Red Rope		
Draft Minutes of NC Meeting		
15th February 2020		
Friends of the Earth Café, Allison Street, Birmingham		
Present: Gill Platt, Janet Saunders, David Symonds (Chair), Steve Wright, Barbara Segal, Adrian Jones, Jon Marsden. (Minutes) **Apologies**: Humphrey Southall, Dave Doody. Rebekah Bates		
Item No	**Minutes**	**Action**
	Minutes of NC Meeting November 2019 London Agreed correct; available on the website	
	Matters/Actions arising from previous meeting Emails not getting through to regional reps Check list of forwarding addresses for Regional reps and update if necessary	Janet
1	**Reports from Officers** **National trips secretary Becky B.** • Was email re cancellation of New Year trip inappropriate? - NC agreed it was not. • Cancellations – NC suggests that a week's notice be given for any future trip, to all members signed up to the trip, in case any wish to take action to prevent cancellation. • Lack of response to suggestions circulated in November – NC members apologise and agree that the work done on this is valued **National Secretary Dave S.** • Voting procedure for new National Secretary: Regional input – Procedure exists for decisions on other matters to be made by regions, but not for the election of officers. NC to discuss a possible policy at June meeting, with a view to presenting any policy agreed to the AGM **LMC Cae Ysgubor Barbara S.** • Guests – LMC has agreed that certain members may take guests. Barbara to respond, proposing that this should be all key fob holders. • Complaint – LMC require the member concerned to return the key fob and the member is to be invited to meet with local members to clarify how the club works regarding the use of huts etc. Barbara S, to send email, cc Jon, Uta, Pete W. • Working Weekend – LMC members (2) to be invited to evening meal prepared and paid for by Red Rope. Transport costs may be subsidised for members in Bands 1 and 2. Barbara S. To email participants.	Trip organiser / trips secretary NC, June 2020 Barbara S, Barbara S, Barbara S.
2	**National Weekend 2020** • Measures to encourage attendance	Dave S. and Steve W.

	– Early booking discount to be offered; - Regional reps to be encouraged to treat the trip as one of their annual trips. - First announcement by email mid-May. - Notice in MIS from March 2020. - Transport costs to be subsidised for members in Bands 1 and 2.	Jon M.
3	**Membership renewal – timings** • Reminders **–** to be sent: 1. early November, 2. early December, 3,. just before Christmas, 4. late January, and 5. late February • Renewals by annual Direct Debit – this proposal needs to be researched to look at implications and how it would work with WebCollect. Further discussion to follow at NC meeting in June with a view to drafting a motion for the AGM on Direct Debiting • Issues with membership cards expiring 31st December - leads to pressure on Membership secretary to send out over Christmas period to arrive by 1st Jan. – agreed to allow one month's overlap i.e. expiry date to be shown on cards as 31st January.	Gill P. Janet S. and Humphrey S. NC, June Gill P, December 2020 / Jan 2021
4	**A new National RR email system** • Agreed to transfer to riseup • Ask Dave Doody to email membership to advise changeover and fix date	Barbara S. Janet S.
5	**Training** • John Aldous' continued involvements much appreciated. Other training can be arranged by trip organisers, by regions, and others. Dave S. To contact John A. Regarding use of the email address training@redrope.org.uk	Dave S.
6	**On-line trip bookings** • The meeting felt it would be unfair to make any definitive decisions on this without input from Humphrey. Dave S. drew from Humphrey's paper the idea that we should use WebCollect for trip bookings. In the resulting discussions it was felt that the system currently used in Scotland also had its merits, and the NC agreed to trial this system for National Trips. The resultant issues about balancing up travel and food costs while still on the trip would be addressed by the	

	provision of a cash float. • Trip organisers and trip treasurers to be advised that, for a trial period, members should (1). book by post or by emailing the completed booking form to the organiser, but instead of enclosing a cheque, they should (2). pay direct into the trip account (Adrian Jones to provide account number and sort code), making sure to use the hut name as a reference, and (3). email the treasurer, indicating the exact amount they have paid. • The treasurer should take a cash float of £100 on the trip to make small payments to members for travel and food.	Adrian to advise Becky and all regional trip organisers account no.and sort code
7	**Use of email to settle unfinished business from meetings** • Concern that this practice tends not to involve the whole NC, and can become a protracted, inconclusive process – It was decided to adopt a procedure whereby one person or a specified sub-group of the committee is appointed to make chaoices clear and ask for comments within a set deadline. Thereafter they make the decision and report it to the NC.	
8	**Any Other Business** • Timing of NC meetings – combining one meeting with the AGM was not successful. Revert to 3 meetings per year. • WebCollect for publicising events – agreed it should be used for annoiuncements. Riseup to be used for publicity. • Lack of information from regions on day walks programmes for MIS – regional contacts to be asked to provide walks programmes, however scant, to MIS Editor	National Sec and committee Jon M.
10	**Date of Next Meeting** As part of National Trip to Cae Ysgubor, Bedgellert June 19th – 20th	