

Committee Meeting

27 April 2023 at Horbury

Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Leigh, David Keighley, Andy Beecroft

Apologies: Neville Andrews, Sandi Kinkhead

Item	Subject	Issues	Action by
1	Minutes of previous meeting (30 March)	<p>Approved.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u> Work will start soon on the extension of the cycle path across the A638 from Nostell Priory. The grant from WYCA is still awaited. The flowers are now on display at the Agbrigg Community Centre. The WMDC First Aid Course was full so a new date is awaited. A meeting was held with The Brig at Altofts who are keen to deliver Bike Doctor sessions for us. They could provide one per month.</p>	All
2	Rides Programme	<p>It had been noted that the easy ride from Aspire Pontefract is now going further than the steady ride from that location. The rides need to be rebalanced to meet the needs of individuals participating in them.</p> <p>The 7 May WoW ride will be back marked by both Sandi and Malcolm Murray who wish to gain experience in this role.</p> <p>Regrettably, the new Eastmoor ride has attracted minimal local participation. However, in accordance with the WMDC SLA the ride will continue (as with the Agbrigg and Rycroft rides).</p>	All

3	Leaflet for 2023 Rides Programme	Mark confirmed that he had delivered to all listed outlets in the west of the District except libraries. He was urged to try further possible outlets. Distribution was virtually complete in the eastern half of the District.	Mark
4	Treasurers Report	David L reported that up to the end of the financial year (5.4.23) the balance stood at £82,588.68. A full financial statement will follow soon. WMDC have been invoiced for the Forums DBS checks and subsequently sent a reminder.	David L
5	Newsletter	The next is due in June. Articles for this are invited.	Meg
6	Workdays and workday equipment	<p>It is still planned to clean off and repaint the side of the container at Nostell together with repairs to the shed. There is also a need for further work on the path through the Nostell woods. There is also an aspiration to improve the path through Wrenthorpe Park towards the prison.</p> <p>A recent workday (24.4.23) installed fencing at the side of the new path opposite Nostell.</p> <p>It was reported that a very positive response had been received from Mark Robinson of CRT regarding improvement to the path at Foxholes Lane, Altofts. A meeting is to be arranged soon.</p> <p>It was suggested that the Forum could benefit from an electric strimmer. Andy would look into this ensuring that batteries were compatible with existing electric equipment.</p>	Andy
7	Ride Leaders Meeting 16 April	<p>The meeting was attended by seven Forum members with apologies from a further four.</p> <p>Issues discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Layout of 2023 leaflet 	<p>Neville</p> <p>Ride Leaders</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for wider distribution of the leaflet and for Ride Leaders to hand copies to ride participants • New arrangements for the Bike Doctor sessions (using the Brig at Altofts) • Grant application to WYCA for tool kits at Nostell, Rycroft and Castleford plus ride leader training for 6 people with Cycling UK • The requirement of the WMDC SLA for all ride leaders to hold a certificate from a recognised training body such as Cycling UK. Refresher courses will be available. • First Aid Training. seven Forum members have expressed an interest in the course to be run at Pugneys on 28 June. These names have been passed to Lou at WMDC. • Incident reporting. It has been decided to use the Cycling UK form. The “General description of incident” section can be used to include witness statements. • The need to download the What3Words app to mobiles to allow emergency services to locate an incident. 	
8	Rides over Coronation Weekend	<p>These are:</p> <p>Saturday 6 - Darrington Road Ride 1000</p> <p>Saturday 6 – Thornes Park Easy Ride 1030</p> <p>Sunday 7 – Wonders of Wakefield 1000 (from Agbrigg)</p> <p>There will be a requirement to check that the cafes are open for the rides.</p>	Ride Leaders

9	WMDC Infrastructure Meeting 17 April	<p>This was chaired by Martin Barnes.</p> <p>WMDC are seeking to implement LTN 120 on all new schemes.</p> <p>As part of Active Travel 4 WMDC have secured £2.4 million to fund to improvement to Grandstand Road, Outwood and the link from Ackworth to Fitzwilliam Railway Station. Work will commence in April 2024.</p> <p>The three planned LCWIP schemes (Doncaster Road, Barnsley Road and Wakefield City Centre) will not proceed in the near future.</p> <p>A Health Improvement Assessment is being carried out. WMDC are liaising with Sustrans re delivery of schemes.</p> <p>An Impact Assessment Tool has now been devised to be used in relation to the removal of barriers on cycle routes.</p> <p>An update on the Metcalf bridleways was promised yet again.</p> <p>A separate meeting on the Forum’s “Missing Links” was promised.</p>	All
10	WMDC Cycle Steering Group 25 April	<p>This meeting was constrained to one hour and as a result a number of issues which participants wished to be discussed (including those put forward by the Forum) were not addressed.</p> <p><i>As a result, David K has drawn up a list of key improvements which we will push for:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wrenthorpe Park to Balne Lane 2. Back of Aldi to Pugneys Drain 3. TpT to Bleakley Lane, Royston 4. Hemsworth to Moorthorpe Station 	All

		<p>5. Waterways route Knottingley to Dewsbury</p> <p>6. Vision Zero improvements (6 locations)</p> <p>7. Moorhouse site, Crofton</p> <p>8. Start on removal of access barriers (4 locations)</p> <p>9. WoW improvements (4 locations)</p> <p>These have been forwarded to WMDC.</p>	
11	Any other business	<p><u>WMDC Skills and Opportunities Sub Group:</u> The next one is planned for 4 May.</p> <p><u>Equipment to clean bikes at Agbrigg:</u> Sandi has requested a hosepipe with a spray attachment plus some cloths for this purpose.</p> <p><u>Liquorice Festival 9 July Pontefract:</u> The Forum will have a presence to this and volunteers are sought.</p> <p><u>Launch of new WMDC Cycling Website:</u> This will go live on 15 May.</p> <p><u>Bike Week 5 to 11 June:</u> This is the 100th such event. Neville will publicize all our events that week (10th Eastmoor easy, 10th Castleford steady, 11th Nostell easy,)</p> <p><u>WoW ride:</u> David K and Lou (WMDC) will ride this route on 28 April to assess what is need to improve it. Others may join this ride.</p>	<p>Meg</p> <p>Andy</p> <p>David K</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>David K</p>
12	Venue, date and time of next meetings	Thursday 8 June at 1000 @ Pugneys	All