

‘Committee Meeting 18 January 2024 at The Brig, Altofts Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Neville Andrews, Sandi Kinkead

1	Minutes of the last meeting (16 November)	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	In relation to the Castleford Hut the Castleford Heritage Trust have obtained a grant which includes the provision of cycle racks and cycle storage. Half the money has now been received. The Forum will seek quotes for the demolition of the hut. The Heritage Trust will require data on our usage of the facility. It was noted that there is a current exhibition regarding regeneration plan for Castleford. This includes cycling improvements.	All
3	Rides Programme	Mark was asked to start distribution of the rides leaflets in the Western half of the District as soon as possible and to include doctors’ surgeries. Cathryn Vaughton has volunteered to become a back marker on rides.	Mark
4	WoW rides	The first of these was held on 7 January. A lot was learned from the experience. Malcolm had put together a briefing note which is summarized here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Setting up was relatively straight forward • WMDC publicity had worked well and attendance exceeded expectations (25 booked and 36 turned up) including 3 under 16s. • Fortunately, four ride leaders were asked to attend so that the ride could be split into two (clockwise and anticlockwise). • Progress was slower than on a normal easy ride and it was evident that some participants (and or their cycles) were not suited to such a long ride. • Many riders had not ridden with the Forum before 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We already have 25 bookings for the February ride There was an issue with the till at the Anglers Café which will hopefully not recur. <p>In the light of this experience, it was proposed that the WoW rides be pre booking only and restricted to 15x2 participants plus 2 ride leaders and 2 back markers. There will be an impact on Forum members.</p>	Malcom
5	New WMDC WoW map and WDCF WoW map	<p>The new WMDC map was distributed. Whilst it is waterproof, clear and informative it is folded oddly and shows no other cycle routes which could be used to access/leave the WoW route.</p> <p>As far the Forum map is concerned it was agreed to keep using the current map until at least September or when the new route to Sandal Castle is added to the WoW route.</p> <p>The Forum map is currently available on the website</p>	All
6	Treasurers Report	<p>The current balance stands at £70,654.87.</p> <p>Since the last meeting there had been receipts of £493.19 for the Forum meal on 25 January, and debits of £100 (Dinner deposit), £91 (a First Aid Course), £599 (leaflet printing), £81 (Two-way Radios) £64 (device to take card payments)</p> <p>WMDC advise that our annual grant of £6083.20 should be deposited in our account shortly</p>	David L
7	Newsletter	<p>Will include article on the 10th anniversary of the Chevet Branch Line and outstanding infrastructure challenges on the Wonders of Wakefield Cycle Route</p> <p>Just awaiting articles on the WoW rides and Eventbrite, then it will be issued, probably by 31 January.</p>	Meg
8	Eventbrite	<p>Bookings for WoW rides will go live six weeks prior to the ride. It is essential that people who book supply an email address so that they can be contacted, if necessary, which will be required to tell participants to turn up 15 minutes early. It is important that participants don't think that booking entitles them to Forum membership. Ideally a QR</p>	Meg Neville Malcolm

		code will be included leading to a form in order to capture data from participants.	
9	Workdays/Volunteer Day	<p>An offer had been made by a Thomas Randall to assist with colleagues on a workday. He has been responded to.</p> <p>This month there will only be a few small workdays but more will be achievable as the weather improves. A target area for work is in the Nostell Estate and Syke Lane. We are liaising with Lou Galloway re obtaining top trek from WMDC. We can offer to do improvements to the WoW route if WMDC are unable to undertake the work. This would include several posts and the obstructive gate at Portobello (Pugneys Road).</p> <p>The recent TPT Newsletter highlighted the work by volunteers of the Forum.</p> <p>There will be promotion of workdays through Facebook.</p>	Andy
10	January Meal at Dimple Well Lodge in Ossett	This event has attracted 29 bookings by the closing date of 11 January. It will take place on 25 January	Mark Sandi
11	Any other business	<p><u>Ride Leaders Meeting:</u> This will take place in February.</p> <p><u>CYPTEC Training Course in Darlington:</u> Neville and Malcolm will attend this training to enable them to lead courses.</p> <p><u>Meeting with Lou Galloway:</u> This will take place on 24 January at 1000 on Teams.</p> <p><u>Rhubarb Festival:</u> We have a stall at this event on Friday 16 February 1000-1600 and volunteers are needed.</p> <p><u>10th Anniversary of Chevet Branch Line:</u> This will occur in April and as a major achievement of the Forum must be celebrated. Ideally it could be incorporated into a Forum ride.</p> <p><u>Tee shirts for 4 August event at Pugneys:</u> Agreed to defer this issue until nearer August</p>	<p>Malcolm</p> <p>Malcolm Neville Malcolm Meg David K</p> <p>Malcolm Meg</p>
12	Date/Time/Venue of next meeting	10:00 Thursday 22 February at the Brig, Altofts	All