

Minutes for Wigan Borough Community Cycling Club

Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 7.15pm

Steering Group Meeting 29th June 2020

Members present:

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Sue Bradley , Phil Bradley, Allan Ricketts, Dave Holden, Paul Broad, Pete Hudson , Graham Cooper and Allan Finch.

1. Apologies for absence

Clive Chatterton and Paul Boffey.

2. Minutes from 1st June

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting on 1st June 2020 were agreed to be a correct and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

- a. From the thirteen responses to Sue Bradley's email, 6 members have current First Aid Certificates, 4 of which expire in 2020. It was, therefore, suggested there was a need for further training. Phil and Jim agreed to talk to Richard Smith from IHL about possible training. Phil also mentioned that, as a community group, we may be eligible the council's Deal for Communities Investment Fund.
- b. Due to current Covid 19 restrictions the "Carbon Trail" ride scheduled for 6th July will be postponed to a future date. The first ride now scheduled will be "Preston Docks" on the 26th July. The club will only recommence our weekly rides when the Government / British Cycling announces that cycling clubs are allowed to cycle in groups larger than six.

4. Finance report

Phil Brown reported that there was no change in our financial situation since the last meeting.

5. TfGM-‘Safe Streets Save Lives’

Jim said he was disappointed with the response from Wigan Council to implement changes for cycling and pedestrian pathways in the town centre. Pete Hudson remarked that some kerbs have been altered to make it more accessible for pedestrians with push / wheel chairs.

Sue Bradley remarked that there was little encouragement for the public to go shopping on their bike in and around the town centre as there are no facilities to park and lock your bike.

Graham Cooper had received a 12 page questionnaire from Wigan Council regarding cycling initiatives that he has kindly passed on via email with contact information.

Phil Brown also pointed out that there appeared to be more emphasis for “on road cycling” than “off road cycling” especially areas like Lily Lane bridge where the access to the canal is inviting accidents by it’s poorly maintained condition.

The group were reminded that one of the key objectives of the GM Mayor’s Cycling and Walking Fund was to achieve behavioural change and encourage people to walk or cycle those short local journeys rather than use their cars.

Final remarks were made by Allan Ricketts, who suggested that we as a group should be able to put our thoughts across to Mark Tilley from the Council’s Infrastructure and Regulatory Services. Jim agreed to draft a letter about the lack of cycle track linkages in the Wigan area and to consider any further comments from Steering Group members prior to posting.

6. Any other business

None to discuss.

7. Date of next meeting

To be arranged as soon as we receive a positive announcement from the Government regarding group cycling.

