

WBCC Steering Group Meeting

Held at Wigan Central Bar

7th April 2025

Present: Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Pete Hudson, Allan Ricketts, Richard Bradley, Jim Millar, Cary Blackburn, John Murphy, Paul Boffey, Tony Gerrard, Roy Causey.

Apologies: Stuart Conway, Allan Finch.

Minutes of the last meeting 24th November 2024.

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

Matters arising.

The Steering Group was provided with an update of the club membership which stands at 46. It was confirmed the Phil Bradley has stepped down from the Steering Group. Arrangements are to be made to locate the list on the Club OneDrive in liaison with Graham Cooper.

Action Allan Ricketts.

Financial report.

Phil Brown outlined the Club's finances as follows.

Accounts to 7th April 2025

Brought forward	£1063.13
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Outgoings

Pete Hudson's birthday	£25
First Aid Training	£537.60
First Aid Training Room Hire	£50

Total	£612.60
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Income

New Member	£10
Membership Renewals	£230

Total	£240
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Current balance	£690.53.
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Tuesday/Thursday longer rides.

Phil introduced a discussion about the longer rides which take place periodically outside the winter period. Comments were requested about the start time and the starting location. It was agreed that when appropriate the start time should be 9.30 am, when starting from Trencherfield Mill, but would be 10.00 am when starting from a location outside of Wigan. The route distances would be between 30 and 50 miles with the first ride to be held on 29th April, led by Richard Bradley. Details to be posted on the club website and the WhatsApp Group. A proposal that a small group of Steering Group members meet to discuss future dates and routes of longer rides to include Richard Bradley, John Murphy and Phil Brown was agreed.

**Action: Richard Bradley,
John Murphy, Phil Brown**

It was agreed that GPX files and ride descriptions should be accessible on the Club OneDrive.

Action: Allan Ricketts.

It was agreed that the ride on 22nd April 2025 should be cancelled as it coincided with the funeral of Lin Marsden.

Membership Update.

Current membership stands at 46. Arrangements will be made to notify members of the annual fee renewal to continue at £10 per year, to be paid by 1st May 2025.

Action: Allan Ricketts.

First Aid Training.

Eleven members recently completed the First Aid Course and are qualified for the next three years. Those who attended gave positive feedback about the course. It was agreed that the digital badge from the Training Organisation would be posted on the Club website.

Action: Paul Boffey.

Gearing-Up Update.

Jim and Paul updated the Group about the proposed changes to the bike workshop. The new arrangements are to start provisionally in May 2025 to include a self-help repair service. Those who needed bike repairs would make an appointment to take their bike to the workshop where they would be helped to complete the repair themselves with some assistance from volunteers. Standard bike parts would be held on stock, but there would be no ability to leave bikes for repair any longer. The Group was informed that appointments would be made via the Gearing-Up website, **gearingupbikes.org**.

Police Bike Marking.

Jim reminded the Group about the bike marking service offered by GMP, where a reference number for each bike would be placed on the bike and included in a national database. It was agreed that Jim should arrange a couple of dates for members to have their bikes registered during the usual lunch stop at The Red Pepper café.

Action Jim Taylor.

Any Other Business.

There being no further business Jim thanked everyone for attending.