

COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, 18 March 2020

Conference Call – 2000 hrs

Minutes

Present: Steve Nicholas - Chair Neil Pritchard - Walk Co-Ordinator Jan Wilson - Membership Secretary Mandy Norris - Secretary Apologies: Neil Elder - Treasurer		
1.	Welcome Steve thanked Committee members for participating in this Extraordinary Committee Meeting which has been called in response to the Coronavirus pandemic and publication of the Ramblers recent guidance.	
2.	Ramblers & H40+ Response To Coronavirus Following the publication of the Ramblers guidance ‘Coronavirus – advice for members and volunteers’, Steve confirmed that Ramblers are now in the process of cancelling all walks on the Ramblers website until the end of May. (Derek has also cancelled his walk next Sunday.) Neil P confirmed he will update the Facebook spreadsheet to reflect cancellation of walks and will keep the Facebook page up to date with Ramblers updates as they are published. Neil P also mentioned that he has recently added more useful columns on the spreadsheet, one to reflect the walk leader’s name and another to identify whether the walk has been uploaded to the website. A member has asked whether the Facebook page can be used to promote unofficial short walks for small numbers of people who would like to continue to walk for wellbeing, whilst observing the social distancing guidelines. Following discussion, the Committee agreed that the Facebook page cannot be used for this purpose due to the risk of large numbers of people turning up which is contrary to the Government’s Public Health guidelines and the potential negative impact this could have on the H40+ Walking Group’s status as an affiliate group of the Ramblers organisation and the benefits this brings. Steve agreed to add a note to the Facebook page to reflect this decision.	Neil Pritchard Steve Nicholas
3.	Next Meeting To reflect the success of this meeting using the conference call facility and to reduce the Committee’s carbon footprint, it is likely meetings may be held remotely in future. Chairman to organise the next meeting when there is business to discuss.	