

**WBCCC Steering Group**  
**Minutes of meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Present:** Jim Taylor, Doreen Pukitis, Phil Brown, Graham Cooper, Paul Broad, Jim Heyes, Sue Bradley, Phil Bradley and Clive Chatterton

**Apologies for absence:** Paul Boffey, Peter Hudson, Dave Holden and Roy Unsworth

**1. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 were agreed as a correct record.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes**

(a) Jim Taylor announced that he would circulate the accident/incident report form a.s.a.p. **(Action needed)**

(b) He also congratulated Graham Cooper on how well the WBCCC WhatsApp was working but it was mentioned that we must keep posts relevant to cycling only. This will be raised as a reminder at the Annual General Meeting on 6 January 2020. **(Action needed)**

(c) The memorial ride for Ray Southern is cancelled until further notice in reflection of the sad news of Alan Gough, who was leading the ride.

(d) The charity ride next year will be on 17th May 2020 and entitled 'Mersey Gateway'. It will be led by Clive Chatterton. It was suggested that there should be a £10 voluntary contribution for riders, but any contribution would be gratefully accepted. Non-riders contributions would also be appreciated. We agreed that our chosen charity would be THE BRICK, who help many of us throughout the year.

(e) Another very successful Velodrome trip. It was suggested we repeat this enjoyable day in 2020. **(Date to be agreed)**

(f) It was decided that our riders could benefit from attending the Pedal Smart Training course to be run on 25th January 2020 at Lymm by Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service. **(Action needed)**

(g) The weekend ride to Kidderminster/Worcester is expected to place either in May or September. **(Date to be finalised)**

(h) It was agreed that the start time on Tuesday rides would be reviewed at the Annual General Meeting, although it was suggested that we keep the 10.0'clock start until April 2020. Phil Bradley suggested that we perhaps could alter ride times according to the season.

**(Action needed)**

### **3. Finance update**

Phil Brown presented the club's balance sheet showing it to be very healthy with a balance of £881.13. This was mainly due to having 13 new members (£130) and income from Bolton Iron Man marshalling (£396).

### **4. Revised date for the 2019 AGM**

It will be on Monday 6th January 2020 at Highfield St Matthew's Parish Hall at 7.15 pm.

### **5. Ride Programme 2020**

Phil Brown presented a list showing a good mixture of rides up to Sunday 26th July. The programme will be placed on the website shortly.

### **6. Ride Protocols**

Both undertaking on the left and overtaking the leader without permission is still causing concern and it was agreed that this would be mentioned at the Annual General Meeting. It was also suggested that certain protocols could be mentioned at the beginning of each ride as a reminder by the ride leader. Phil Bradley mentioned that he thought corner marking had greatly improved recently due to the help of some new members. Phil Brown also raised the issue of forming small groups (of say 6 or 7) when riding on roads with heavy traffic it was suggested this should be included in the Ride Protocol statement. **(Action needed)**

### **7. Greater Manchester Mayor's Cycling and Walking Challenge Fund.**

Jim gave a brief outline of the Greater Manchester Walking and Cycling Challenge Fund which had been launched by the Mayor, Andy Burnham.

He referred to the £40 million which Wigan Council had secured from the fund to implement two schemes involving new cycle and walking routes around the Wigan area. Scheme 1 was 13 mile largely off-road route linking Standish to Ashton; and Scheme 2 was a route linking Atherton and Leigh, similarly with a large off-road provision.

Jim thought it could be a great opportunity for our club to get involved in both the consultation and subsequent development of these 2 schemes.

## **8. Any other business**

a) Due to the healthy bank balance of the club Phil Brown suggested that a subsidised club social event (up to a possible £500) could be arranged in 2020.

Three different events were suggested:

- Mersey water boat trip
- Manchester ship canal boat trip
- Coach ride and a walk in the Lake District

Paul Broad agreed to look into the cost of a coach, although it was suggested this information would be useful to have prior to the Annual General Meeting.

b) Jim Heyes agreed to lead a leisurely 15 mile Christmas ride to Fir Tree Flash on Sunday 29th December 2019.

c) Jim Taylor asked whether or not we should invite Richard Smith from Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles to future Steering Group meetings to share information and keep him up to date on our activities. It was agreed this was worth pursuing. Jim would make contact with Richard. **(Action Needed)**