

Minutes of Merseyside CTC Committee meeting 8/2/16

Quaker Meeting House, Liverpool.

"Merseyside CTC will provide a range of club riding experiences that are enjoyable and accessible to any of its members, whatever their age, gender or ability."

Meeting Commenced at 18.30.

Those in attendance: Roy Goulbourn, Don Thompson(RTR), Ray Hughes, Harry Fowler, Kenny Mullin, Gordon Jones, Glyn Holcroft, Dave Robinson, Dean Jones, Derek Gould, Dave Bogg, Ian Richardson(CTC), Jim Wright. (13)

1. Meeting began with a welcome from the chair.

Apologies. Brian Diaper, Ian Bulmer, Welna Boden, Dave Bott.

2. Minutes of last meeting read and agreed.

- 2.1. Matters arising.

- 2.1.1. Jimmy Walsh may be in a position to once again edit the newsletter. Ian Bulmer to be contacted to check.

- 2.1.2. Hopefully new postcodes will be added to next Member list.

- 2.1.3. There was discussion regarding club image. Amendments suggested for questionnaire. Ian Richardson suggested information gathered would be of interest to HQ. Something similar had been done by HQ in the past. It was suggested we could look at the questions posed by HQ and Ian would help regarding this. It was agreed this should take place online.

A link to local bikeshops should be added to website. Webmaster will look into this.

Flyers/Posters: Dave suggested we need to appeal to a wider group. To have an image of a forward looking group and to widen our appeal to young/female members. This should be the basis of our poster/flyer. Dave would ask HQ if they had suitable images.

Ian Richardson informed us that there are big changes about to take place and MG's would be receiving information soon regarding rebranding of the club!

- 2.1.4. Mission Statement: Discussion regarding suitable wording for mission statement. See heading above.

- 2.1.5. Hadlow Road Rides: Kenny would attend forthcoming meeting and report back regarding setup.

- 2.1.6. Ian Richardson Head of Development CTC, gave us some background about himself and how he ended up at the CTC. He attended to gauge and give insight into the organisation and how to move forward as a forerunner to a workshop he would lead at later date.

"Ride Social" was mentioned. This is an area of Skyride website detailing local area cycling events. It was agreed we need a presence. Webmaster to look into this.

- 3.1 Sec. Report: Secretary reported no rule changes. Webpage/Facebook available to members. Any articles/information for webpage sent to webmaster.

- 3.2 Treasurer: Ray gave us an updated report regarding the (now solvent) financial position of the MG.

3.3 RTR: Don informed us of upcoming Breeze events and suggested waiting a while before approaching them.

Breck Road North Community Group has funding for various courses including rider training. We can promote ourselves to these groups. Don to send details.

No news on A540 campaign. Don to speak to BNECC.

3.4. Runs Committee.

Need for protocol for rides and a list of rules!

Slower Riders: There was some discussion as to what would be proper procedure if slower riders turn up on a ride, to be discussed further. A C option for a scheduled B ride may be worth considering.

After discussion, agreed date of Sat. 12th March at Pig and Whistle for next runs committee meeting. Gordon to send out email.

Rider Training: Discussed email from Tajesh on Club Leader course (full course £595 for 6 peers, £1095 for 12 peers). Note Breck Road group also provide leader training. Will probably aim for a double (12 pers) CTC session based on Merseyside, and which will cover most of our ride leaders and could attract interest from other cycle groups on Merseyside; this is to be discussed at the next runs committee on March 12th. NB: to respond re requirements email to: training@ctc.org.uk

We could offer places on our courses to other cycling groups. To be discussed at Runs Committee meeting- how many interested/groups to invite etc.

3.6. Events: WWC. Ian Bulmer had reported that preparation was more or less finalised and website up and running for entries after some sterling work by StH+W webmaster. 15 member volunteers are needed from both Merseyside and St Helens Clubs for the WWC. Details to be proffered in due course (marshalling, check-in, food stops, etc).

3.7. Publicity: It was agreed that one mailshot to be sent to all members on list, no attachments. Await next CTC e-list. Need to decide what to say and to identify hard copy recipients.

Eureka notice board now fully functional! Needs a header. Don will produce something. Runs lists to be posted.

Dave had contacted Pennine Events regarding our presence at their events. Are we happy to provide promotional material? Will contact HQ to see what they have available.

Dave left meeting 8.40.

Secretary left Meeting 9.20.

Apologies were also received from Dave Bott re item 3.5

3.8 HF has explored a 'Social' at Parbold and requires estimate of numbers; 20 from each of Merseyside and St Helens seemed likely: date is Sunday 10th April, noon, as a listed Sunday ride (TBD).

Club holiday: Majorca was favoured in view of wide range of riding conditions, weather and scenery.

4. AOB: Gwen has written to us and MCC regarding fast cycling along Otterspool Promenade. DT to discuss with Gwen and take forward / resolve.

5.1 DONM to be Thursday 10th March to accommodate Welna Bowden (Booked and confirmed at Liverpool, Quaker Meeting House, in the absence of Harry Fowler to provide our alternative Wirral venue).