**MINUTES OF HEBDEN BRIDGE WALKERS ACTION**

**27th November 2017 Pennine Prospects**

**Present** Chair Ian Vickridge, Secretary, Mo Ludlam, Treasurer John Dunford, Richard Peters, Jo Bird, Suzy Hesselden, Adele Adams (Pennine Prospects)

**Minutes of last meeting** Agreed

**Matters Arising** Mary Townley loop has been filmed by Google. Possible launch event?. Richard to follow up. Trig Points in the Upper Valley, all 17 have now been painted.

**Treasurers report** John reported that all the grant money for Heart of the Pennines project has now been spent. Walkers are Welcome AGM accounts, John reported a profit of £66.17. Agreed to donate £50.00 to Pennine Heritage as a thank you for all their help. Mo to deliver it with Thank you card. Done. Agreed to send a copy of the AGM accounts to Don Davenport from Cromer who plan to host the 2018 AGM. HBWA have £1615.79 in the bank but there is an invoice awaited from Pennine Pens and when this is paid there will be £1490.70 left. John to e mail Heart of the Pennines accounts to Todwalkers, Mytholmroyd Walkers Action and Pennine Heritage. Also to e mail AGM accounts to Todwalkers and MWA.

**Pop out Walks** All agreed that the concept is very interesting. It should be aimed at local people. Calderdale still haven’t heard about the lottery bid to promote activity for health. However if no money from this source we can apply elsewhere. Who is the client group? Discussed charging, agreed small charge. There is an argument for a small pilot.

**Hebden Bridge Loop on the Pennine Way** Free leaflet about to run out. Agreed to reprint with directions. Directions may need checking again. Richard to download the directions from the Loop website and give it to Mike Barrett to see if it is possible to produce. Note an application for £500, printing costs, was submitted after the meeting to Calderdale Ward Forum and the application was successful.

**Walk and Ride Festival** Adele explained that funding for this from Pennine Prospects is not available for next year. Adele has applied for £20,000 from Aviva. She will know shortly. There was a good turnout for the big spectator events but low turnout for individual events. Very poor weather was a contributing factor for this. Mountain bike events well attended. Lengthy discussion. Agreed HBWA will offer pop out walks evening walks for next year if the Festival goes ahead. Perhaps limit the number of walks available daily to encourage bigger numbers on walks. Adele to look at this. Adele also looking at other ideas and other possible funding streams.

**National Trust Paths in the Crags** Richard is looking to update four paths and update the instruction leaflet. The paths are Slurring Rock, three bridges circular, Widdop Gate loop, and Riverside Ramble. These paths need walking out. Richard will send out details. This needs doing in the next 2 months.

**Heart of the Pennines Project** The cinema advert is due to be shown in January. New postcards are being printed to be distributed via the walking shops internet orders. There are a whole lot of Heart of the Pennines leaflets in boxes somewhere in Northern Rail. Richard is getting no reply to e mails from John O’Grady our contact person at Northern. Next Heart of the Pennines meeting 11th January at the Birchcliffe centre. Possible conference in May. However there are few involved from Todwalkers and Mytholmroyd is struggling to continue. The website can continue and costs £70.00 per year.

**Walkers are Welcome AGM** The AGM was a success and this project is now completed. Mo is no longer on the National Committee. Note there is a regional get together for Northern WaW towns on 24th February, Leeds.

**Hebden Bridge Boundary Walk**  The Rotary club will no longer be doing this. Numbers participating have fallen and it is not bringing in enough funds. Possible leaflet of the route in three sections? To return to this.

**Twinning with Japanese Town**  Mo to contact the Japanese representatives who attended the conference to get details.

**Distribution of Booklets and Leaflets**  Went through list of outlets. Bob Deacon used to do the town centre shops. Jo Bird agreed to keep the Bookcase, Mountain Wild and Just Books stocked, she will collect stock from Mo. Suzy will check Halifax library, Springfield camping. Mo will do Hebden TIC, Cragg vale caravan park on request, John will do Howarth, and Heptonstall post office. Richard will do the Robin Hood, Cragg Vale, Hardcastle Crags and Tod TIC.

**Calderdale Way** Halifax Civic Trust was going to look at the running of the Calderdale way association but there has been no action and no action on the 40th anniversary of the route next year. The route is out of date and some paths are in a dreadful state. Friends of Calderdale Countryside might fund the work. Ian to talk to Mick Chatham about this because he leads walks around it.

**Mytholmroyd Walkers Action** There are new people involved and we should meet them. Mo to e mail them and go to their next meeting.

**Next meeting - to be arranged after meeting with Mytholmroyd Walkers Action.**