

Minutes of Fleet Cycling Committee Meeting

Date of meeting 21st July 2021 at 20:00

Venue Bryan's house

Minute taker Andrew Perkins, Secretary

Other Attendees John Crossley, Chair
Lisa Chapman, Promotions Officer
Bryan East, Treasurer
Ed Humphrey, Rides Secretary
Saty Mukherjee, Webmaster
Colin Waters, guest

Apologies Kaye Hicks, Welfare Officer

Note: the sequence of reference numbers below is continued from meeting to meeting, to keep track of actions. Actions closed in this meeting are shaded in green, and will not appear in the next meeting's minutes. Items with no actionee are usually decisions or information only, and will also not appear in the next minutes.

Ref	Item	Actionee and any deadline
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Items from meeting of 17 March 2021

112	Summer social event: Lisa will contact the Water Witch in Odiham, for July/August. Lisa will contact Calshott about a velodrome day. Update 20-May-2021: This has been pending, awaiting confirmation of Covid rules changes by the government.	Lisa
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Items from meeting of 19 May 2021

117	Andrew explained that he was in a group "Cycle Hampshire", which has a Facebook page facebook.com/CycleHampshire , and a Google Group/ mailing list groups.google.com/g/cyclehampshire . This is a group attempting to co-ordinate cycle action pressure groups across the county. Unfortunately Andrew has not had the time to keep up with it. Lisa volunteered to join the group in his place. Action: Andrew to ask the group to include Lisa. (Andrew sent an email to the group admin on 20 th May, asking for this) Update 21-Jul: Lisa has not heard from them. Andrew will chase them up. Will also try to put them in touch with the Fleet father who recently emailed us with suggestions for cycling routes in Fleet.	Andrew
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118	Simplifying website maintenance: Andrew explained that the calendar part of the website entailed a large proportion of the overall maintenance effort, especially	Andrew 26-May
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loading up ride details and editing them. Colin added that the Wordpress Calendar add-on which we use also entailed an annual fee, affecting our limited financial resources. Andrew demonstrated a test page which he had built on the website, which shows details of upcoming rides by feeding them automatically in real time from the "Fleet Cycling Rides 2021" sheet. All attendees were happy with the plan to push forward and use this instead of the Calendar add-on. Two suggestions were made: mark up special events (such as away rides, social events) so that they can appear on their own list on the website; and add hyperlinks to the RWGPS routes.

Action: Andrew to make these changes and implement this new method.

Update 21-Jul: complete

- 119 Bryan raised the issue of the remaining kit items in stock [approximately 15 as at 21-Jul-2021]. We have messaged members several times to try to sell them. After a discussion, Lisa suggested that we have a social evening when rules permit, on a Monday or Tuesday, such as a drinks evening in a pub, where we offer the kit at 25% off the current price. Attendees all agreed.

Action: Lisa to organise, when rules permit.

- 120 There was a discussion on how to provide the optimum set of rides and arrangements, in light of feedback from members on recent rides, and a message to Andrew from Malcolm Huson (a Wednesday ride leader). It was agreed that we need Ed, as Rides Secretary, to be present for further discussions and decisions. Andrew will arrange this meeting, provisionally for next Wednesday, 26th May, at 19:30.

Update 21-July: done, and meeting held. Ed emailed ride leaders with outcome

- 121 Lisa suggested that, given we are not running a charity ride this year, it would be good for us to support the Basingstoke Big Wheel event, by making it the official Sunday ride on 18th July. Attendees agreed and this will be suggested to Ed at the meeting proposed in item 120 above.

Update 21-Jul: done. Lisa and several others participated, and a good day was had by all.

- 122 Next regular committee meeting will be Weds 21st July at 20:00. Unless otherwise agreed, it will be on Zoom. Andrew will arrange the call and send details.

Update 21-Jul: by popular request, it was held outside instead of on Zoom.

Attendees were pleased to be able to get back together in person, and Bryan's garden was an excellent outdoor venue - we extend our thanks to him for hosting.

Items from meeting of 21 July 2021

- 123 The committee discussed the incident of Weds 14th July (no injuries), where a driver complained in writing to the club about feeling intimidated by our riders after a near miss caused by driving too fast. Andrew had written a reply explaining the various viewpoints, and both sides had agreed to close the matter. While it seems clear that the driver was going too fast, it was regrettable that she felt intimidated and Ed agreed to circulate advice to ride leaders making them aware of such possibilities, and asking for their consideration even in such stressful circumstances.

- 124 The committee discussed the incident of 16th July on a local ride (involving some of our riders, but not an official Fleet Cycling ride), to see if there were any learnings we could draw from it. The main conclusion was that riders should take care to leave sufficient spacing between each other on the road, appropriate to

the skills and abilities of themselves and other riders. Ed will add this to his message from item 123 above.

125 The committee discussed our policy on whether helmets should be compulsory on our rides. Opinion was divided on whether this was a good thing, but it was acknowledged that Cycling UK in general supports the right of each rider to wear or not wear a helmet as they choose. Andrew will ask CUK if it is possible for our group to mandate helmets. If it is, then the committee will consider it at a subsequent meeting. Andrew

126 Next meeting will be in September. Exact date to be agreed and circulated. Andrew

Andrew Perkins, 03 August-2021