

WCCC Minutes Meeting
Monday 30th June 2014
The Boat House, Astley

Present: Jim Taylor, Alan Clarke, Harold Hampson, Gordon Medicott, Louise Medicott, Ray Southern, Joyce Southern, Paul Boffey, Denis Marsden, Alison Griffin, Elaine Ansell, Martin Ansell, Sue Parkington, Darren Rogers

Apologies: Andrew Roberts, Margaret Green

Presentation – Simon Dale, Bike Recycling

Simon Dale, Jim's former colleague at Wigan Council, talked to the group about a social enterprise charity cycle recycle scheme he has set up since leaving the Council. It is linked to Queens Hall Action on Poverty and premises have been secured in a warehouse close to Go Outdoors in Wigan. It is hoped that users of The Brick, who may include people with substance misuse problems, people with disabilities and people affected by mental health issues, are trained in cycle maintenance and can work towards reconditioning bikes donated by the general public. It is hoped this will be set up by September 2014. Simon also envisages a 'rent-a-bench' service in the workshop that would include access to tools, etc. Once reconditioned, bikes would be available to buy from £50 upwards, depending on the make of bike, etc. Donation of old bikes to be advertised via links with Council Depot, E-Marketplace and Community Newsletter. SD is keen for any volunteers keen on bike maintenance to get in touch as they are seeking new volunteers. The charity is also seeking volunteer Trustees to oversee the project. Those interested to contact Simon on 07977 047129 or email simondale@outlook.com.

Future Focus of WBCCC

PB raised a concern that there was a lack of volunteers to take future work forward and share responsibility of the club's development, including organising and leading rides. Also a general decline in the number of our members actually taking part on the club rides.

There then followed a lengthy discussion about the lack of members who attend club rides, despite paying their membership fee, and why it is left to the same few members to organise and lead the club rides, in addition to the day to day running of the club. Various ideas were mentioned, including circulating a questionnaire for members to feedback their reasons for non-attendance, changing the time/day of club rides, promotional material of the rides to give out to Active Living participants, etc.

PB also raised some constitution queries that have arisen, which has called into question the validity of any decisions made so far on the club's behalf. One of the queries relates to the current quorum of 4 (which has to be made up of the committee and up to 6 pod reps), as it stands, this is currently invalid as there are only 3 members and no confirmed pod reps confirmed to date. AC raised the suggestion of proposing to change the current set up and to have an executive committee (made up of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer) and a working committee of 8; the group agreed and therefore Denis, Elaine, Alan, Harold, Joyce, Louise, Gordon & Ray were duly nominated and confirmed in their new role.

PB then raised the issue of public liability insurance cover for the club and suggested that the club changes to be a charitable, non-profit limited company which would mean that the liability to the club would not solely be the committee's responsibility. This would involve changing the current set up to have two directors, a secretary and an address to report to. After some discussion, it was agreed that a small group of people would discuss and decide whether this is the most suitable course of action and this group would feedback to the rest of the group accordingly.

A comment made by DM about simply wanting to go out for a ride without the implications that came with a club set up prompted PB to ask the group to consider whether setting up a social cycling group was a viable alternative, and if so, to consider the option of disbanding the club and using Skyride's facility to promote and register for social rides this would absolve anyone of any organisational responsibility, and do away with the need for a committee and the associated scheduled meetings. The group would still need to plan and lead the various rides though. JT felt this was not an option at the present time.

Action : JT, PB, AG and any other committee member welcome to discuss the potential constitution/group set up changes at a meeting on Weds 9th July, 9.30am at Robin Park.

Action : JT, PB AG to look at questionnaire for members to collect their feedback on non attendance of rides/meetings.

Tour de Wigan Borough

The planned ride is set for Sunday 13th July and is about a 30 plus mile round trip. DR asked the group whether they had ideas of times at various locations and whether setting up a shorter ride from ALT pods was an option. After a discussion, it was agreed that WBCCC focus on the main 30 mile ride, whereas Active Living provide 2-3 shorter one hour rides at an agreed start time and include a picnic afterwards, and would not impact on the larger ride. ALT rides will now take place at Robin Park (Gordon & Louise), Hindley (Lynne) and PHP (Gerald) and will all start at 11am. The WBCCC ride will commence at Trencherfield Mill at 10am.

Action : DR to discuss ALT pod rides with leaders, cascade to all ALT participants.

Any Other Business

None

Forthcoming meetings

Wednesday 9th July	9.30am	ALT offices, Robin Park, Wigan
Monday 11th August	2pm	The Brockett, Wigan