

Committee Meeting 16 November 2023 at The Brig, Altofts Notes of Meeting

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

Kinkead, Malcolm Morris, Andy Beecroft

Apologies: David Leigh

1	Minutes of the last meeting (19 October)	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	The new structure at WMDC meetings in relation to cycling was set out in the minutes, basically	All
		John Wilcox – Public Health and Strategy	
		Martin Barnes – Infrastructure	
		John Gallager – Cycle Wakefield	
		Lou Galloway – Skills and Opportunities	
		It was suggested that Sandi and Neville could participate in the Cycle Wakefield Meetings.	
3	2023 AGM and minutes thereof	Minutes approved	
4	Matters arising	All issues will be covered by this meeting	
5	Rides Programme 2023	So far in 2023 we have run 131 rides. The average participants per ride is 8.	
6	Rides Programme 2024	David K reminded the meeting that we would have a stall at the Wakefield Rhubarb Festival on Friday 16 February 1000-1600. A banner will be sought for the stall.	David K
		The 2024 leaflet has been finalized and we are now seeking printing costs. Lindleys have quoted	
		5000 at £399.95	
		7000 at £599.95	
		10000 at £739.95	
		It was decided to print 7000.	Malcolm
		Two boxes will be supplied to WMDC for distribution to Council run libraries. A door drop might be considered in areas where ride take up is poor.	
		It was resolved that there would be no holiday	David K

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		Wednesday stall on 29 May but that they would	
		be held on July 24 and 31 plus 7, 14, 21 and 28 August.	
7	Treasurers Report	The current balance in the account stands at £71094.11. There have been no significant debits or credits since September	David L
8	Newsletter	It was agreed that there would be no December Newsletter but that one would be issued in the Spring	Meg
9	Workdays	A meeting is to be held on 17 November with WMDC to determine what work it is possible for the Forum to do. This will then allow us to draw up a new plan for workdays in 2024. Andy is hoping to get WMDC to improve Toll Bar Lane by Silcotes School in Wrenthorpe. The A frame at the end of Pugneys Road in the Portobello Estate must be high priority for removal. Andy reported that the proposed work on the canal at Altofts may actually be beyond the capabilities of the Forum. The meetings attention was drawn to a hazard (a pothole) on the Barnsley Canal north of Navvy Lane. This could be rectified by the forum	Andy
10	Forum Safeguarding Policy	The Forums Safeguarding Policy is available on the website. It does require a review. It was agreed that henceforward it should be known as the Safeguarding Policy and Procedures Meg will progress this with Cherry Oldham	Meg
11	Purchase of a device to process credit/debit card payments	It was resolved that a Sum up Solo device be purchased at a cost of £79	Mark
12	Nova – Community grants for climate activity	The obvious candidate for this is the Castleford Hut. However, our abnormal turnover in 2022-2023 requires a more onerous application process. In normal year a simpler procedure would apply. It was therefore agreed to defer any application for a grant until after April 2024.	Meg
13	WMDC Skills and Opportunities Meeting 7.11.23	 This covered Changes to the Cycle Steering Group Our Year (2024)/Cycle Hub at Pugneys Walk it/Ride it Campaign Cycle Leader and First Aider Training Rycroft CC launch in Spring 	



		WMDC putting cycling routes onto Map Hub	
14	The Castleford Hut	It is now clear that a repair to the roof is beyond the capabilities of the Forum.	
		Accordingly, 3 options are being put to the Queens Mill Manager, Lorna Malkin-	Meg
		 Obtain a quotation from a builder for the roof and door repair Buy a prefabricated cycle store from Adshed (cost around £2500) Demolish the hut and install a prefabricated cycle store on the footprint 	
15	January meal and possible subsidy	This has yet to be finalized. It will most likely be at the Dimple Well Lodge, Ossett and in the latter half of January.	
		It was agreed that there would be no general subsidy but that all Committee Members and Ride Leaders would not be required to pay for their meal	Sandi Mark
16	Any other business	Ride Leaders Meeting 7 November: Back markers had been agreed for all WoW Rides with the exception of July and August. There will need to be careful consideration to Ride Leaders and Back Markers for the 4 August event. Sandi and Cherry have volunteered to be Back Markers. Limits of participants will have to be imposed on the rides. WMDC confirm that the Pugneys Cycle Hub will be up and running well before August including bike hire.	Malcolm
		A new key is required for the Eastmoor bike store The Chevet Branch Line Cycle Route is 10 years old in 2024. It was suggested that the 3 March WoW Ride be led by Sandy and be run anti clockwise	
		4 August Event: The suggested rides varied widely in distance e.g., Sandal Castle 3 miles, Newmillerdam 3 miles, Hepworth 3.6 miles, Nostell Priory 20 miles, Heath 8.2 miles, Anglers 15 miles and the WoW 21 miles.	All
		Teams Cycle Steering Group 14 November: First Aid Courses were being offered at £91 per individual (Neil Battersby has already completed one). However, if a group undertook the training this could be free. The course is offered as part of WMDCs 'Cycle to Health'.	All
		The meeting was attended by Martin Barnes who advised that the issue with Mr Metcalf was	



		being actively pursued. The issue of potholes on cycle routes was raised. An Active Travel Group will normally meet a month before the Cycle Steering Group. David K is providing John Wilcox with a list of the Forum's priorities for infrastructure improvements. Newton Bar Roundabout: David K and	David K
		Mohammed Ayub (WMDC Cycle Champion) had inspected the recent major improvements to this location.	
17	Date/Time/Venue of next meeting	10:00 Thursday 18 January at the Brig, Altofts	All

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