

## Committee Meeting 21 March 2024 at The Brig, Altofts Notes of Meeting

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

1	Minutes of the last meeting (22 February)	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	The shed at the Mill in Castleford has been demolished.	All
		Neville and Malcolm are now qualified to carry out bike doctoring sessions. Their first challenge will be a course for asylum seekers at the Cedar Court Hotel in Durkar.	
		The grant for cycle toolkits has been awarded and they will be ordered today. The kits will be pooled to cover a number of venues.	
		Sandi will report back next week as to whether to Dimple Well Hotel could host our AGM in the Summer.	Sandi
		On the question of a pop-up barrier for cycling events it was felt that what we have currently should be sufficient.	
		Display maps. These will be installed shortly at Nostell Priory and the Hepworth with the 'Our Year' version of the WoW.	
		It has been agreed that the membership fee be abolished and Ride Leaders should cross out the £5 fee on the membership cards.	All
3	Rides Programme	This has run satisfactorily with only the weather disrupting plans. Only 5 Easy rides have so far been scheduled this year	
		Overall, in 2024 we have run 19 rides with 201 participants made up of 86 individual riders. Of these 31 (31.8%) were female, 41 were new to Forum rides and two were juniors. Average participants were 8 per ride for Easy/Steady rides and 19 on WoW rides.	
		25 new members have joined the Forum since the membership fee was abolished	



4	WoW rides	The last WoW ride took place on 3 March. 21 people turned up and there were a number of incidents but overall, it went well. The next is on 7 April and with the maximum participation now set at 15 there are only two available spaces left. The number of places shown on Eventbrite will be reduced to 15 and left at this level for the time being.	Malcolm Neville
5	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £72083.66.  Since the last meeting Membership fees and a WMDC grant have been received amounting to £1376. Expenditure has been £5263 on insurance, aluminium signs, T shirts, Green House café, Go Daddy, Castleford shed demolition, WoW map displays and bike doctoring tools for Altofts.  David L also reported on membership. New members will now be recorded but not added to the Mailchimp account (to avoid further fees). Members are routinely asked if they want to receive newsletters and information.	David L
		In view of the large numbers of inactive members David has undertaken some culling recently.	
6	Newsletter	This will be issued at the end of April. A principal theme will be the weather over the last year and its affect on the rides programme. Mark has promised to contribute an article	Meg Mark
7	Workdays	Little change to report. Over the next month there will be an assessment of the work needed which will then be carried out when the weather improves.  David K has been speaking to Open Country regarding works on the Nostell paths, particularly the wet section. WMDC have completed work on the paths at Stanley Ferry but not started on work at Foxholes Lane. They have also delivered 16 tons of planings for the work at Nostell.	Andy David K
8	Castleford Bike Hut	With the brick hut demolished the Mill will today order a new metal hut to go on the same footprint. Delivery time is 8 weeks. The new shed and its installation are funded by the Mill as part of their Cycle Hub Grant. The demolition of the brick shed was funded by the Forum as part of the agreement with the	Meg Neville



		Mill and we will also have to pay for a concrete base and an excavation in front of the entrance to the shed. The Forum could pay for some accessories for the new shed.  An official opening is planned for the late Spring possibly involving Councillor Denise Jeffries, the Leader of WMDC. A bike doctoring session might be provided.	
9	Nostell Bike Container	The Head Gardener at Nostell has asked if the container could be visually improved. It could be turned 90 degrees, repainted and or covered in camouflage netting.  The adjacent summerhouse will be partly refurbished by the National Trust and then can be used by volunteers, this also includes use by the Forum on Holiday Wednesdays and for bike doctoring.	David K Andy
10	Nostell Event on 29 May	The Forum have been asked to assist in hosting a day for 70 asylum seekers. This could include cycle maintenance and cycle rides. Volunteers are sought.	All
11	Nostell Cycle Trail promotion/Event	The Trail is in good condition but is not being used. It is widely abused by dog walkers who are prohibited from using it. Ideally it could be included in the rides programme.	David K Malcolm
12	Any other business	A Prince of Wales Wonders of Wakefield Ride? It was suggested that this might be run in October on or about the first anniversary of Forum Member Bob Newton's untimely death to raise money for the local hospice	Malcolm Neville
		Wakefield Wheel Ride: The next is scheduled for Saturday 30 March.  Funding opportunity: Andy advised that the Matthew Good Group were offering grants to	All Andy
		organizations like the Forum. He would provide details to Neville.  Registering bikes against theft: Neville and Malcolm were now qualified to register bikes on the National Database. This can be	All
		included in bike doctoring sessions but is limited to 30 bikes at a time.  SumUp device to take card payments: Mark admitted that he had been unable to get the machine to work. Neville offered to try	Neville
13	Date/Time/Venue of next meeting	10:00 Thursday 18 April at the Brig, Altofts	All