

## Committee Meeting

### 8 June 2023 at Pugneys

### Notes of Meeting

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

**Apologies:** Sandi Kinkead, David Leigh

Item	Subject	Issues	Action by
1	Minutes of previous meeting (27 April)	<p>Approved.</p> <p><u>Matters arising:</u> The path beside to A638 at Nostell is now finished and was officially opened in early June. The grant application to WYCA was unsuccessful due the fact that they had 70 applications which exceeded their funds. On First Aid training WMDC require this and yet have put such courses on hold. John Gallagher is to be reminded of this contradictory situation.</p>	Neville
2	Rides Programme	<p>It was reported that we had completed 59 rides up to the end of May. There were 518 participants (8.8 per ride) of which 174 were women (33.6%). 52 bikes were borrowed. 33 of the riders were new to our rides. 92 individuals have participated of which 41 were women (44.6%). This is the highest female participation rate we have recorded, due in large part to Sandi's efforts at Agbrigg. The WoW rides on the first Sunday of the month plus 6 June have been successful but there is no leader allocated to the 2 July WoW ride.</p>	All
3	Treasurers Report	<p>It was reported that the balance at the end of May stood at £76061.28. However, the Nostell path contractor has now been paid reducing the balance to £71651.60.</p>	David L
4	Newsletter	The next issue will be issued on 9 June.	Meg

5	Workdays and workday equipment	<p>Andy considers that the purchase of an electric trimmer with two batteries would be a good investment (cost around £350). This was agreed.</p> <p>Cutting back by WMDC is becoming a problem and this year needs to include the new Agbrigg path. The bell mouth at the eastern end of the new Nostell path near to the road needs attention from WMDC. The Forum can cut back on the paths in the Nostell estate but as regards to the rest of the public rights of way these are the responsibility of WMDC.</p> <p>We have been given notice to remove our trailer and equipment from Pugneys. This is to be taken up with Gary Blenkinsop (WMDC) who will be responsible for Pugneys from 1 July. If the reply is negative the disposal of the trailer will have to be considered.</p> <p>Andy agreed to take over responsibility for the WoW from David K.</p> <p>As far as workdays are concerned, one is planned for 13 June at Nostell. Two recent achievements are the new Nostell path and the refurbishment of the Nostell shed. For the future it is suggested that the workday tools be refurbished and the stock of children's bikes be brought up to a better standard/rationalized.</p>	Andy
6	2023 Cycle Week	<p>This is taking place at the moment. We are disappointed by the poor Cycling UK website which does not show any of the three Forum rides in the week.</p>	
7	New WMDC Cycling website	<p>This was formally launched on 6 June. The address is <a href="http://cycling-wakefield.co.uk">cycling-wakefield.co.uk</a>.</p> <p>It covers all aspects of cycling. Anyone can access the site which has links to partner organizations.</p> <p>Northern Media run the site and have an ongoing maintenance contract. The Forum only have access to post/amend our events. All our rides</p>	

		(and changes) shown on Facebook will also appear on this website.	
8	New No Cycling signs in Wakefield Cemetery	To raise with Louise Galloway.	Meg
9	Holiday Wednesday volunteers	David is putting out a general appeal for volunteers for the six holiday Wednesdays at Nostell and one holiday Friday at Thornes Park. The dates are 26 + 28 July plus 2.9,16,23 and 30 August.  Unfortunately, the Holiday Wednesday scheduled for 31 May had to be cancelled due to lack of volunteers.	All
10	Any other business	<u>Leaflets for 2023 Rides Programme:</u> There are a lot left. New outlets to be sought.  <u>Forum admin paperwork:</u> Neville has produced additional copies for use by Ride Leaders.  <u>WoW rides:</u> These will be diverted onto the new path at Nostell.  <u>WMDC paper Cycle Maps:</u> This is to be pursued again as the last one is dated 2016.  <u>WMDC Net Zero Summit:</u> Mark attended one of these on the theme of Transport. The strategy planned by 2038 to reduce car use by 30%, increase walking by 80% and cycling to increase 20-fold. The meetings will be held quarterly.	Meg  Mark
11	Venue, date and time of next meetings	Thursday 20 July at 1000 @ Pugneys	All