

SHEFFIELD VISUALLY IMPAIRED WALKING GROUP AGM 7 JULY 2022

HELD AT ST VINCENT'S CHURCH HALL CROOKES SHEFFIELD

Chair's Welcome: Sue welcomed everyone to the meeting

Apologies: Margaret Patrick. Adrian, Anne's son sent his best wishes

Minutes of the last AGM: adopted as a true record

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report has been circulated to members. Stan reported that our bank balance is healthy with 'cash at bank' being £8,715.85

Chairman's Report: Once again, thank you for coming to the AGM I'm sure everyone has heard the fantastic news of the grant we have been awarded by the Sheffield City Trust we are very grateful for it, it will be very useful.

Other news items not quite as exciting, that we amended the constitution and we will vote on the amendments later. Also we have had two guide training sessions, which were well attended by new guides and experienced guides interested in refreshing their skills.

And of course, we have done lots of lovely walks, had lunches out, and been on holiday. On behalf of the VIPs I'd like to thank the people who made this all possible, our wonderful guides. Their unfailing kindness, patience and generosity never cease to amaze me. They never give up on us, even when they have their own problems to deal with as well as ours, and through it all they keep doing it with a sense of humour. The contribution they make to our lives in terms of sense of achievement, freedom and range of experience is immeasurable. Thank you.

I'd also like to thank the members of the committee for their hard work and total support for me in my new role as Chair. Some committee members, as you know, have had, or are still having problems health wise, but it hasn't stopped them. True to the spirit of our group they carry on regardless. Thank you.

And then of course there is the VIPs. Sense of adventure, fun,

determination. From my point of view, you are an inspiration. There's always someone who has greater obstacles to overcome than yourself, and if they are going to have a go, then there's no way I am going to give up and let the side down. I know, or at least I think, we get on the guides nerves sometimes, but please don't change you make this such a special group.

Election of Officers: The following officers were elected:

Sue Hill Chair

Martin Wing Membership Secretary/Vice Chair

Stan Wainwright Treasurer

Pauline Bullivant Secretary

Eileen Ingham Walks Coordinator

Gail Fagan Newsletter

Hilary Myers Social Secretary

Christine Hewitt

Margaret Patrick Co-opted Member

Judith Morton Co-opted Member

Amendments to the Constitution: only 2 changes from the 2012 version

Point 2- at the end of the paragraph the words 'and surrounding areas' have been added

Point 5- Management: the number of elected officers to read '8' replacing '7'

Everyone was happy with the amendments.

Any Other Business:

Holiday update: Hilary updated everyone. We will be setting off at 10 am our rooms will be ready at 3pm. We leave Whitby at 9.30 am Friday morning stopping off at Helmsley we should arrive in Sheffield about 3 to 3.30 pm. If anyone has any dietary requirement please let Hilary know and let her know if you want the hotel to provide anything for your dog. You can take a packed lunch with you on the journey to Whitby or eat there when we arrive. The walks will be a bit of both, coastal and inland.

Coach Ramble: Hilary is liaising with Julie Graham with the view of having a coach ramble out of Hartington, Derbyshire either in the Autumn or Spring.

Fundraising Challenge: this is going to be discussed at Committee

Convenient Bus Stops: Eileen requested that could we consider carefully when arranging a walk's end or cut off point that there is a convenient place to get a bus, she would really appreciate it.

Close of meeting: Sue thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and a special thanks to Hilary for arranging the catering and of course a thank you to catering themselves.