

Committee Meeting

19 September 2024 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Neville Andrews, Sandi Kinkead, Louise Galloway(WMDC)

Apologies: Andy Beecroft, Sharon Kaye, Tim Scarrott, David Leigh

1	Minutes of 18 July meeting	Agreed.	
2	Matters arising	<p>There is now agreement to site a map stand at Sandal Castle but due to the historical significance of the site it will be three more months before all approvals are completed.</p> <p>The WoW ride scheduled for 1 September did not happen due to adverse weather. The PoWWoW ride is now scheduled for 6 October and donations towards the Prince of Wales Hospice will be invited.</p> <p>The Canal and River Trust have not responded regarding the issue on the towpath near Denby Dale Road other than acknowledgements.</p>	All
3	Presentation by Louise Galloway WMDC	<p>Lou outlined the Council's aspirations for the Forum's activities in 2025.</p> <p>They wished to see the Eastmoor and Rycroft rides continuing and would like to add a ride from Fitzwilliam or Kinsley. In the longer-term additional rides from Airedale and South Elmsall/Frickley might be considered. The WoW rides would continue on their present basis. An annual cycle event would held at Pugneys or Thornes in July or August. Bike Maintenance Courses would be run quarterly at Anglers or Rycroft and there would be Bike Doctor sessions throughout the year.</p> <p>The Forum is required to submit their thoughts on these proposals and prepare a budget submission in order to obtain the annual WMDC grant.</p>	Meg Neville Tim
4	Rides Programme	<p>We need a Ride Leaders meeting as soon as possible and this can be face to face or on Teams.</p> <p>There is a question over the future of the Castleford Mill Steady ride as David Leigh would like to drop this. Another leader will be sought.</p>	Tim
5	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £71914.04. Since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £331(a DBS payment, refreshments for Ride Leaders at 4 August event, Cycling UK membership and remedial work).	David L

		Income has been £328.26 (Monies taken at the six Holiday Wednesdays at Nostell Priory.)	
6	Workdays and equipment	There has been little activity but the PROW team (Reg in particular) have become encouragingly responsive to our reports of problems on bridleways.	All
7	4 August event at Pugneys	This was a successful event although the overall number of participants was disappointing with two rides having no takers. Next year we may consider also letting people turn up on the day, subject to a maximum of 10 participants per ride. WMDC are very grateful for our assistance.	All
8	Time of Committee meetings	In view of the fact that Timothy Scarrott and Sharon Kaye are unable to attend daytime meetings it was agreed that the next meeting would be held on Zoom or Teams at 1900 on Thursday 24 October. We will consider holding every other committee meeting in the evening.	All
9	Eastmoor Ride/Cycle Storage at St Swithuns,	Provision of cycle storage at St Swithuns is not now likely to be agreed. David K raised the question of this ride continuing in 2025 in view of the low participation and other complications. Lou will meet with the Manager at St Swithuns to see if anything could be improved. It was suggested that a reversion to a weekday instead of Saturday might increase participation	Lou
10	Current infrastructure issues	An updated list of cut back requirements on bridleways had been sent to David Holdsworth (WMDC). A list of 12 minor improvements to the cycle network were appended to the agenda for this meeting. Following discussion with Meg and David K these will be submitted by Mark to the Council's CRM reporting system making clear that this is on behalf of the Forum. A receipt number can then be allocated to each issue.	Mark David K Meg
11	Christmas/Winter meal	It was agreed that this would be held on Thursday 23 January at the Dimple Well Hotel, Ossett. It was also suggested that there might be some form of celebration exclusively for Ride Leaders and Back Markers in December.	Sandi Meg
12	Any other business	<u>Path from River Calder up to Heath Village:</u> Serious concern was expressed regarding this steep path which is part of the WoW route. WMDC to be informed that this must be on the maintenance schedule. <u>Vandalism to WoW signs:</u> This is annoying but David K will undertake to replace these. <u>Cllr Yubi :</u> He wishes to be more involved with the Forum in his role as Cycle Champion. A meeting with him could be arranged at Lightwaves, where he is in a managerial role. <u>Cycle event at Frickley Colliery Park:</u> This will take place on 29 September and will include a bike doctor session.	David K David K Meg

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		<p><u>Wakefield Wheel signs:</u> David K and Andy are renewing these.</p> <p><u>Grants for farmers to create paths on their land:</u> At a recent WMDC meeting the representative of the British Horse Society had stated that there were grants available to farmers to create bridleways on their land for horse riders and cyclists. To investigate.</p>	<p>David K Andy</p> <p>Mark</p>
13	Next meeting	19:00 Thursday 24 October on Zoom or Teams	All