

Committee Meeting

18 April 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.

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| 1 | Minutes of the last meeting (21 March) | Agreed | |
| 2 | Matters arising | <p>New display maps are now in situ at the Hepworth but not at Nostell Priory where the National Trust are deciding where it should be sited.</p> <p>The concrete base for the new Castleford bike hut has been installed at the Forum's expense.</p> <p>It was noted that the Nostell Cycle Trail had been incorporated satisfactorily into the Nostell Easy Ride.</p> | All |
| 3 | Rides Programme | <p>These have generally gone smoothly. The Risk Assessment will be rewritten to emphasize the importance of both Ride Leader and Back Marker carrying a radio. However, the Ride Leader will have discretion to manage without radios for very small groups.</p> <p>More radios will be ordered together with Hi viz vests for Back Markers.</p> <p>In order to minimise administration, membership cards will be issued to non-members on each ride, with individuals told to complete them and hand them in on their next Forum ride.</p> <p>Ride leaders are also asked to have a good stock of MICE cards to issue where appropriate.</p> <p>So far in 2024, 26 Forum rides have taken place attracting 217 riders, an average of 8.4 per ride. Including the 4 WoW and Wheel Rides, a total of 310 riders took part (105 individuals of whom 37% were female). Pleasingly, 48 new cyclists were attracted to our rides, 14 participating more than once.</p> | All |

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| 4 | WoW and Wheel Rides | <p>The latest WoW ride took place on 7 April and attracted 16 participants, four of whom were new to Forum rides. A Wheel ride was run on 30 March.</p> <p>The four WoW rides so far have attracted 35 new riders, 10 of whom returned for a second time</p> | Malcolm Neville |
| 5 | Treasurers Report | <p>The current balance stands at £73,594.66. Since the last meeting we have received a grant from WMDC of £2263 and paid out £752 to Castleford Heritage Trust (in connection with the bike hut at the Mill.)</p> <p>Neville advised that we will shortly have to pay £450 to Go Daddy to host our website for the next three years</p> | David L |
| 6 | Newsletter | <p>This was issued at the end of April. A further edition will be issued during the Summer</p> | Meg |
| 7 | Workdays | <p>There has been little activity lately. However, Open Country will be assisting in work on Nostell paths, particularly near the railway bridge where flooding has been a problem.</p> <p>Following the removal of the unhelpful barrier at Portobello (the route to Pugneys) by WMDC, next on the hit list should be those on the approach to Anglers from Santingley Lane and the entrance to Haw Park Wood.</p> <p>It was reported that a fallen tree on the WoW route had been attended to by WMDC very promptly. It was noted that the WMDC Public Rights of Way Department had a new apprentice – a positive move. Steve and Brian were the Path Maintenance Team.</p> <p>As regard to bike maintenance, it was agreed that the Forum should acquire a roller water barrel (as used by caravanners)</p> <p>In regard to WoW vinyls, some of the new vinyls omit the white area indicating the direction to be followed, which is less than satisfactory. There is a need for some more straight ahead WoW vinyl signs</p> | Andy David K |
| 8 | 2024 AGM and meal | <p>This would be held at The Dimple Well Hotel in Ossett on Sunday 14 July at 5pm followed by a Barbeque at 6pm. 30 places have been booked and will be firmed up nearer the time.</p> | Meg Sandie Mark |

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| | | <p>As in January there will be no charge for Committee Members and Ride Leaders/Back Markers. A charge for others will be agreed.</p> <p>Again, the menu will include vegan options and the possibility of moving indoors if the weather is inclement.</p> | |
| 9 | Nominations for WDCF Committee | These will be canvassed nearer the AGM. However, Malcolm has indicated that he wishes to stand down from his role as Rides Co-ordinator. | Meg |
| 10 | Sum Up Card Reader | After several hurdles Neville has managed to get this device to operate satisfactorily. It is linked to the Forum's Bank Account. It will accept any contactless debit or credit card except American Express. Pin codes also work. Receipts can be issued. The Forum will receive 98p in every £1. | Mark David L Meg |
| 11 | Wakefield Eastern Relief Road - Evaluation | The Forum had been contacted to participate in this. David K and Mark would take this forward. | David K Mark |
| 12 | Any other business | <p><u>First Aid Kits for Bike Doctors:</u> It was agreed that two kits should be acquired at a cost of £16.</p> <p><u>Rycroft Leisure Centre:</u> Neville advised that they were undertaking training for new cyclists. Yet another positive development at this venue for Forum rides.</p> <p><u>Cycle Fest 4 August Pugneys:</u> It will be necessary to inspect the Portobello entrance to Pugneys ahead of this event. There will also be a requirement for administrative assistance from Forum volunteers on the day.</p> <p><u>Junction 32 D Day Commemoration Event:</u> This invitation will be declined.</p> <p><u>Sarah Wilson request:</u> This will be followed up by Malcolm and Neville</p> <p><u>Castleford Mill Running out of Time event:</u> This will take place in June. The Forum have been asked to have a presence.</p> <p><u>Cedar Court Event in May:</u> There is concern that there will be insufficient bikes for this event. Condition of the bikes is also of concern. Cycle North to be contacted.</p> | <p>Neville Malcolm</p> <p>All</p> <p>David K Malcolm Neville</p> <p>Meg</p> <p>David K</p> |
| 13 | Date/Time/Venue of next meeting | 10:00 Thursday 30 May at the Brig, Altofts | All |