

**Severnside Committee Minutes
Thursday 7 January 2016
At 19.30**



*The meeting held at 57 Bakers Ground, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8GD
Tel 0117 931 5108*

Attendees	Allan Davies, Gloria Drury, Charlie French, Chris Gaymer, Ken Mill, Jean Williams.
Apologies for Absence	Joy Harrison, Gill King, Peter Randell, Ellie Townsend.
Minutes Agreed from last meeting	Meeting held on the 3 rd Sept 2015
Matters arising from previous meeting on the 3rd of Sept	<p>Walking for Health was taken over by a Christina Wheeler recently. There was talk of not supporting the Stepping Forward Programme - and concentrating on the shorter walks only - leaving the 4-5 milers unsupported. It is an opportunity and needs to be followed up. Action: Joy</p> <p>In regards to the South Glos Show, which takes place on the 6-7 August 2016. It was decided to check to see if Kingwood/Southwold Ramblers would be willing to run a joint stand with ourselves.</p>
Forgotten Landscape	Heather Rickards, happy to continue as point of contact and will inform us of any further developments.
Walk Leader Course	Proposed date would be June, Ken to ask Kathy Strawbridge and Andy Pearson to support. This will be for Severnside Members only, and no more than 6-8 members participating. Action: Ken
Coach Trip - Sunday July 17th	Jean Williams has suggested a coach trip to Sidmouth/Beer. Ken to look at the Ramblers Walking Guide for routes. Jean to organise the coach and lead one of the walks. Action: Jean & Ken
Ramblers Governance Proposals	<p>Ramblers are consulting on proposed governance changes. A revised document (http://www.ramblers.org.uk/aboutus/ourfuture/governance-consultation) was published in January 2015 - that asked Areas to examine and continue to provide feedback to before the end of January 2016. There is also a survey - https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y99JK5T</p> <p>One issue surrounding disengaged members was raised, possibly this may be a potential for increased costs. This could arise if Members are signed up with multiple groups.</p>
Officers Reports	
Chairman	Many thanks to Heather, Chris and Sue for their membership

	<p>of the Severnside Committee. We will miss their direction, guidance, management and expertise. Many thanks to Gill King for a successful Xmas lunch at Kings Weston House.</p>
Footpath Officer	Nothing to report
Social Secretary	Confirmed date for Pyramid Bowling Night will be 12 th of March at Hollywood Bowl, Cribbs Causeway. Now listed on programme.
Web Editor	Web hosting will be up for renewal in February/March, likely to be around £80.
Publicity Officer	This post is vacant. Ken to follow up a potential candidate. Action: Ken
Treasurer	Updated accounts available. There is an unrepresented cheque for £1281.50 in respect of the deposit for the Gower Weekend.
Avon Area	
AGM	<p>AGM on Saturday 6 Feb 16 @ Warmley Community Centre, 20 Deanery Road, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 9JB. 10 am 4/5 mile walk from venue, 12.30 pm Sandwich Lunch, 1.30 pm AGM, Speaker: Bill Cooper from Ramblers' Holidays. Agenda, Annual Reports and AGM 2015 minutes have been issued and are available on the Avon Area Website.</p>
Bristol Group	With regards to the Bristol Walking Festival to be held on 1-31 May 16, Bristol Group can't sustain current expenditure on this festival. The feeling of Avon Area was that Bristol Group should request funding as part of the annual budget process if they need more money to run the festival.
Brunel 40 Plus	Brunel still considering the transfer of 40 Plus. We should consider a joint walk for our next programme. There is an opportunity to gain additional members.
Any Other Business	
Ramblers Volunteer Development	<p>Ramblers Volunteer Development Day - Saturday 4 June in Gloucester. You need to book a place via the Ramblers Website - http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ramblers-volunteer-development-day-gloucester-tickets-18669733676 Or contact Ramblers on 0207 339 8520</p>
Coastal Access	Coastal Access Aust to Brean recent article published in the Guardian. We're interested in the section from Aust to the Avonmouth Bridge.

	<p>Progress: Stage 2 and 3: Develop and Propose</p> <p>Natural England is now visiting all the land on this stretch of coast that is likely to be affected by our proposals and discussing the options in detail with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ people who own or manage the land ○ relevant local and national organisations who have an interest in the stretch. <p>After final discussions have been held with those who have a legal interest in the land, Natural England will begin refining and checking their proposals to improve access to this stretch of coast. This may start sooner for some sections of the stretch than others.</p> <p>The proposals will be finalised and then published in a report to the Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. This is expected to take place in 2016. Once published, the report will be available on GOV.UK website and advertised in the local press.</p> <p>Copies of the report will be placed in council offices and other appropriate locations in the local area for people to view.</p> <p>Natural England will contact affected owners and occupiers and the local and national organisations that must be notified by law, to make sure they're aware that the report has been published.</p>
Next meeting	Date to be confirmed, possibly early May, Peter has offered his house as venue.