

Minutes



Committee meeting

Thursday 22nd February 2024, 7.30pm at Winchester Rugby Club

1. Attendees and apologies

Chair Sue Coles (SC)
Secretary Sarah Lee (SL)

Present Steve Cherry (SCh), Kate Criswick (KC), Lydia Dutter (LD), Stephen Harrison (SH), Paul Howard (PH), Andy Key (AK), Jeremy Raggett (JR), Tim Stannard (TS), Tessa Valentine (TV), Vicky Smith (VS)

Apologies Jeremy Mortimer (JM), Tim Porter (TP)

2. Minutes of last meeting

2.1. Accuracy agreed.

3. Matters arising from minutes

3.1. Intermediate rides (SH)

To be trialled as a morning ride at an Easy + pace but slightly longer than the Easy + maximum. It was noted that the new category name of “intermediate” had not been agreed by the committee.

Action: SH

3.2. Christmas Social (SL)

Held at Winchester RFCA. Agreed to be very successful. Thanks minuted to SL for organising and for quiz.

3.3. WhatsApp (KC)

Easy/Easy+ group now set up and in use. Unofficial groups still being used by some. Fast group working well,. Medium/Medium + already exists but not currently active and Tuesday/Saturday riders not yet invited and it is not clear yet whether there is demand.

Action: KC/SH/SCh

4. Past events

4.1. Watership Down (TS)

14 Jan 2024. Lucky with weather window. Successful financially. Next year 12 Jan 2025 (2nd Sunday). TS & SC will look at any possible modifications for route. Agree Hatchet Inn good to keep as checkpoint. Thanks minuted to TS for organising and to helpers.

Action: TS

5. Future events

5.1. Spring 140 / 80 (SC)

Poor weather affected starter numbers in 2023. 20 Apr 2024 for next event. Discussion re using Saturday rather than Sunday as cafes open. Same route. No clash with medium ride on chosen day. Start at Worthy Lane car park and finish at The Kitchen, Winchester Golf Academy, Down Farm Lane, Headbourne Worthy (to be confirmed). Volunteers to check both routes required.

Action: SC

5.2. 100 mile / 100 Km (TV)

Proposal to organise led rides with 8 riders in each group (divided by speed), using a model from Southampton CTC. Faster, Medium+ and Medium route is 100 miles and Easy+ route is 100 km. 100 miles goes to Barton on Sea and back; option to cut short/take train back from Lymington. 100 km is shorter route through New Forest. Proposal agreed by committee. Date is 18 May 2024. Each group will have its own Ride Leader. For finalisation.

Action: TV

6. Group activities:

6.1. Ride reports

All reports circulated.

6.1.1. Easy KC. Tuesday/Friday/Saturday: 36 rides during programme period. Tue & Fri highest turnout. Sat variable. Breeze riders starting to migrate in. Easy+ most in demand, more Leaders recruited. Discussed increasing to Medium and Easy same day as many Easy+ use Medium formats on other days. Cafe capacity often a limiting factor on ride numbers. Some rides fully booked soon after publishing, waiting lists can double numbers.

Agree to explore having Medium and Easy rides on same Tuesday to increase numbers availability. Also to remove restriction on Leaders regarding Free Format rides (in past had to fill standard rides first).

Action: KC, SCh

6.1.2. Medium

Tuesday/Saturday SCh

See coordinator report. Tue and Sat last year low numbers but now new faces and numbers improving. Medium rides will run every Tuesday from March.

Sunday Medium/Medium+ SH.

Groups have split to Medium and Medium+. See coordinator report for details. SH suggested that more publicity is needed to attract riders from outside the current membership.

Action: SH, VS

Wednesday rides

Evening rides commence 10 Apr 2024. The start time will be 6.30pm for the initial programme, however a sub-group to review format of evening rides, including start time using the Wednesday ride results of the Rider/Leader Survey conducted last autumn which have not yet been discussed by the survey group. It had been agreed to review the analysis prior to the start of the new Wednesday rides programme.

Sub-group to review Wednesday evening Fast, Medium and Medium+ rides, consisting of AK, TS SC, LD, PH, TP, JR, SH, plus consultation with other active Wednesday evening riders/leaders.

