

Committee Meeting 20 February 2025 on Teams Notes of Meeting

Present: Meg Andrews (Chair), Mark Beswick, David Keighley, Neville Andrews, Sharon Kaye, Andy Beecroft, David Leigh

Apologies: Sandi Kinkead, Tim Scarrott

1	Minutes of 30 January meeting	Agreed.	
2	Matters arising	<p>Sharon had met with Louise to clarify which statistics she required. For all events (not just rides) she wants the numbers of participants and volunteers, plus a gender breakdown.</p> <p>David reported that the WoW signs were currently fine.</p> <p>Meg had spoken to Steve Byles regarding the 18 January incident and he did not wish to take it any further.</p> <p>The Rycroft Bike Doctor Session on 19 January attracted no interest other than from Mark</p> <p>We will not have a presence at the Rhubarb Festival as our 2025 Rides Leaflet is not yet available</p>	
3	Rides Programme and Ride statistics	<p>There has been a problem with the delivery of the 2025 Ride Leaflets but they are expected imminently. When notified they will be collected by or delivered to: Tim, Neville, David K, David L, Mark and Louise.</p> <p>Sharon reported that she would provide statistics on rides after the end of the first quarter on 31 March.</p> <p>A list of locations provided with leaflets in the west of the District is attached.</p>	Tim Mark
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £76,922. Since the last meeting there has been expenditure of £315.37 on insurance cover and income has been Nil. An outstanding payment of £40 to David K for WoW vinyls would be authorized today.	David L Mark
5	Workdays and equipment	Poor weather has prevented any workdays this year but these will soon resume as Spring arrives. It was agreed that Andy could purchase £500 worth of timber 6x2x12feet x30 to provide edging for cycle paths. The timber will be stored in the Thornes Park container. We already have the planings (Top Trek) to complete the work. Workdays will be arranged to install these.	Andy

		Andy reported that in 2024 there had been 15 workdays which involved 37 volunteer days.	
6	WMDC Cycle Wakefield meeting 13 February	<p>The meeting was quite useful for the Forum as attendance from other non WMDC representatives was very low. The Chair, Councillor Mohammed Ayub is very supportive of our aims.</p> <p>A police representative gave statistics on cycle crime which had fallen 20% in 2024 but there had been roughly one crime per day in Wakefield since the beginning of the year. He promoted the cycle registration scheme.</p> <p>Zoe Stewart of WMDC was heading a team looking into expanding cycle routes in Wakefield. Sustrans were conducting a feasibility study for this. She was promised details of the Forum's aspirations in regard to canal and riverside paths.</p> <p>As far as infrastructure is concerned Martin Barnes listed what was in the programme: LTP 4, Grandstand Road Outwood, Dando Way, Castleford area improvements, Neil Fox Way improvements, other pipeline projects and the fifth Active Travel Strategy. The Forum would be consulted on the schemes. 40 barriers were on the list for removal and 5 had been completed so far. The Metcalf impasse would again be referred to WMDC Enforcement.</p> <p>Mark promised to supply the results of our CRM reports to Martin Barnes to try and move things forward. Martin had indicated that any Forum requests for signalled crossings (e.g. Toucan) were unlikely to go ahead due to the limited budgets.</p>	<p>David K</p> <p>Mark</p>
7	Citizen Coin	Neville outlined how the scheme worked. Participants needed to download and sign in to the Citizen Coin app. Once installed, search for the relevant activity (Committee Meeting or Cycle Ride) and sign up for this. This will then be authorized by Admin - there may be a delay. After completing the activity, use the CC app to scan the QR code provided by Admin to receive a coin. Latest offers can be viewed and claimed from within the CC app.	All
8	Cycling UK Bike Revival	No details of 2025 events were yet available	
9	Speed limit change on Oakenshaw Lane	Meg was preparing a response to WMDC for the Forum which would question why the proposed new limit was not 30mph throughout Doncaster Road to Chevet Terrace.	Meg
10	Should we resume face to face meetings?	It was agreed that these were not practical at present but we would switch to Zoom for the next meeting	

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11	Any other business	<p><u>Pugneys Bike Hub:</u> This will happen at some time this year with Jay's Cycles installed in a unit there.</p> <p><u>Cedar Court bikes:</u> The Forum has been approached to maintain these.</p> <p><u>Bike Doctor Sessions:</u> There will be sessions at Anglers during this year organized by Malcolm</p>	<p>Neville</p> <p>Malcolm</p>
12	Next meeting	19:00 Thursday 20 March on Zoom	All

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