

WBCCC Steering Group Meeting

Held at Wigan Central bar

12th October 2026

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

Apologies. Stuart Conway. It was noted that Stuart had offered his resignation from the Steering Group.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting on 3rd November 2025 were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.

Membership Update.

The current membership numbers were agreed at 43.

Financial Report.

Phil outlined the financial position of the club on 12th October 2026 as follows:

Brought forward 8 th December 2025	£703.20
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Income

New Members	£50
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Membership renewals	£350
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£1103.20

Expenditure

6 WBCCC Personalised Vests	£51.94
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Cycling UK Insurance renewal	£92
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£143.94

Current Balance	£959.26
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It was noted that there would be additional expenditure in 2027 resulting from the renewal of the website license fee.

Christmas Gifts.

Phil explained the background to the Christmas gifts and there was some discussion about what this year's gifts should entail. It was agreed that £50 would be gifted to the website host and since there had been an increase in the hospitality offer at the Red Pepper café and in recognition of the service the staff provide each of the five staff should be gifted a £25 voucher.

AGM Recommendation for Annual Membership Fee.

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

Tuesday, Thursday and longer rides review.

There was a general discussion about how the regular rides are organised and led. Phil and Jim are willing to continue to lead the regular Tuesday and Thursday rides and will ask for a replacement if they are unable to do so. It was confirmed that ride leaders can delay the start time of rides when weather conditions would otherwise result in the ride being cancelled. There was agreement that the new format of the longer rides has resulted in more members participating and this should continue. It was agreed the matter should be placed on the AGM agenda for discussion with the wider membership.

Back-marking and Corner Marshalling – Discussion.

There was a discussion about the role of back-markers and corner marshals. There had been some recent adverse events during rides where either corner marshalling or back marking had been problematic. It was agreed that Allan Ricketts would draft a new protocol for back markers and corner marshals to accompany the ride leaders' protocol on the website. It was agreed that this would be referred for approval to the AGM.

Any Other Business.

There had been a request to offer the members a night ride, as had happened in previous years. Jim Taylor agreed to develop a route and set a date for such a ride.

A discussion took place about whether the club should adopt stickers depicting WBCCC. It was concluded that there was not sufficient demand to proceed with the idea.

Date for AGM.

The AGM will be held on 14th December 2026 at Wigan Central commencing at 3.00 pm.