

Rhodwyr Llŷn Ramblers

Constitution

1. General

1.1 The Club shall be known as Rhodwyr Llŷn Ramblers.

1.2 The aims and objects of the Club are to support and encourage walking as a recreation through programmes of regular guided walks; to support improvements in walk leadership skills; to support periodic Club social activities including walking holidays for members; and to support activities to maintain, improve and expand the public Rights of Way network.

2. Membership

2.1 Membership of the Club is open to all members of the public who have completed an annual membership form and paid the relevant subscription. The Club Committee reserve the right to withhold membership from any applicant and renewal of membership is subject to the discretion of the Committee.

2.2 Members of the Club whose conduct is inappropriate or who decline to abide by any of the Rules or Bylaws may be expelled or suspended by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee where their subscriptions may be forfeited. Members shall have the right to appeal in person to the Committee with regard to any decision affecting themselves, provided that notice of such appeal be submitted, in writing, within seven days of notification of the decision.

3. Management

3.1 The business of the Club shall be managed on behalf of members by a Committee, consisting of a Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer and such other executive officers as may, from time to time, be appointed, together with no less than 4 nor more than 8 members of the Club. Committee members, including officers, shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of one year, but shall be eligible for re-election the following year.

3.2 The duties of the Committee shall include: to meet not less than twice a year to prepare walks programmes; to keep accurate accounts of the finances of the Club through the Treasurer; to maintain appropriate civil liability insurance for the Club; to keep members informed of Club news and activities through the Secretary; to co-opt additional Committee members when vacancies or needs arise. The quorum for Committee meetings shall be 50% of Committee members including two officers.

3.3 The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting once a year. All members of the Club shall receive not less than three weeks written notice of the meeting, together with a draft agenda, a list of Committee members willing to stand again, including officers, and a request for any new nominations. Members must advise the Secretary in writing of proposed nominations and any additional items to be raised within ten days of the meeting. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time

by the Committee or upon a request being made in writing to the Secretary, explaining the reason and signed by at least 10% of Club members. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10% of Club members. General voting at all meetings shall be by a simple majority of votes.

3.4 Amendments to the Club Constitution must be notified in writing to members not less than 14 days before the meeting where they are to be considered and shall not take effect until ratified at the next Annual General Meeting by a majority of at least two thirds of those attending.

3.5 The Club shall not be run for private profit of a member or members. Any balance of funds at the end of the year shall be carried over and devoted to furthering the objects of the Club.

3.6 The officers and members of the Club shall receive no payment, either direct or indirect, for their services or for other than legitimate expenses incurred in their work for the Club.

3.7 The Club shall not be wound up except by a resolution of those present at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for that purpose. In the event of the winding up of the Club, the remaining funds of the Club shall not be distributed among the members but shall be devoted to objects similar to those of the Club.

4. Club Walks Rules

- (i) All members participate in Club walks at their own risk. They should bring with them sufficient food and water and wear suitable clothing and footwear, and adequate first aid items for their own use. Stout boots must be worn on all mountain and moorland walks.
- (ii) Leaders have the authority to refuse to take members who, in the leader's opinion, do not appear fit enough for the proposed route or are insufficiently equipped.
- (iii) Walk leaders cannot be responsible for members who, walk ahead of the group and beyond visual contact or leave the group without informing the leader/backmarker.
- (iv) Dogs cannot be permitted on Club walks.
- (v) Club members are required to observe the Countryside Code.
- (vi) Non-members are welcome to join Club walks for two or three introductory 'taster' walks before being requested to enrol as Club members.

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