



South Gwent Ramblers



Minutes of the committee meeting held on 9 October 2003

Members present - Ken Phillips, Brian Williams, Fred Fee, Val Clark, Howard Harvey, Kath Sadler, Adrian Sheehan.

1. *Apologies for absence* from Ian Reese and Ray Cantwell
2. *Minutes of last meeting* were adopted
3. *Matters arising from the minutes*
 - 3.1. *Item 3.3* The rate is 22p per mile for private transport.
 - 3.2. *Item 3.4* Fred will do a mock-up.
 - 3.3. *Item 4* Ken will mention this in the Newsletter.
4. *Greater Gwent Strategic Framework document – matters arising*
 - 4.1. Ken or Brian will place the document in the Newsletter.
 - 4.2. Adrian noted that the Framework was much edited by the Area to concentrate on matters most relevant to the Groups.
 - 4.3. Ken noted that bus trips help to satisfy the desire for less use of private transport.
 - 4.4. Adrian said that we could target doctor's surgeries for "Walking Wounded" walks and nurseries for family walks. Ken added that we could expand the "Walk and Talk" simple walks, for example by visiting Cosmeston.
5. *Officers' reports*
 - 5.1. *Secretary* Ken commented on the correspondence list (*see below*).
 - 5.2. *Treasurer* Brian reported that we now have £1717 in hand. The statement of account will be audited by Alun Booth. £102 has been received from members for the barbecue, but nothing has yet been paid - £162.97 is due to be paid, including £60.97 for drinks. The barbecue was graced by three guests – George West, Judy Cox (Area representative) and Jo Wright who led the first walk. Apologies were received from the Chief Countryside Officer of Monmouthshire and John Ridley who could not attend. Ken will write a letter of thanks and take a small gift to the barbecue organisers.
 - 5.3. *Footpaths Officer* was not present.
 - 5.4. *Rambles Officer* Adrian noted a couple of gaps in the walks program and a shortage of leaders. The Area walk was poorly attended by South Gwent members. Judy Cox is to be a guest leader.

[Fred will typeset the Group and Area Newsletters. Ken suggested that we supply a buffet (£2.55 a head from the Council) for the AGM to general agreement.]

Ken asked if the walk and talk report had been sent and Adrian agreed to chase it up.

Adrian will nominate the walk on the Sunday after Christmas as our contribution to the Festival of Winter Walks.

Adrian noted that the Lower Wye Group had produced a very professional walks booklet @ £3.75. Ken suggested that we buy some for the Group to general agreement.

5.5. *Membership Secretary* see attached sheet

5.6. *Publicity Secretary* had nothing to report, but Ken and Brian had assembled our exhibition and it was displayed for two months in July, August and September in the main library

5.7. *IT Officer's report* IT Officer was not present.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. RA Minutes of E.C. Meeting 17/18 May	File
2. RA New Recruitment Leaflets	File
3. RA Area Recruitment Challenge	File
4. RA Regional approach to Countryside matters	File
5. RA Countryside Update August 03	File
6. RA Access Bulletin September 03	File
7. RA Advice on Guidebooks	File
8. RA New Insurance Arrangement	File
9. RA Ordnance Survey Show	File
10. RA Countryside Update September 03	File
11. RA Footpath Campaigner	File
12. RA Big Feet laminates	File
13. RA Recruitment Leaflets	File
14. RA Survey of Off road motorcycles	File
15. RA Removal of Obstructions CROW	Discuss
16. RA New Access Symbol	Discuss
17. RA Access Bulletin	File
18. RA Footpath Campaigner	File
19. Ramblers Holidays Holiday Offers	File
20. Ruperra Correspondence	Discuss
21. C.C.W. Access Maps	Discuss
22. Greater Gwent Correspondence	Discuss

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Dear Val

Printout Distribution - End of September 2003 GG 1 South Gwent.

There is a copy of the current membership listing for the whole group together with the membership changes for this month

Greater Gwent figures for this month are:

South Gwent	200	Renewal Rate	91.2 (90.6 in Wales)
Pontypool	241	Membership per 100,000 popⁿ	200 (237 in Wales)
North Gwent	89		
Lower Wye	220	New members this month:	12
Gelligaer	88	% change in membership;	+7.4% in year
Islwyn	46		+2.4% in 6 months
Area Total	884		

Please bring these figures to the attention of your next committee meeting. Just to remind you again that I can let you have a list of members on disc or by e-mail if you require it.

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