

Committee Meeting

23 February 2023 at Pugneys

Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Neville Andrews, Mark Beswick, Sandi Kinkead, David Leigh, David Keighley.

Apologies Andy Beecroft

The minutes of the previous meeting (19 January) were approved subject to the action in relation to purchasing tee shirts be allocated to David K rather than Neville.

Item	Subject	Issues	Action by
1	Current Rides programme (to April 2023)	So far this year we have lost 5 rides due to weather (4) and Pontefract Park bylaws (1). Rycroft Leisure Centre are applying for a grant of £5000 from City Connect to fund cycle stands, bike purchase and bike equipment. A container is available to store securely these items.	Neville
2	2023 Rides Programme (from April 2023)	Everything is in place for the new pattern of rides and publicity for April-December 2023. The leaflet is almost ready to go to print (see below)	All
3	Leaflet for 2023 Rides Programme	The leaflet will be subject to the following final amendments: An additional Holiday Wednesday at Nostell will be added on 31 May Hire bikes will be shown as available at Rycroft Leisure Centre 10,000 will be printed and distribution expanded. The use of the WMDC Library distribution service to be investigated.	Neville David K Mark

4	Treasurers Report	David L reported that the current balance stood at £85,235.54. Since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £107 on equipment and MICE cards and income of £20.	David L
5	Newsletter	The next is due in March.	Meg
6	Workdays and workday equipment	<p>The meeting felt that a major reappraisal of our approach to workdays should take place at the next meeting because:</p> <p>There is a strong possibility that we will soon be evicted from our storage facility at Pugneys.</p> <p>The low interest in workdays from among WDCF members (other than the dedicated few)</p>	<p>Andy</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>Meg</p> <p>David K</p>
7	Bike maintenance	<p>We should be offering Bike Maintenance Courses and Bike Doctor Sessions as we have in the past. Money is available via City Connect but there are hurdles. It is suggested that Dan of Cycle Technology be approached to run Bike Maintenance Sessions for which he would be paid.</p> <p>It was noted that Andy, Geoff, Neville, Daniel and Sandi would be willing to train as Bike Doctors subject to suitable training being available.</p> <p>It was agreed that City Connect would be approached with our needs and seeking help on how they could be met.</p>	<p>Neville</p> <p>David K</p> <p>Meg</p>
8	New Forum clothing	100 Forum blue tee shirts have been purchased and these will be distributed to members participating in rides/events. It was agreed that an order be placed for 10 Forum Rugby Shirts (3 large, 2 small, 5 medium) to be issued to Ride Leaders.	David K
9	Cycling in Pontefract Park	It is now acknowledged that cycling IS permitted on the designated route through the park which is signed by WMDC. Details of the Bylaws are on	All

		the Forum website and this also shows to authorised route.	
10	Flass Lane	<p>A few years ago, we were promised a comprehensive improvement of this off-road link including links to the nearby bridleways reinstated by Waystones in 2018. Very little has happened and this must be raised with WMDC.</p> <p>This is just one of a number of frustrations with WMDC. High among these is a total lack of feedback from the useful meeting held in Wakefield One on 21 November 2022. Gary Blenkinsop is to be reminded of this omission.</p>	<p>Meg</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>David K</p> <p>Meg</p>
11	Any other business	<p><u>Stickers for WoW and Wakefield Wheel:</u> 140 have been purchased by David K for installation during the year.</p> <p><u>Ride Leader Training:</u> Steve, Peter and Geoff have expressed interest.</p> <p><u>WMDC issues:</u> In place of the item entitled “Council barriers on Cycle Routes” a more general item under this title will appear on all future agendas.</p> <p><u>Renewing stock of cycles:</u> David K has purchased 5 new bikes from Leisure Outlet at a very reasonable price. The question now arises of how to dispose of bikes deemed to be surplus to our needs. Should we give them away or sell them? Margaret French and David Leigh have both expressed interest in acquiring older bikes from within our stock.</p> <p>Agreed that Margaret can have the bike on permanent loan in return for a small donation to while she remains a member of the Forum.</p> <p><u>Facebook:</u> A number of issues have arisen recently which have caused some concern.</p> <p><u>WMDC Library events:</u> The Forum will be represented at these events in Stanley and Airedale Libraries later in the year. Each library</p>	<p>David K</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>Meg</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>Neville</p> <p>Neville</p>

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		<p>will have cycling related books, tools and a stand on which to repair a bike.</p> <p><u>Barrier on cycle path below Sandal Castle:</u> This is one of the worst on the off-road network and needs to be raised with WMDC.</p> <p><u>WoW rides:</u> It was suggested that these run monthly and start from different locations,</p>	<p>Meg</p> <p>Mark</p> <p>David K</p> <p>Neville</p>
12	Venue, date and time of next meeting	10:00 on Thursday 30 March at Pugneys.	All

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