

**Present:** Jeremy Mortimer (JM), Sarah Lee (SL), Sue Coles (SC) Andy Key (AK), Steve Cherry (SCh), Kate Criswick (KC), Stephen Harrison (SH), Tim Stannard (TS), Tessa Valentine (TV), Vicky Smith (VS)

**1. Apologies:** Paul Howard (PH) Tim Porter (TP)

As Paul Howard (minutes secretary) was absent, Jeremy Mortimer chaired the meeting and Sue Coles took the minutes.

**2. Minutes of meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023:** Agreed as a true record

**3. Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

**a) Café List**

Actions agreed at the last meeting had been implemented but VS would check this. **Action: VS**

With regard to the question of readability on mobile phones, JM advised that given the number of cafés on the map, it was not possible to improve readability. It was acknowledged that many users looked at the list on a mobile device.

**Banner**

The cost of the banners would be £265. It was agreed to order them in the colours of the club tops (red, white and blue). **Action AK**

**4. Potential venues for future committee meetings**

SL had researched various options that had adequate space for a meeting and reasonably secure bike parking and had come up with the following options

- King Alfred PH – Monday or Tuesday when the pub was quiet (limited parking)
- Winchester Racquets and Fitness, Berewecke Road. Monday or Tuesday. This had the advantage of adequate parking
- Winchester Rugby Club – likely to be winter only
- Private houses of committee members as a fallback option

It was agreed that SL would arrange a venue once the date of the next meeting was known **Action: SL**

**5. Past events**

**Spring 140/80 km Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April:** The weather had been poor and of the 25 pre-entrants, only 11 started but all finished despite flooded roads. The event had made a profit of £114.20 as there had been no expenses, the coffee/tea charge being covered by a donation.

**Winchester CTC AGM -Monday 17<sup>th</sup>April**

The South Downs Social had been an excellent venue. As we purchased drinks to the value of at least £100 Neil had not charged his hourly rate.

**Winchester CTC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

It was agreed that this had been an excellent event. The event had been fully booked with 60 riders. There was a good mix of original and current riders. There had been 4 rides to the venue.

The Warren Centre had proved to be a good venue. The caterers – Hursley High Class Butchers – were excellent and were very easy to deal with. It was agreed that SL would write to Brian of Hursley Butchers thanking him. The club would also post a review. SL would also write to Ben at the Warren Centre to thank him for his help

**Action SL**

Thanks were expressed to Caesar Slattery for his help with transporting the drinks. SC would write and thank him

**Action: SC**

Thanks, were also expressed to the organizing sub-committee of Andy Key, Sue Coles, Tessa Valentine, Kate Criswick and Steve Cherry

The certificate to Winchester CTC from Cycling UK (40 years as a member group) would be framed

**Action: SC**

The slide show of photos had been very successful and Steve Cherry was thanked for his work. These would be placed on the Winchester CTC website

**Action: SC/SCh/JM**

**Press Release:** It was agreed to send a press release to various media. SL to write the text and SC to source a photo

**Action: SC/SL**

## **6. Future Events**

### **Late season 50**

It was agreed to try and run this event at the end of September/beginning of October, possibly with a start venue in or near Winchester rather than Alresford. TV and VS agreed to investigate possible venues and routes and report back to SC as soon as practical.

**Action: TV/VS/SC**

**Watership Down** TS reported that this event would be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and it was already in the Audax calendar.

## **7. Group activities**

### **Ride reports from coordinators**

#### *Sunday/Wednesday Faster Group*

SH reported that Tim Porter (faster group coordinator) had been very busy with work at the time June/July programme was compiled and SH and SC had helped with the compilation of the rides. It was hoped that TP would be able to do more for the August/September programme but it was agreed to ask the faster group who could help with this process.

**Action: SH**

The faster group had decided to start Wednesday evening rides at 7pm in June and July rather than 6.30 pm as this would help those of working age get to the start on time. In August, the start time would revert to 6.30 pm.

#### *Sunday/Wednesday Medium Group*

SH reported that it had been possible to run a full programme on both 0Wednesday and Sunday and it had been possible to have both Medium and Medium + rides. For some rides, the start venue was other than KAS Concern was expressed by some committee members that the existence of 2 rides but only 1 designated leader (the other leader being appointed on the day) was causing confusion.

A long discussion followed and various options were considered

The following trial was agreed for the August/September programme: When preparing the programme, the availability form on Ride Winchester would list 2

separate rides, i.e., a Medium and a Medium + and if this resulted in both a Medium and a Medium + leader volunteering for the same date, the two rides would be listed separately on RW and the website, albeit with the same start point and venue and coffee stop.

