

Minutes for Wigan Borough Community Cycling Club

Virtual Meeting via Zoom at 7.15pm

Steering Group Meeting 24th August 2020

Members present:

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

1. Apologies for absence

Clive Chatterton, Paul Boffey, Sue and Phil Bradley.

2. Minutes from 29th June 2020

The minutes of the Steering Group meeting on 29th June 2020 were agreed to be a correct and accurate record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. WBCCC Group rides

The issue of re-introducing WBCCC club rides was discussed and following lengthy discussion on how these could be organised it was agreed that a club ride to Knott End would take place on Monday 7 September 2020. Meet at Garstang town centre car park for a 10.00am start.

It was also agreed that:

- Groups would be limited to a maximum of 6 riders, with each group having a ride leader and a back-marker
- Sufficient time would be allowed between groups leaving Garstang car park to ensure group sizes were maintained at 6 per group throughout the ride
- If necessary and appropriate, consideration would also be given to a group undertaking the ride in the reverse direction
- Details of the ride would be posted on the WBCCC Facebook page and the trails4us website
- Members would be required to book on the ride no later than 5.00pm on Saturday 5 September 2020 – to ensure the integrity of the group size, members who fail to pre-book on the ride will be unable to join the ride

- A Garmin map of the route will be made available to all leaders and those members wishing to have access to the route
- If numbers allow, consideration will be given to a road bike only group

5. WBCCC Garmin Route database

Phil Brown outlined the current arrangements regarding the management and administration of the above database. This was currently undertaken by Mark Holland who had recently made Phil an administrator for the site, thereby allowing him to help maintain and upload our rides to the database. In addition, Mark also helped maintain the register of our Ride Descriptions and associated Risk Assessment documents. Graham Cooper explained that he carries out a similar role for a ride group elsewhere and would be happy to take on this role for WBCCC, thus helping Mark in some of his duties. Phil agreed to speak to Mark to explore how Graham's offer could best be arranged.

6. First Aid Training

Following discussions at a previous meeting on this issue, it had been identified that a number of members would see their First Aid Certificates expire in September 2020. In order to fund renewal of these certificates Phil and Jim had discussed submitting a bid to Wigan Council's Deal for Communities Investment Fund. However, subsequently, Phil had been informed that the Fund had been closed, probably as a result of Covid19. Following some discussion, the Steering Group agreed that the matter be kept under review and if and when circumstances allow, we would seek appropriate funding from the Council to support First Aid training for our members.

7. Safe streets inter-active map

Jim explained that this was an initiative by the Council to engage with members of the public to submit ideas for improved cycling and walking facilities across Wigan Borough to encourage safe travel in line with social distancing. He explained this allowed individuals to pin point specific locations and describe issues, problems and possible solutions. It was hoped that many common areas of concern or improvement would be identified by numerous individuals thereby reflecting wider community views. He encouraged Steering Group and Club Members to visit the site shown below, and add any ideas, issues, improvements etc they may have.

<https://safestreetswigan.commonplace.is/>

8. Any other business

8.1 Annual Review of Membership

Phil reminded the meeting of our commitment to an annual review of membership. However, as a result of the Covid19 pandemic and the cessation of our weekly/monthly ride programme, the Steering Group agreed to suspend the 2020 Annual Review of Membership. This decision would be reported to the Annual General Meeting. It was also agreed to change the ride register to cover the period from January to December each year.

8.2 AGM 2020

Following a proposal from Peter Hudson it was agreed to move the month of the AGM from December 2020 to January 2021, with the date to be agreed at a future Steering Group meeting.

9. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed.