

**WBCCC AGM Meeting**  
**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014**  
**Taybarns, Wigan**

Present: Jim Taylor, Paul Boffey, Alison Griffin, Gordon Medicott, Louise Medicott, Elaine Ansell, Joyce Southern, Ray Southern, Jim Heyes

**Re-election of Committee Officers**

Jim was duly re-elected as Chairman by the group for a further 12 months.

**Annual Accounts review**

PB confirmed that current balance in WBCCC's bank account is £220; to date 23 members had completed membership form, however only 22 had paid with one person not responding to any communication. PB to try to contact the person again to find out if they do want to become a member of the Club.

JT raised the issue that there is currently not enough money in the account to pay for the renewal of the group's public liability insurance (the CTC insurance currently only covers ride leaders).

**Feedback from Burscough ride & actions**

The group gave feedback that the 26 people who attended the recent ride appeared to enjoy it, however no action had been taken so far to ask whether they would like to join the Club.

**Action** - GM, LM, Phil B and AC to speak to those non-members who attended to find out if any of them intended coming on the next club ride, the Preston Guild Wheel. If they were planning on doing so, to remind them that they would need to join the club and pay the membership fee.

**TfGM & CTC Affiliation**

JT, PB and AG met with Anna Smith from CTC/TfGM to discuss the possibility of affiliating WBCCC to be part of the Inclusive Cycling Network. Following various conversations, this has now been done and WBCCC will now benefit from a package of funded support and opportunities, including free Organisers Liability insurance for one off events for ride leaders and participants, ride listings via their website and a periodical newsletter.

**Action** : WBCCC Members are encouraged to sign up as a CTC member for an annual membership cost of £16 per person via the following website link [www.ctc.org/join-membership/setup/AFMI](http://www.ctc.org/join-membership/setup/AFMI). WBCCC's membership number is 90082150 which will need to be entered in the box at the bottom of the page to qualify for this reduced cost.

**Big Bike Revival event**

Following discussions with Anna, WBCCC were involved in the organising of this event which took place at Gearing Up's base at Community Warehouse. Activities taking place on the day included free winter bike checks, small repairs and donation of bikes. Although the event was rushed in terms of organising and promotion, the plan is for this to become a national event in April 2015 and although it won't directly impact on WBCCC, the close partnership working we have already fostered will hopefully encourage more members, interest etc. JT also advised

that the new links made with Gearing Up would enable our members to use the facility, and/or the expertise of their mechanics, to help with repairs if required.

JT advised that the 25<sup>th</sup> October event attracted about a hundred visitors including the 21 volunteers that helped out on the day, 36 bikes were checked and/or repaired, 8 bikes booked in for additional repairs, 12 full bikes were donated and 12 people made clocks.

### **On road cycle leader training**

This recent course was organised via Anna at TfGM. The group gave varied feedback, and the general consensus was that it improved the confidence of leaders and was worthwhile although not all leaders were given a chance to lead the group on road. All members thought they needed a workshop to go through the fundamental roles as an on road ride leader, back marker.

**Action** : JT/PB to set up an informal on-road workshop

### **Mobile phone rota**

AG passed on mobile phone to PB; phone to be moved onto other members at future meetings.

### **Set Calendar of Events**

The group discussed setting more rides and gradually increasing mileage each time; following a lengthy discussion it was agreed that mileage should increase intermittently to accommodate any new members who may join. The group again discussed raising the profile of the group and it was agreed that a press release should be pulled together to promote the group via local newspapers.

**Action** : JS/EA to pull press release together then submit to Local Life magazine for next issue. AG requested that press release be sent to her so she can distribute it via WLCT press networks.

**Action** : JT/PB to pull together ride calendar for next 2-3 months and publish on website, including setting venue for 8<sup>th</sup> December ride.

### **Any Other Business**

**Action** : PB to catch up with Denis Marsden to clarify Christmas meal arrangements, then email details to all members.

**Action** : AG to produce more laminated A5 promotional leaflets and distribute to group – all members to put up in their local area.

### **Next meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December November 1pm – Stonecross, Golborne?