However, if, as was likely in many cases, only 1 leader volunteered for a specific ride, the two entries on RW would be merged and the current system would continue on both RW and the website. **Action: SH/SCh**

#### *Tuesday/Saturday Medium*

SCh reported that the number on these rides was stable at about 6 per ride.

#### *Easy/Easy +*

KC reported that numbers on all these rides (Tuesday/Friday/Saturday) had increased. Many leaders were restricting numbers to 12 – 14 maximum, mainly because of capacity issues at cafés.

A Free Format ride had been introduced on the June/July programme, using the spare Fridays. This would allow different start venues and different distances, some of which may be car-assisted. These were currently called "Other ride" in the programme but a more descriptive title, such as Free Format, would be considered.

*Rides for Newcomers* – re-minute for next meeting

#### *Ride Winchester (RW) application*

SCh had made minor changes to the application to prevent a user having multiple tabs open at the same time and inadvertently editing a ride other than their own. Although this change had been publicized, it was thought that some riders were not aware of the change and so it would be further publicized

**Action: SCh**

Some riders were booking on rides before the leader had entered the ride details, e.g., maximum number. It was agreed that riders would only be allowed to book 2 weeks in advance.

**Action: SCh**

#### *First Aid training*

PH would be asked for an update when he returned. **Action: PH**

#### *Leader List update*

SL had updated the leader list for Cycling UK and updated the Google Group for Leaders so that the two corresponded. We now had 62 registered leaders and 57 active leaders. TS raised the issue of the discrepancy between our list and the number of leaders registered on the Cycling UK portal. It was thought that with Tom Page's accident, it might be some time before the portal was updated.

#### *Leader Training*

It was agreed that we would use the South Downs Social (SDS) for the next leader workshops. SC would liaise with Greg Woodford and SDS for a date in early October.

**Action: SC**

## **8. Officers' report and updates**

### *Treasurer's Report:*

KC reported that the barbecue subsidy was approximately £1128 and so our

current balance had reduced to £2,700.

*Post meeting note: KC subsequently reported that the final subsidy was £1091.11, which was £75.40 under budget, primarily because the drinks had cost less than the budget.*

*Welfare Report* – in PH's absence no report

SC reported that some members were unaware of the ICE Tags. It was agreed to give them further publicity in both the Newsletter and in the default email to the Google Group generated by RW. **Action: SC/SCh**

*Registration/Membership Secretary*

TS reported that he had edited the Welcome letter to make it shorter and also to reflect the change in Secretary.

*Website*

JM wished to refresh the banner/photos on the website. Members were asked to send any appropriate photos to JM and a photo of the certificate awarded to Winchester CTC would also be uploaded to the website **Action: JM/All**

*Clothing* No report

*Café report* – See note at the start of these minutes

#### **9. Publicity – no report**

#### **10. Campaigning**

*Report by SC after the meeting:*

Cycle Winchester (CW) has continued to respond to specific planning applications, such as Barfield Close engine shed redevelopment and the Ecogen application at Kings Worthy.

CW had also attended public meetings on the Bushfield Camp proposals and the Central Winchester Regeneration Area (formerly known as Silver Hill)

SC and AK attended a site meeting to look at some of the proposals for non-motorised routes associated with the Junction 9 M3/A34 scheme. CW representatives attended the first sessions of the examination by the Planning Inspectorate of National Highways' application for a Development Consent Order. It had been agreed that CW would agree a Statement of Common Group with National Highways in which the issues that were jointly agreed would be listed along with areas of concern.

The surface of the new cycleway from Andover Road to South Wonston was deteriorating and also there was still no news of its continuation through Kings Barton. This was being pursued

There is a delay in the implementation of other Active Travel Schemes such as Parchment Street contraflow, Traffic Regulation Order to allow cycling in Middle Brook Street. Representatives of CW are meeting with HCC officers in early July at which an update will be provided.

#### **11. Date of next meeting**

SL was asked to set up a poll for a meeting at the end of August or September as soon as possible so that a date could be agreed and a venue sought

**Action: SL**

**12. AOB**

SCh raised the issue of non-members on our Strava page. This had probably come about before the site became "by invitation only". The current admin. was Simon Cable who was no longer active in the Winchester CTC group. Simon would be contacted and a new admin. sought.

**Action: SC/AK**

*Welcoming new riders*

In this speech at the 40<sup>th</sup> celebration, John Spiers had reminded about the need to be welcoming to new members. This remark had come about because VS had had feedback that some new riders had not felt welcome on rides and had not returned. The situation would be monitored.

**Action: All coordinators**

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.