday, 12th May 2020
Hest Bank Memorial Hall, Hest Bank LA2 6JB
Please come along and bring a friend