

Minutes of a Fleet Cycling Committee Meeting

Date: 27 September 2017

Venue: Colin Waters' home

Present: Graham Ellicott, Charles Herbert, Fiona Titcombe, Pauline Taylor, Mike Mellor, Colin Waters. Observer – Ed Humphrey

Apologies: Peter Narey, Peter Merriman

Item 1. Last minutes and review of actions

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. There was one outstanding action which concerned advising members of late changes to rides as not all were members of Facebook. This was discussed and the current policy of using Facebook with the feed to the front page of the website was considered to be the most efficient method of getting a change published quickly without the ride leader having to ask for a mail chimp email from the Secretary who might not be available. It was agreed to remind members of this process in the next Newsletter and to advise ride leaders not on Facebook to contact another ride leader to make a "Post" on their behalf. Action – Hon Sec

Item 2. Chairman's report

Peter Narey had now moved to Worcestershire. There was no report. Secretary to ask Peter whether he would write a final report for the Annual Report, which would be presented to the AGM and whether he planned to attend. Action – Hon Sec

Item 3. Secretary's Report

Colin reported that there were two issues – arrangements for the AGM and updating the Website. The meeting discussed the venue for the AGM and Mike suggested either Zebon Copse community centre or Hart Leisure Centre. The new leisure centre does not have a meeting room although it was suggested that the coffee bar could be used as it is closed in the evenings. (Post meeting note – Hon Sec spoke to Mr Thompson, one of the duty managers at the Leisure Centre, and he agreed that we can use the coffee area which will accommodate about 32 people. Users of the centre might come to rest in the area so we would have to accept that. Hon Sec has agreed with HLC that the AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th November. This will maximize time to make arrangements and produce the Annual Report and print same.). Action – Hon Sec.

Andrew Perkins is sadly not very well at present and is not able to update the website. Hon Sec will do so until Andrew has recovered. Committee asked for their best wishes to be forwarded to Andrew. Action – Hon Sec.

Item 4. Registration Officers Report

Fiona reported that there were: -
192 CUK members in our area of these,
109 lived in Fleet or Church Crookham
50 in Hook (which includes Odiham)
26 in Blackwater and Yateley

There were 261 MailChimp recipients of our Newsletters.

Item 5. Treasurer's Report

Graham reported that we held £212 in our current account and £51 in the PayPal account. Total of £273. He noted that we had not received our £200 annual grant from CUK and was investigating why this had not been received. Action – Hon Treas

to pursue with CUK.

Some clothing stock was held and he planned to reduce the price of this to improve our liquidity.

He also suggested that we should approach Everyone Active for further sponsorship to help promote cycling in our area. Action – Hon Sec and Hon Treas to take forward.

Item 6. Right to Ride

There was nothing to report from Peter Merriman.

Mike Mellor and Colin had been in discussion about our group becoming involved with a group seeking to influence Fleet Town Council on the future development of the town. Specifically, we would seek to produce an aspirational vision of how cycling infrastructure could be developed to encourage greater take of cycling for short journeys and for children to be able to cycle more safely to schools. Action – Mike and Hon Sec.

Item 7. Ride Secretary's Report

Charles reported that Thursday rides were becoming more difficult to due to lack of ride leaders. Sunday and Tuesday rides were more popular. After a recent appeal to the Thursday group before the start of a ride it has been possible to fill the programme. Nevertheless, there is less support for all day rides although it was noted that Tuesday morning rides often do not finish until 2pm. Charles recommended that we should consider only running an all-day ride once a month to coincide with the Hampshire Cyclists Fellowship venue. Action – Ride Sec after AGM.

Jack Watt's Friday group (not part of Fleet Cycling) was proving very popular with older cyclists and now offered three rides for 30

or so riders. Some of these, with Jack's encouragement, had joined Fleet Cycling (and CUK) rides seeking longer and faster rides.

Pauline Taylor reported that she and Linda Jeffs had had a meeting and wanted to cease running the Fleet Cycling Ladies group because there were very few riders. There was some discussion about this and, sadly, the committee agreed to close the group (as there are no other lady ride leaders) and advise members in the next Newsletter. Action – Hon Sec.

There was discussion about a slower and shorter ride once a month on Sundays. Action – Hon Sec.

Item 8. Publicity Officer's Report

Pauline reported that she had helped the Fleet Twenty Ride with marshals.

Item 9. Welfare Officer's Report

Graham reported that there had been no issues.

Item 10. AGM

The AGM had not been arranged. It was agreed to consider either Zebon Copse Community Centre or Hart Leisure Centre. Action - Hon Sec.

Pauline and Charles said that they would not be seeking re-election at the AGM. The committee thanked them for their work over the last few years.

As Peter Narey had moved from the area a vacancy will occur for

the post of Chairman. Ed Humphrey said he was prepared to stand for election at the AGM and the committee members all endorsed his decision.

Colin said that he would send the 2016 Annual Report to officers and post holders to seek their individual reports for the 2017 report and whether Peter Narey intends to attend. Action – Hon Sec.

Item 11. AOB

Graham pointed out that Roman had moved to Warwickshire and that he should be replaced as an administrator of the Fleet Cycling Strava group. Graham is already an administrator but said we should have another. Fiona volunteered to do this – this was agreed. Action – Graham to enable this and contact Roman with a view to him standing down.

Colin to mention in the next Newsletter that Pauline is collecting old spectacles for a charity. Action – Hon Sec.

Colin to check with CUK whether Fleet Cycling rules need revision to change the references to CTC to CUK. Action – Hon Sec.

Item 12. DONM

Wednesday 24th January 2018 at Mike Mellor's home.

Colin Waters,
Secretary Fleet Cycling

Distribution:

Those present plus Peter Narey, Peter Merriman, James Mercer, Andrew Perkins