

Committee Meeting 20 July 2023 at The Brig, Altofts Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, Neville Andrews, David Keighley, Andy Beecroft, Sandi Kinkead, David Leigh, Malcolm Morris

Apologies: None

Item	Subject	Issues	Action by
1	Minutes of the last meeting (8 June)	<p>Approved.</p> <p>As far as the situation regarding First Aid Training is concerned, Jane Jukes (WMDC) is responsible for organising this. They currently have no one who can provide it.</p> <p>Apparently, the signs in the cemetery are related to riding around the graves. Using the cemetery path to cycle from A to B is permitted.</p>	<p>Neville</p> <p>All</p>
2	Rides Programme	<p>Up to 30 June we have run 73 rides with 624 participants. Of these, 213 (34%) were women and there were 100 individual riders (45 were women) in the total. 38 adults and 2 juniors joined us for the first time.</p> <p>The programme is running smoothly apart from cancellations due to forecasts of stormy weather.</p>	All
3	Treasurers Report	The current balance of the account stands at £71,393.19. Since the last meeting we have received £20 (tee shirt and membership fee) and paid out £4,528.79 (Northern Media payment, printing, a two-way radio and Hi-Viz jackets).	David L
4	Newsletter	The next issue will be out in September. Articles for this are sought with photos of the newer rides.	All
5	Workdays and workday equipment	<p>Gary Blenkinsop has been e mailed to ask whether or not we have to remove our equipment from the sheds at Pugneys. If we get a negative answer, we may have to consider selling the trailer.</p> <p>A new high-performance strimmer has been purchased. It is suggested that a workday be arranged to try this out on the new Agbrigg path, subject to obtaining permission from David Holdsworth (WMDC).</p>	Andy

6	New WMDC cyclewakefield website	All our rides are now on the site and the Holiday Wednesdays will be added.	Neville
7	New WoW map	This has been a lot of work. Our leaflet printers (Lindleys) cannot print it. Although WMDC has offered use of their printers, other printers may be sought. All committee members will be sent a copy to proof check. This should be done on screen with comments back to Neville	All
8	Community events	<p>These are:</p> <p>22 July Age UK event at Junction 32 Outlet</p> <p>23 July Bike Maintenance at The Brig Altofts</p> <p>26 July to 28 August Holiday Wednesdays at Nostell</p> <p>28 July Kids Club Thornes (9-4)</p> <p>1 August Event at Agbrigg Community Centre</p> <p>25 August Rycroft Leisure Centre (11-2)</p> <p>Volunteers are sought for all these events</p>	All
9	Castleford Mill Facilities	<p>We current use a brick hut free of charge. Water ingress occurs under the door and through the roof. Castleford Mill have plans to redevelop the area but the hut will stay. The ground level outside will be raised so this will additionally compromise the hut.</p> <p>A quote has been obtained for a relatively watertight door (£600) but the roof is a more intractable problem. A quote will be needed for this too. The Forum could contribute part of the door cost but we need some form of lease on the building to do this. Ideally, we would like the new door, a watertight roof plus supplies of water and electricity within the hut. However, if the hut is improved the question of rent will possibly arise.</p>	Meg
10	Current WMDC Service Level Agreement	<p>This covers the period January to December. It requires the Forum to provide 70 led rides, 20 of which should be from Eastmoor and Ryhill/Havercroft. We have to encourage 20 new riders and provide feedback on health improvements achieved through our cycling activities. We are also to produce an updated WoW map for 2024.</p> <p>WMDC undertake to promote Forum activities and will give access to their bike hire services free of charge for participants on Forum rides. Unfortunately, the only place WMDC hire bikes</p>	All

		<p>is at Thornes Park. We would like to have bikes available at Eastmoor and Rycroft Leisure Centres but need somewhere safe to store them.</p> <p>As far as the WoW map is concerned, we should get everything ready and a printer and print run (5,000 or 10,000) agreed and then see if WMDC have carried out their side of the bargain i.e., removed barriers and put up signs along the route.</p>	
11	Purchase of a device to process card payments	This was felt to be a good idea. The machine to be purchased would have to link direct to the Forum's bank account rather than being routed via a particular mobile phone. Clearly there would be a small fee per transaction. This will be investigated.	Malcolm
12	Frequency of meetings	This will be discussed at a later date.	
13	Any other business	<p><u>The late Thomas Goodwin:</u> Mark is to write again to the solicitors concerned to enquire whether we can make progress on an alternative cycle route avoiding the field which Mr Metcalf has ploughed up.</p> <p><u>Forum Members who join at Eastmoor, Agbrigg or Rycroft:</u> It was agreed to waive the £5 joining fee.</p> <p><u>A Cycle Hub in South East Wakefield:</u> Mark Wozniak has requested a meeting to progress this idea. This will be arranged.</p>	<p>Mark</p> <p>All</p> <p>David L</p>
14	Date/Time/Venue of next meeting	10:00 Thursday 17 August at the Brig, Altofts	All