

Ramblers Association – Furness Group Annual General Meeting
November 14th 2011 – 7.30pm at Stan Laurel Pub, Ulverston

The Chairman formally declared the meeting open at 7.30pm.

Present: George Cubiss, Tricia Casey, Barry Jones, Margaret Gibson, Phil Walker, John Lawson.

There were 8 members present including the committee.

Apologies: Don Bland, Alan Smith, Barbara Crellin

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

The income and expenditure accounts for the year will be scrutinised at a later date due to the unavoidable absence of the Treasurer.

The following were re-appointed as officers of the club.

Chairman – George Cubiss

Treasurer – Don Bland

Secretary – Tricia Casey

Committee members are:

Vice Chairman – Barry Jones

Footpath Secretary – Phil Walker

Programme/social secretary – Margaret Gibson

Rep on Barrow Council for Countryside and Wildlife Group – Frank Lawson

Reps to Governing Body of the Area – Phil Walker, George Cubiss.

Other committee members: John Lawson, Alan Smith.

Independent Examiner of Accounts: Mr. Winder.

There were no motions submitted to the meeting.

Chairman's report.

English Coastal Route.

Work on the English Coastal Route is continuing in the north of the county, despite government cut back. Ian Brodie is speaking to landowners and local councillors and other interested partners to maintain the initiative. The work is proceeding well.

Area AGM.

This year the AGM will be hosted by the Lancaster Group. It is to be held in The Friends Meeting House, Meeting House Lane, Lancaster, at 2.30pm on Saturday, 14th January. The speaker will be Lord Clark of Windermere, who will give a talk on the 'Forestry and Ramblers' All members are welcome to attend.

Footpath surveys for the LDNP

Two members of the Furness Group attended an instruction course given by Nick Thorne of the LDNP at Troutbeck Village, on surveying paths in line with the LDNP procedures. The first set of surveys was carried out successfully. The November issues are being done now.

It is expected that there will be further courses next year and other Furness Group members have expressed a wish to attend and be involved in future footpath surveys.

Chalet Secretary.

Barbara Crellin has resigned as Chalet Secretary. We thank her for her sterling work over the years. We decided that there would be no need to have a secretary for the near future until the chalet had been rebuilt. We will review this decision over the coming walking year.

Any Other Business.

The committee thanked all the members who have once again planned and led the walks that enable the Furness Ramblers to have such a complete programme.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.