

Ibex Committee Meeting Minutes – 23rd June 2026, at 56 Sheen Park, Richmond TW9 1UP

Attendees: David W, Mags R, Clive S, Peter R

Apologies: Patrick T, Phinella H, Cathy C, June T

Actions from last committee meeting:

- **JT:** to amend the members' survey and send it to the committee for any comments before issuing. *JT was part way through working on this*
- **All committee members:** to look out for other possible venues for the AGM in October (for about 20-30 people, with a booking fee of no more than £100) *DW had found a venue -The Old King's Head pub near London Bridge station. Details were on the website. It would be good if committee members could book onto this.*
- **DW:** to add a tick box on the weekend application form for people to volunteer to do the write-up for the Facebook page. *Done*
- **CS:** to add a reference in the final instructions letter indicating responsibility for doing the write up for Facebook. *Done*
- **DW:** to investigate what hashtags other walking groups were using. *DW had investigated and put a list of hashtags in the admin guide.*
- **All committee members:** to follow Ibex's Instagram account. *In hand*
- **DW:** to put the responses about which current committee functions were considered optional into the Admin guide for possible future use. *Done*
- **JT PR CS:** to let DW have, as soon as possible, a short text describing the 'summer stroll' walk they were leading, with start time and (start) pub, and a contact number for someone who would be in the pub. *Done*
- **PT:** to provide an update on the Club's financial position. *Done. Ibex's cash balance was a healthful £5.3k.*
- **CS:** to send a further reminder on the need for an organiser for Snowdonia 28-31 Aug *Done, and KdeJ had volunteered*
- **PT CC DW(ilson):** to finalise arrangements for day walks in June and July *Done. CC would be finalising the August day walk.*
- **CC PH:** to send some photos of Julie Minards, for inclusion in the newsletter. *Done*

- **CS:** to add to weekend organisers' notes the need for appropriate 'buddy' arrangements for any new members attending. *Done. CC had strengthened the reference to what organisers should do to help newcomers.*

President

- Minutes of 22 April committee meeting agreed. DW would put on website.
- Venue for AGM found, as above
- On initial planning for the AGM, as a first step PR would provide DW with a list of key dates. **ACTION PR** At this point, it seemed unlikely that there would be changes to the Constitution to propose at the AGM.
- On WebCollect email issues: no-one had reported that they were not getting emails from Ibex. This item could be closed.

Club nights

- September - photo competition. DW would ask SW to run the competition
ACTION DW SW
- October - MR would present the 2027 programme **ACTION MR**
- November - Alps trip **ACTION CS**
- December - probably Yvonne on Norway

Treasurer/Financial Position of Club

- **PT:** report provided as above

Website/Social media

- **DW:** Report provided.

Membership

- **JT:** report provided. We had 69 members
- JT was part way through the survey and would continue to work on it. **ACTION JT**
We would present the findings from the survey at the AGM.

Weekend Co-ordinator - 2026

- **CS:** Report provided.
- Elan Valley weekend (17-19 July) currently had only 7 booked, with break-even of 11. Agreed we would go ahead with it and try to get more bookings. **ACTION CS**
- CS would put the remaining weekends on Facebook as an event. **ACTION CS**

Weekend Planner - 2027

- **MR:** Discussion of 2027 programme. Provisional decisions included:
 - the booking for the early May Bank Holiday would be fairly small (c10) since it clashed with the Scotland trip.
 - the mid-June event would be for 3 nights

- the Alpine trip would probably be 11-18 September
- the December (Christmas) trip would probably be the Peak District (Thornbridge) or the Gower

- MR would correct the spreadsheet to reinstate the formulae, which had been lost
ACTION MR
- Noted that, with price increases, some venues were now above the £40pppn limit
- Discussion of communication arrangements between the Treasurer, Weekend Planner and Weekend Co-ordinator, to ensure clarity, including on when payment for a booking had been made. While a group email address was probably not required, CS and MR would discuss and produce a recommended process, which MR would also include in handover notes. **ACTION CS MR**

Day Walks

- CC Had put updated guidelines for Day Walks in the guidance
- DW suggested that the day walk guidelines be sent to ALL day walk leaders so that key information was not accidentally omitted when sent to attendees.

Newsletter

- PH: report provided. No update.

AOB

- DW: All committee members to check they were clear on their responsibilities or whether there was any overlap with someone else's **ACTION All**
- CS: Not clear whether there was enough guidance for walks leaders for weekends on good practice including dealing with potential hazards, and which might be covered in the Friday night briefing. CS would consider what was currently covered and whether more was needed. **ACTION CS**
- Many thanks to CS for hosting the committee meeting.

Date of next committee meeting

- Wednesday 19 August, 6.30pm, at PT's house - 10, No.1 Millennium Sq, London, SE1 2PW.

Summary of actions following meeting

- PR: to provide DW with a list of key dates for planning for the AGM
- DW: to ask SW to run the photo competition at the September Club Night
- MR: to present the 2027 programme at the October Club Night

- **CS:** to do a presentation on Alps trip at the November Club Night
- **JT:** to continue to work on the membership survey
- **CS:** to try to get more bookings for the Elan Valley weekend (17-19 July)
- **CS:** to put the remaining weekends on Facebook as an event.
- **MR:** to correct the 2027 spreadsheet, reinstating the formulae
- **CS MR:** to produce a recommended process for the communication links between the Treasurer, Weekend Planner and Weekend Co-ordinator
- **All committee members:** to check they were clear on their responsibilities or whether there was any overlap with someone else's
- **CS:** to consider the current guidance for walks leaders for weekends on good practice including dealing with potential hazards, and whether more was needed.