

WBCCC Meeting Minutes
Monday 11th August 2014
The Brockett, Wigan

Present: Jim Taylor, Harold Hampson, Paul Boffey, Denis Marsden, Alison Griffin, Gordon Medlicott, Louise Medlicott, Darren Rogers, Alan Clarke, Phil Brown, Joyce Southern, Ray Southern

Apologies: Elaine Ansell

Minutes from previous meeting

JT talked through the changes made to the Club's constitution & membership form with the group, as discussed at the last meeting.

Matters arising

PB confirmed that minutes of last meeting have been published on website.

AG confirmed that copies of blank membership forms have now been left in all cycle pods to encourage ALT members to sign up to the Club.

Calendar of rides

There was a general consensus that Monday rides appeared to be more popular with members than Sunday rides and so it was agreed that there would be a monthly Monday ride which all members would be encouraged to attend. Harold's Sunday rides would continue to take place each week. A couple of members suggested rides to be included in the calendar and JT mentioned that Sustrans were organising a long distance ride which would eventually form a National Cycle Route; a ride to recce part of the route from Carnforth to Glasson Dock has been set for Monday 15th September and JT wondered whether members would be interested in being involved with this?

Action – JT to pull together ride calendar with members support, Paul B to publish on website.

Action - all members who are interested in supporting the Carnforth-Glasson Dock ride on 15th September to contact JT, logistics to be organised if there is interest!

Promoting WBCCC to Active Living participants

AG asked whether the group felt that a promotional leaflet/flyer to promote WBCCC would be useful to attract new members? The flyer would highlight the main attractions (led leisure cycle rides, paced to the slowest rider, qualified experienced leaders, etc) and could be handed to ALT participants to increase interest in the club – the group agreed this would be beneficial.

A discussion ensued about whether a phone number should be included. HH kindly donated a phone and charger for the Club's use and AG agreed to purchase a SIM card, the phone number of which would be added to the leaflet. It was also agreed that a rota should be set up so members take turns to look after the phone and take any incoming calls.

A further discussion took place about the reasons why ALT participants were not accessing WBCCC rides; HH felt that there was interest but something was stopping people from actually attending. Phil B asked whether a monthly 'taster' ride to encourage ALT participants to come along would be worth investigating, however JT commented that this had been tried a while ago with no uptake. AG/DR suggested that ALT do an informal consultation with all the cycle pods/participants to find out what barriers there were to the club.

Action – AG/DR to bring together flyer and circulate to group, comments welcome from all.

Action – rota to look after phone to be drawn up

Action – AG to purchase a SIM card

Action - HH to dig out phone and charger!

Action – DR to conduct consultation with participants at all cycling pods then feedback findings.

Harold's Sunday rides

Paul B asked whether Harold's rides should be opened up to be a non-club ride to encourage more people to attend? A group discussion then took place and it was agreed that Harold's ride would remain a club ride and guest riders would be welcome to attend and (hopefully) gain new members to the club in the process. HH would remain flexible to the needs of the group attending on the day.

Any Other Business

AG requested that meeting dates be set for future meetings; they were agreed as :-

Mon 22 nd September	2pm	Taybarns, Marus Bridge
Mon 3 rd November	2pm	Red Robin, Newtown
Mon 15 th December	1pm	Christmas meal at Stonecross, Golborne? *

*Denis to pre-book a table and bring menus to the September meeting to confirm definite numbers.