

## West Somerset & Exmoor Bridleways Association

### Annual General Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> November 2011

#### Apologies

Jackie Ablett. Gill Langdon, Jean Humber, Carla ?

The full committee was present: Alison Kent (Chair), Shelagh Dean, Julia Holtom, Jaye Jones, Val Roberts, Barbara Wigley.

- 1) **Minutes AGM 2010.** The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 17 November 2010 were passed as correct.  
Proposer – Ann Hand. Secunder – Val Roberts
  
- 2) **Chairman's Report.** Alison Kent read her 2011 Chairman's Report – see copy attached to these Mins.
  
- 3) **Treasurer's Report.** Nic Wigley presented the Treasurer's report, with audited accounts for 2010, and an overview of the accounts so far for 2011. As on 30 September 2011 Income = 317;  
Expenditure = 215.71p Surplus (deficit) = 101.29p.  
Balance in Bank = £1,061.46p.  
Current Membership = 30 paid up members.
  
- 4) **Election of Committee.** The current committee had all agreed to stand again for 2011/2012 and were duly elected by the members – proposed by Gillian Lamble and seconded by Annabelle Gregory.
  
- 5) **AOB – Questions from the floor.**  
Cattle Grids. Shelagh Dean asked about maintenance of gates on the highway next to a cattle grid. AK replied that these gates are the responsibility of the County Council's Highways Dept.  
ROWS. Various problems with ROW discussed & acknowledged for investigation.

National Trust. JH said that the National Trust in North Devon have opened up several permissive bridleways which are of great benefit to local riders.

Devon County Council is currently holding Parish Reviews. This is being done slowly, working thoroughly through each Parish, one at a time and reviewing all ROWs. It is hoped that some footpaths will be considered for upgrading to a bridleway status.

Upgrading paths. Public footpaths can occasionally be upgraded to a bridleway or Restricted Byway if there is clear useage for over 20years use “without challenge” and sufficient written evidence from a significant number of people who have used the path in question. Documented historical evidence can also enable a claim to be made.

**Web Site.** The Committee plans to keep the web site more up to date in future.

Suggestions :

- How to report ROWs faults.
- ENPA Rangers areas and contact details.

The AGM closed and was followed by a very informative an entertaining talk by Karen Jones – international Endurance GB Team rider from Culmstock – about her experiences at the 2011 European Championships at Florac, France.

B.W. Nov 2011.