

Committee Meeting

30 May 2024 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Malcolm Morris, Neville Andrews, Sandi Kinkead. Sharon Kaye.

Apologies: David Leigh, Andy Beecroft

1	Minutes of the last meeting (18 April)	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<p>Nostell Priory have said no to a cycle route display stand. Alternative suggestions were Sandal Castle or City Fields.</p> <p>A virtual meeting was held on 29 April with David Auld regarding the five-year review of the Wakefield Eastern Relief Road and David K had provided a comprehensive summary of the Forum's views.</p> <p>Contact was made with Sarah Wilson and it was agreed to defer the issue for the time being at her request.</p>	All
3	Rides Programme	<p>Recent poor weather has depressed the number of participants but only one ride has actually been cancelled.</p> <p>The Eastmoor ride will run for the final time on 8 June due to consistent low participation. An additional Rycroft ride is to be discussed with Catherine Portman of the Rycroft Centre.</p> <p>Malcolm put forward a proposal for revised ride leader training. It is recognized that face-to-face training is superior to on-line training. The face-to-face trainer currently used by the Forum (Pedal Ready) does not issue a certificate at the end of the course. It is suggested that ride leaders, after attending a Pedal Ready course, then join Cycling UK which would enable them to attend an on-line course at the end of which they would receive a certificate. Membership of Cycling UK is currently £50.</p> <p>This approach was supported by the Committee who also agreed to refund Tim Scarrott the sum of £21. He used this approach to obtain a ride leader certificate (he joined Cycling UK for a lower fee due to his membership of the Caravan & Motorhome Club)</p>	Malcolm Neville
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £72334.80. In the absence of the Treasurer there was no further discussion	David L

5	Newsletter	The next edition will be issued after the AGM on 14 July	Meg
6	Workdays	One workday is planned for 11 June. Meet at the road beside the brickworks off Swine Lane in Nostell	Andy David K
7	2024 AGM and barbeque 14 July	<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> <p>As in January there will be no charge for Committee Members and Ride Leaders/Back Markers. A charge for others will be £18.95.</p> <p>Again, the menu will include vegan options and the possibility of moving indoors if the weather is inclement.</p> <p>To date there have been 8 confirmed bookings and a further 5 people have verbally indicated that they wish to attend. Those who have booked formally will be acknowledged.</p> <p>The event is to be publicized through Facebook and an email.</p>	Meg Sandie Mark
8	Nominations for WDCF Committee	<p>Malcolm has indicated that he wishes to stand down from his role as Rides Co-ordinator. In his place Tim Scarrott will be nominated.</p> <p>All other committee members have indicated their willingness to continue.</p>	Meg
9	4 August event at Pugneys	<p>Malcolm will remain as co-ordinator for this event. Information has been supplied to all ride leaders. Radios will be essential. The rides will start every 30 minutes from 10.00. Eventbrite will advise participants to arrive 20 minutes before the scheduled start time.</p> <p>Administration for the rides and registration will be by the playground beyond the far end of the car park. It will open at 09.15. Several Forum members have offered to staff this.</p> <p>The schedule of rides is attached to these minutes.</p>	All
10	WMDC Climate Crisis Meeting 21 May	<p>Work will start on improving the Ackworth to Fitzwilliam cycle path on 24 August. Plans are also afoot to upgrade Grandstand Way which links Wakefield 41 to Outwood Station.</p> <p>In the longer term WMDC plan to upgrade cycle paths from Wakefield to Castleford, Dewsbury and Woodlesford plus Featherstone to South Hiendley and Newton Hill to East Ardsley</p>	Meg Mark David K

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11	WMDC Cycle Steering Group 22 May	John Wilcox is going to fix up a cycle infrastructure meeting with Joe Jenkinson or Yubi David K has yet again supplied WMDC with a list of our infrastructure priorities	David K Meg Mark
12	Castleford Heritage Group	The new hut will be delivered and installed on 7 June. On 13 June there will be an event entitled "Running out of Time" involving a relay race on a route from Ben Nevis to Big Ben. This will be an ideal time to launch our new cycle hut in that the media and possibly Councillor Jack Hemmingway will be there. Forum members are asked to be there at 1100 and the "Running out of Time" riders will be there from 1300-1340	All
13	Any other business	<u>Bike Doctor sessions:</u> These have been/will be as follows: Hepworth 20 April Cedar Court/Asylum Seekers 13 May Featherstone Rovers 28 May Pontefract Wheelfest 8 June Calder Park 12 June Queens Mill 13 June Venues are being sought for Bike Maintenance Courses e.g. Lightwaves, Anglers or Rycroft. <u>E mail address for volunteers:</u> This is to be established <u>Unaccompanied children on rides:</u> There have been potential problems on a ride arranged by another organization in that responsible adults failed to accompany children on the ride. In future, care will need to be exercised particularly on 4 August rides. <u>Liquorice Festival:</u> Volunteers are sought for a stall at this event on 14 July in Pontefract Town Centre	Malcolm Neville Neville Malcolm David K
13	Date/Time/ Venue of next meeting	10:00 Thursday 20 June at the Brig, Altofts	All