

WBCCC Steering Group
Minutes of Meeting 21 December 2016

Attendees: Doreen Pukitis, Jim Heyes, Jim Taylor, Keith Gore, Margaret Green, Mark Holland, Pete Hudson, Phil Bradley, Phil Brown, Roy Unsworth, Steve Brittle and Thelma Willmer.

Apologies: Paul Boffey

1. Introduction

As this was the first meeting of the Steering Group Jim Taylor gave an introduction and stated the group had been formed with a view to bringing different views to the club and he hoped that this group would contribute to the development of the club going forward.

2. Club Constitution – Sub-Group

A discussion took place regarding the formation of a small group of members who could undertake the short term task of reviewing and updating the club's constitution which it was felt no longer accurately reflected the aims and values of the club.

Keith, Mark, Phil Bradley and Doreen agreed to undertake this. Jim stated that Tony Gerrard, who had extensive experience in a similar field, had offered his help although he would not be a member of the group.

It was agreed the group would identify a date early in 2017 to meet and review the constitution and would then feedback to the steering group.

3. Women on Wheels Bid

Jim referred to the funding currently available through TfGM in support of International Women's Day which is used for events or activities to encourage more women to cycle, and asked for a small group to deal with writing the bid, the deadline for submission being 13 January 2017.

Margaret agreed to undertake this and Doreen, Thelma and Jim Heyes offered their support if needed.

4. Garmin Training

Last year Mark had undertaken a brief introduction to using a Garmin cycle computer and as several more members now owned a Garmin further training from Mark had been requested.

Mark agreed to e-mail members to identify those interested in a further training session.

5. Ride Planning – Sub-group

Jim asked for volunteers to form a sub-group who would organise the ride programme for the next three to four months.

Mark, Jim Heyes, Phil Brown, Steve and Phil Bradley agreed to be on the group.

It was pointed out that all members could contribute to the ride programme. If anyone had an idea for a ride, then this sub-group could assist with preparing the risk assessment and also identify a Ride Leader if needed.

6. Thursday Ride – Starting Point and Time

Phil Brown informed the group of the problems which had arisen in relation to this ride. It was currently departing from Robin Park at the same time as a ride organised by Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles and this had caused problems with some cyclists following the wrong group.

It was agreed that this ride should depart from Trencherfield Mill at 10.00 a.m. on Thursdays from the first Thursday in January 2017 and the website would be amended accordingly.

7. Tuesday and Thursday – Ride Leaders' Rota

Jim asked the group for their opinions on creating a ride leaders' rota. After some discussion it was agreed that Phil Brown would draft a ride calendar for the notice board at the Community Workshop which would

include a space for the ride leader's name and members would be asked to add their name to a ride they would be happy to lead.

It was also agreed that members of this group should approach members on rides to ask if they would be happy to lead a future ride.

8. Videoing and Editing

A discussion was held on videoing rides and it was agreed that the main rides would continue to be filmed but this wasn't necessary on all the Tuesday and Thursday rides although the camera would be taken on these in case of any incidents.

It was agreed to buy a rear mount and another battery as the group has another camera and it was felt some better pictures could be captured from this.

Mark agreed to advise about the rear mount fitting. Keith agreed to help Phil Brown and Brian Lancaster with editing.

9. Ride Reports

It was agreed that ride reports should be written by the ride leaders and only for Sunday/Monday rides.

10. Attendance Sheet – Completion and Distribution

Jim emphasised that it is necessary to have all riders' contact details on each ride in case of emergencies and only this group should hold that confidential information on their mobiles.

11. Walkie Talkie Issues

Phil Brown spoke of the problems being experienced due to these not being on the same frequency, the frequency should be set at channel 5 sub-channel 21.

In relation to charging walkie talkies, Phil has agreed with Simon that they can be kept on charge at the Community Warehouse Office. When there is a Sunday or Monday ride taking place it was agreed that just two walkie talkies should be used on the previous Thursday ride.

It was also agreed that the leader and back marker should carry one and Jim suggested that members of this steering group should be willing to take one also.

12. Way of the Roses

Jim gave details of this ride to be held on the weekend of 20/21 May from Ripon to Lancaster. Leisure Lakes would be providing bikes, two of which would be electric bikes and overnight accommodation would be in a hotel in Skipton. The cost would be approximately £130 and numbers were limited to 25. Members of this group were asked to e-mail Jim as soon as possible if they wanted to join this ride as he would be sending out an e-mail to the membership in the near future.

13. Notice Board at Community Cafe

Jim informed the group that Simon had asked if we would like a notice board at the cafe and it was agreed this would be very useful to display any information/notices etc.

14. Canal Towpath Survey

Jim drew attention to this survey and pointed out that the Canal and River Trust were trying to get a sense of how the towpath could be improved which could be a benefit to us all. Jim asked Margaret to send this out again to all WBCCC members with a request to complete this.

15. Any Other Business

Jim asked if the group were in agreement to giving Simon a gift to show their appreciation for his continued support.

It was agreed that Peter would spend £25 from club funds and buy two bottles of wine for Simon and a box of sweets/biscuits for Simon's team at the community warehouse.

Mark asked who at present had the mobile phone belonging to the club as he felt the ride leader should have this on each ride. Jim would ask Paul if he still had this.

Jim informed the group he had been working with Richard Smith, Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles, on a £150,000 bid for mobile bike pods which had now got through stage one. ILH now have to evidence that this type of cycling initiative works and Jim asked if anyone could provide a personal testimonial then this would add weight to the bid. These should be forwarded to Jim in the New Year as IHL had a deadline of 16 January. Jim agreed to put something together from WBCCC to add support to this bid.