

**Merseyside CTC / Cycling UK – Merseyside Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016: minutes.**

Present: Ian Bulmer, Kenneth Mullins, David Robinson, Paul Snape, David Kennedy, Paul Riley, Derek Gould.

Apologies: Harry Fowler, Brian Diaper, Dean Jones, Raymund Hughes, Gordon Jones, Alan Johnson, Terence Cole, Denis Holder.

1. Minutes of last meeting: not available; matters arising included in agenda, below.

2. Reports.

Secretary.

79 tickets for Mark Beaumont sold. Committee might reconsider venue if demand becomes very large.

Need to fill all 6 places on forthcoming runs leader course in Birkenhead.

Chair.

Regarding the 2017 January to June rail stoppages, **Merseytravel are seeking data on number of cyclists' rail trips under river**; note Merseyside Cycling Campaign Survey Monkey which is available to be filled in on line each time one of us travels through the under-river tunnel (see Stella Shackel, MCC).

Note upcoming **Cycle Forum meeting at the Womens' Hospital, 21<sup>st</sup> September, 5.30pm**. Steve Cook is a likely attendance, and Jane Kennedy will be attending, so there should be opportunities to explore the Merseytravel plans for 2017, and the City's direction on road safety.

Registrar.

DR notes that updated membership details are yet to arrive from C-UK.

More 'new faces' are appearing on rides, perhaps 15 over the past year; DK suggested that this could be as a result of rebranding or fine-weather effect. DR believes its mainly down to the efforts of M-CTC Committee and in particular, the new rides that are being offered which appeal to a slightly different and wider demographic.

DR asks why there are no new Wirral faces; perhaps more options are available on the Wirral, or there might be active soliciting of Wirral riders from the wider Merseyside group.

Note that Friday rides have an attraction of being uniquely train-less for Liverpool riders.

3. AGM.

Booked for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at the Quaker Meeting House. It was noted that the Committee supports the current Chair in the forthcoming 2016/17 election.

Merseyside members are reminded of the **upcoming St Helens and Warrington AGM on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November** at the Pied Bull, Newton-le-Willows, Market Street, close to N-le-W station.

There is a need to **request interested parties' submissions for the Committee** well in advance of the actual AGM.

4. Wild Wales Challenge.

A meeting is to be convened (6<sup>th</sup> October) to discuss the 2017 event, to define the organizing committee and to ratify the lead roles and responsibilities. Main Hall is booked for 2017, by Ian Bulmer.

Currently proposed are Brian Diaper, David Robinson, Ian Bulmer (expert consultancy: see CTC 'Blue Book'), Alan Bruce (StH&W, software and interface expert), Harry Fowler, Kenneth Mullins, David Kennedy, Denis Holder (expert consultancy), Derek Gould (CTC Chair, but hands-off!).

5. Club name.

**Cycling UK – Merseyside seems generally agreed** and accepted by the Committee.

Winged wheel logo is supported for future jerseys.

6. Matt Malinder discussions.

Five main requests have been made to CTC HQ:

- i. Paypal account workings are yet to be understood.
- ii. £500 is to be returned or donated to charity. Minutes of a meeting on the Wirral, recorded by Gordon Cheesman, might shed some light.
- iii. A Garmin device is yet to be returned.
- iv. Inter-club harmony seems to have improved over the past few weeks.
- v. Processes for working with CTC on events are yet to be clarified.

7. Catering for Mark Beaumont lecture.

**Secretary (with DG and HF) to consider buffet timings and possible menu** (e.g. using Quaker Meeting House cafe), given that M-CTC are in a position to subsidise the meeting on behalf of members.

8. AOB.

i. KM: Sunday's ride used the very crowded Chester Greenway path, though appeared to be travelling far too fast (up to 25 mph) for the heavily used path. Can **ALL MEMBERS please take note to control their speed** on this heavily used off road route.

ii. IB: September Social is at HArgrave. Could some future social rides start in Liverpool and meet within St Helens/Wgtn boundaries? **For consideration of the runs committee.**

9. DONM

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 6 for 6.30.