

## **Ride Report – Tuesday 12 April 2016**

### **Windy Arbour Blues**

Despite the poor weather and a forecast not much better, it again showed what a hardy bunch WBCCC riders are, with 25 ready and waiting at Trencherfield Mill. Thelma who had offered to lead the ride unfortunately wasn't well and booked a sick day. So after a quick route assessment between Alan and Jim we set off with a view to visiting the delights of Highfield, Billinge, Bryn, Bamfurlong and the Leeds and Liverpool canal from Platt Bridge.

We left Trencherfield Mill along Swan Meadow Road, down Fourteen Meadows Road and across Parsons Meadow. At this point Tracy offered a short-cut to Little Lane avoiding traffic on the A49 and took the lead scooting away on her 29inch wheel bike, what a difference it's made to her speed! Safely across the A49 and along Little Lane we started the climb up Winstanley Road – a bit tougher than Haigh Hall some thought. The motorway bridge provided a convenient 'catch-up' point but realised we had dropped Steve and Phil2 but thanks to Eric's offer to cycle back down the hill, discovered they both had had punctures. After a wait of some 20 minutes or more it was decided that the main group would carry on (it was getting pretty cold on that motorway bridge at the top of Windy Arbour) but would then wait at 3 Sisters main entrance for Steve and Phil2 to catch-up. We left Windy Arbour making our way to Billinge before turning left along Newton Road and a very pleasant downhill run along Downhall Green Road into Bryn, by which time the group was back together.

From here we made our to Bamfurlong and the canal at Lily Lane which gave us an easy and relaxed last few miles back to Trencherfield Mill.

In hindsight the route probably needs to be a little longer but with some further adjustment could give us a good 2 hour ride – watch this space.