

## **Sheffield Visually Impaired Walking Group**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held on 1st December 2021 - Held At The Wadsley Jack Public House Sheffield - Preceding the Christmas Lunch**

#### **CHAIRMAN:**

David gave a warm welcome to everyone. He likened the Walking Group's re- emergence to VE Day when World War II ended and the black days were over and things looked much brighter and life began to get back to normal. Fast forwarding to the 21st century and our normality coming back after our isolation due to the pandemic. Since June we have walked and socialised. We've had our holiday in Kendal which was fantastic and we have new VIPs and guides, which is always a good thing.

I want us all to remember the members that are no longer with us, Betsy, John, George and Ann who all gave so much to this walking group. I would like the Fundraising Challenge to be renamed 'The John Bater Challenge'. (This was hailed by the members as a great idea.)

I want to thank all the guides and VIPs for supporting the walks. The Park Rangers, the leaders of the walks and Eileen for being the walks coordinator, she is doing a fantastic job. I want to thank Hilary our Social Secretary for working so hard arranging our holiday and outings and lunches. I want to thank Gail for being our Newsletter Editor, keeping us all up to speed with things and thanks to Christine for being our membership secretary and sorting out guides for the Wednesday walks over the last few years.

I want to thank everyone on the Committee, it's been an honour and pleasure over the last 5 years and most importantly I want to thank the members. Thank you all for your good wishes.

#### **2. APOLOGIES**

None

#### **3. MINUTES of the last AGM were accepted as a true record.**

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING**

None.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT** Stan Wainwright (Treasurer). The Treasurer's report for the year ending 31st March 2021 was circulated to members.

#### **6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**See above**

#### **7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Officers:**

**Chair:** *Sue Hill*

**Vice Chair:** *Martin Wing proposed by Committee*

**Walks Planner and Co-ordinator:** *Eileen Ingram*

**Membership Secretary:** *vacant*

**Treasurer:** *Stan Wainwright*

**Social Secretary:** *Hilary Myers*

**Minutes Secretary:** *Pauline Bullivant*

**Newsletter Editor:** *Gail Fagan*

**Other Committee Members:** *Margaret Patrick and Judith co-opted members*

**David ended the AGM wishing everyone Happy Christmas.**