

Committee Meeting

26 March 2026 at The Brig, Altofts

Notes of Meeting

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

Apologies: Tim Scarrott, Sharon Kaye

1	Minutes of 26 February meeting	Agreed	
2	Matters arising	<p><u>Bridleways on Metcalfe land:</u> Information on costs is still awaited from WMDC.</p> <p><u>Mailchimp:</u> An alternative provider has been found and has been used once. We will wait and see how it performs</p> <p><u>CRM:</u> An updated list is attached.</p> <p><u>Pugneys Cycle Hub:</u> This should open by Easter. The Forum have suggested an alternative route for cyclists from the car park which passes behind the children's play area and avoids conflict with pedestrians on the existing path. The Forum may consider funding this.</p> <p><u>New WoW map:</u> Good progress has been made on the text, and this has now to be fitted into the available space on the map.</p> <p><u>May events at Nostell Priory:</u> In view of the Forum's participation at the Try Cycling event at Thornes Park, the 30 May Holiday Wednesday session at Nostell will not now go ahead.</p>	
3	Rides programme	Unfortunately, two rides have had to be cancelled due to the lack of a Ride Leader: Hemsworth Water Park (14 March) and Pontefract Park (22 March). This is in addition to the ongoing cancellation of the Darrington Ride (1 st Saturday) for the same reason.	Neville
4	Treasurers Report	The current balance stands at £80408.05. Since the start of the financial year on 6 April 2025, we have received £7978.95 in income and have incurred expenditure of £3873.02	David L
5	Workdays	Two workdays have taken place recently, one to fix signs on the new cycle path up to Sandal Castle and a second to refurbish the bikes at Agbrigg. A further session is to take place on the 27 March to clear the cycle path from Agbrigg to Oakenshaw Lane.	Andy

6	Try Cycle event 27 May	This will be held at Thornes Park Stadium from 1000-1500. The Forum will provide two Bike Doctors, an information stand and run rides around the park. Volunteers are sought for this event.	Meg Neville David K
7	Ride Leader recruitment	<p>Neville has been supplied with the names of six potential candidates for ride leaders, but only two have responded to his request.</p> <p>Currently there is an active WhatsApp group for ride leaders. This is used for cancellations and alterations. Some ride leaders use Facebook. However, the key message is that Neville needs to know at least a week in advance if a ride is likely to be cancelled. Facebook should also be used to notify cancellations.</p> <p>A spreadsheet is a possibility, and this will be considered.</p> <p>To try and tackle the ride leader problem back markers are being recruited and so far, Andrew Welch has agreed to fill this role on Sandi's rides. Ride leaders are to be asked to discuss the possibility with regular ride participants who could fulfil that role (and there are quite a lot). Once someone has agreed, the individuals contact details need to be conveyed to Neville. A list of potential back markers will be compiled.</p> <p>The meeting agreed to postpone any ride leader training with Cycle UK.</p>	Neville
8	Eco Festival at WX on 4 July	The Forum is keen to participate as they have at similar events in 2024 and 2025. A formal invitation is waited.	David K
9	Open ended loan of Forum bike	It was suggested that Lisa Wilson approach Margaret French to encourage her to return to participation in Forum rides	Lisa
10	Komoot	Komoot can be used to plot a route which can then be saved and forwarded to others. Ideally, the Forum would hold a file of routes which then could be used by ride leaders on whatever software they use (Komoot, Strava, GPX, Garmin Connect, Rides GPS, etc)	
11	Any other business	<u>Bike Doctor sessions:</u> Malcolm has suggested that the Forum acquire an advertising flag of around 2 metres in height at a cost of £150. This, and the design thereon, was agreed.	Neville
12	Date/Time/ Venue/ Medium of next meeting	1030 on Thursday 23 April at the Brig, Altofts. This will be face to face but also (if requested) on Teams or Zoom or WhatsApp for those who cannot attend in person.	All