

WBCCC Steering Group Meeting

Held at Wigan Central bar

3rd November 2025

Present: Phil Brown, Peter Hudson, Tony Gerrard (Chair), Allan Ricketts, Roy Causey, John Murphy, Richard Bradley, Jim Millar.

Apologies: Jim Taylor, Stuart Conway, Cary Blackburn, Allan Finch.

Minutes of the last meeting 7th April 2025.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising.

A list of the Steering Group members is now on the Club OneDrive.

Finance Report.

Phil Brown outlined the club's current financial position and highlighted the main income and expenditure items that would appear on the balance sheet at the AGM.

The Steering Group agreed to the payment to the Website Host of £50.

Xmas Presents.

Phil informed the Group that the Xmas presents for the staff at the Red Pepper had already been bought.

Membership update.

A number of amendments were made to the list of current members resulting in a final total of 42.

Review of Ride Programme and Ride Statistics.

Peter Hudson gave a summary of the ride statistics as follows:

Combined Mileage 23452 Miles

Total number of riders 1035 from 41 members.

Tuesday Rides 42 with an average of 12.4 riders per ride.

Thursday Rides 41 with an average of 12.2 riders per ride.

There was a discussion about continuing with the longer rides programme on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Responses to the new programme were positive with members enjoying longer rides each month. A ride to The Dream was proposed for November led by Peter Hudson, after which the programme would be suspended until after the new year. There was a suggestion that rides could be delayed to a later time in the morning if weather prospects were likely to improve rather than cancelling the ride. It was agreed that this issue should be further discussed with the Club Membership at the AGM.

E-Assist Bikes.

Peter Hudson suggested the Club should have a policy in case new members joining the Club wanted to use e-bikes which had been altered to exceed the legal speed limit or could be used without pedalling. The Group were concerned to prevent any adverse impact on the Club, and it was suggested that the inclusion of a statement on the Membership Application Form to the effect that new members agree that any e-bike they use on Club rides would be “pedal-assist and lawful”. A similar comment would also be included in the Club’s Code of Conduct. It was suggested this matter would be put to the AGM.

First Aid Training.

It was confirmed that the Club now had eleven members who were qualified first aiders for the next three years.

Preparation for AGM.

It was agreed that the Steering Group would recommend to the AGM that the annual membership fee should remain at £10 per year.

It was agreed that the website administrators should be granted free lifetime membership in recognition of their input in keeping the website up to date with twice weekly ride information. Members would be informed at the AGM.

It was agreed that the procedures for back-marking and corner-marshalling should be discussed at the AGM so that their importance to the smooth running of rides could be re-emphasised to the Membership.

Any other business.

It was agreed to re-visit the proposal to arrange a bike-marking session with GMP at a future date.