Action: AK, SC

6.1.3. Medium+ JR was co-opted to be assistant co-ordinator for Medium+ rides at the start of the meeting. Possibly looking at trialling a Thursday standalone Medium+ ride for April every other week. This may encourage some TFS Medium riders to try a Medium+ ride.

Action: JR

Discussion re Sunday rides. Common café destination for Faster and Medium/Medium will continue to be trialled, either 1 per month or 1 per 2-month period.

Action: TP/SH/JRs

6.2. Ride Winchester (SCh)

6.2.1. Now amended so a ride cannot be booked until Leader has set up the ride details. Some technical issues on Google Group emails generated: need to clear blocking by Google so emails can get through. Leaders should check to see if they have received the ride email after setting up ride. If not, let SCh know to clear restriction in Google Groups.

6.3. Route library (TV)

6.3.1. Discussion on choosing routes. Also on vetting/checking of routes before uploading and cafe capacities. No conclusion reached.

Action: VS

6.4. Rides for newcomers (LD/VS)

6.4.1. Once clocks change to BST there is a once monthly Saturday afternoon Easy ride on the programme.

6.4.2. This would be the ideal time to run Introductory rides, which will need to be run as 'events' and limitation on numbers could be removed. In this case, they must be on the Cycling UK website, Will need risk assessments etc. in same way as Watership Down ride. Publicity: Social media, Press Releases, notices in Bike Shops.

Action: LD/VS

7. Officers and committee reports

7.1. Committee

Jeremy Raggett was co-opted to committee as Assistant Ride Co-ordinator for Medium+.

7.2. Treasurer (KC)

Report circulated. Xmas Social venue hire subsidised £275, Watership Down raised £500.

7.3. Welfare/Safeguarding Officer (PH)

No incidents reported. ICE information supplied for website.

7.4. Registration/Membership Officer Officer (TS)

No trends noted, concerns about accuracy of centrally supplied information.

7.5. Clothing Officer (TV)

No items to report.

7.6. Publicity Officers (VS)

7.6.1. Banners now completed and available for use, thanks minuted to AK. Discussion on young people and newcomers with possible perception of rides consisting of older / retired / established riders. Thought this perception may be unhelpful.

7.6.2. Thought useful to update and use the publicity leaflets, placing in public places (bike shops, library etc.) AK, VS, TV to form sub group to consider.

Action: AK, VS, TV

7.7. Rider and Ride Leader notes (SL)

7.7.1. Rider and Ride Leader notes revised by sub group (AK, PH, SL) and ready to place on website. Agreed by Committee. A downloadable 3-fold Ride Leader Checklist has also been produced including what to do in case of an incident/accident on the road. Paper copies will be distributed to Ride Leaders (to keep in saddlebags etc. on rides), agreed printing of 100 copies.

7.7.2. Thanks minuted to sub group. To publicise in Newsletter and new leaders will also be referred to the Leader and Rider notes and checklist.

Action: SC, SL

8. AGM 2024

8.1. Discussion on dates – Agreed 29 Apr 2024. KC felt that this gave her sufficient time to finalise and audit accounts for inspection by John Spiers prior to the meeting.

8.2. Officers present at meeting agreed to continue in roles. To confirm at AGM.

8.3 SL to confirm date with the venue (South Downs Social).

Action: SL

9. Club Archive

9.1. Looking for an archivist regarding materials that date back to formation of Winchester CTC. TS agreed to take on role.

Action: TS

10. Any Other Business

10.1. Online mapping

10.1.1. Southampton CTC have run a Saturday morning workshop on using mapping programmes for route planning. Agreed SL assess local demand and act as point of contact via an article in the Newsletter.

Action: SL/SC

10.2. Campaigning

10.2.1. Cycle Winchester website has a lot of information about current activities.

10.2.2. Noted: closure of Viaduct Way continuing on weekdays for Ash Tree Felling on Viaduct Way Reminder in Newsletter.

Action: SC

10.3. Mountain Biking

10.3.1. Request to consider this as an item in future to embrace those who wish to engage in these rides.

Action: LD

11. Date of next meeting

11.1. Agreed to confirm after AGM.

Action: SL