

Peter Goldsmith

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Dalesway Association.

The inaugural meeting was held 3rd February 1991 at Blenheim Lodge, Brantfell Road, Bowness-on Windermere to decide and look into the forming of a Dalesway Society.

People Present.

Colin Speakman, 67 <sup>Grave</sup> Gall Road, Ilkley LS29 9PQ Tel. 0943 607868  
Author, The Dalesway and similar publications.

Douglas Cossar, 27 Cookridge Avenue, Leeds LS16 7NA Tel 0532-674797 West Riding Ramblers. Author, Dalesway Handbook.

Gerald Cole, The Barn, Holme Lyon, Burneside, Kendal LA9 6QX Tel 0539-727837. Kendal Ramblers Association, Long Distance Paths Advisory Service and Yorkshire Dales Society.

David Smith, Dalegarth, Moorfield Road, Ilkley, LS29 8BL Tel 0943-601761. Yorkshire Dales Society.

David Walsh, Viewpoint, 14 High Fellside, Kendal Tel 0539-741147 Kendal Ramblers Assistant Footpath Secretary.

Pat Walsh Address as above.

Frank Sanderson. Blenheim Lodge, Brantfell Road, Bowness-on-Windermere LA23 3AE. 09662-3440. Secretary SLOT, (Dalesway seat founders) Secretary Windermere Civic Society,

The meeting commenced at 1400 hrs with introductions all round.

Colin Speakman agreed to act as interim Chairman and Frank Sanderson as temporary Secretary.

Gerald Cole gave a brief resume on the work done by the Long Distance Paths Advisory Service.

1. It was agreed that a Dalesway Association be formed.
2. The objects were to
  - a. define and determine the route both positively and legally.
  - b. deal with maintenance, signposting, waymarking, and
  - c. look into the possibility of a National Trail Status.
  - d. To encourage the conservation of the Dalesway.
3. To take an active roll in marketing the Dalesway in ways that actively retain its character by the following.
  - a. Production of Handbook with places of interest, toilets, shops, Post Offices, flora and fauna en-route, rivers and streams etc..
  - b. Production of accommodation list.
  - c. Sponsored walks along sections of and the whole route.
  - d. Newsletter.

Membership would consist of a central core , possibly an executive committee, who would look after the day to day running of the various sections and act as a pressure group. Ordinary members.

Links would be gone into at both ends and along the route. The Bowness to Langdale route would be explored with a view to establishing the ancient route (Late Stone Age) from York and Ilkley to the Axe factory.

Links with the Bowness to Cumbrian Way would be explored. Information Packs and Badges would be sold.

David Smith agreed to act as Membership Secretary and Treasurer.

David Walsh agreed to look into the design of a Dalesway logo to be used as a waymark etc.

The next meeting would be after Easter, possibly the 9th March, at the Snooty Fox Kirkby Lonsdale

#### Dalesway Association.

Unfortunately the possible meeting of the 9th March 1991 had to be cancelled at short notice and a new date has been set for Thursday 24th October, The Snooty Fox, Kirkby Lonsdale, as before.

Since our last communications quiet a lot of interest has been shown by the walking public.

It was found that once the idea of the Dalesway Association became known people wanted to join and in particular receive a Dalesway Certificate.

Frank and Jackie Sanderson therefore took it upon themselves to produce 500 of these which could be incorporated within the Society.

Further to this SLOT entered the Dalesway Seat project in the Go Green North West scheme organised by the Mersey Basin Campaign. They are particularly interested in projects by young and 'elderly' groups.

Frank, as Secretary of SLOT, received a letter and eventually a visit from two representatives of the Civic Trust and they were much impressed with the Seat and how it incorporated the schoolchildren's Colouring Competition and the formation of the Dalesway Society and have put this forward to the judges as a possible winner.

Realising that they had picked up the Society rather than the SLOT angle Frank assured them he was over 60 and that most of the committee were also.

So- if anyone contacts you - look, act and sound old and hope for the best.