

# Minutes of Fleet Cycling Committee Meeting

**Date of meeting** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 20:00  
**Venue** Zoom meeting  
**Minute taker** Andrew Perkins, Secretary  
**Other Attendees** John Crossley, Chair  
Lisa Chapman, Promotions Officer  
Bryan East, Treasurer  
Kaye Hicks, Welfare Officer

**Apologies** Ed Humphrey, Rides Secretary  
Saty Mukherjee, Webmaster  
Colin Waters, guest

**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
<b>Items from meeting of 17 March 2021</b>		
112	Summer social event: Lisa will contact the Water Witch in Odiham, for July/August. Lisa will contact Calshott about a velodrome day. <b>Update 20-May-2021:</b> This has been pending, awaiting confirmation of Covid rules changes by the government. <b>Update 12-Oct-2021:</b> Summer has gone! Item closed, but we may open a new one for a winter party	Lisa
<b>Items from meeting of 19 May 2021</b>		
117	Andrew explained that he was in a group "Cycle Hampshire", which has a Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/CycleHampshire">facebook.com/CycleHampshire</a> , and a Google Group/mailling list <a href="https://groups.google.com/g/cyclehampshire">groups.google.com/g/cyclehampshire</a> . 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. <b>Action:</b> Andrew to ask the group to include Lisa. (Andrew sent an email to the group admin on 20 <sup>th</sup> May, asking for this) <b>Update 21-Jul:</b> 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. <b>Update 12-Oct:</b> Andrew chased up, and Lisa was included in this group. Both feel that most of the discussion is about locations distant from us (generally south coast and Winchester) or in which we have no expertise (some of the members are former council planners, etc.). Lisa and Andrew might drop out of the group, but bear this group in mind if we come across another Fleet Cyclist who has the relevant expertise and/or interest, or if it seems necessary for our area.	Andrew
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. <b>Action:</b> Lisa to organise, when rules permit.	Lisa
<b>Items from meeting of 21 July 2021</b>		

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. <b>Update 12-Oct-2021:</b> Ed did this. Item closed.	Ed
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. <b>Update 12-Oct-2021:</b> Ed did this. Item closed.	Ed
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. <b>Update 12-Oct-2021:</b> Andrew checked with Cycling UK. The Cycling UK policy is that wearing helmets should be optional, so we should not mandate helmets. Item closed.	Andrew
<b>Items from meeting of 12 Oct 2021</b>		
127	Minutes of previous meeting were approved	
128	Lisa is arranging a club Christmas dinner for 26 <sup>th</sup> November at the Heron on the Lake. The cost will be £30 per head including tips, for a 3-course meal. Welcome drinks will not be included this time as it became complicated last time with some people not wanting alcohol. There is a minimum of 30 people. Committee agreed that Lisa will start by publicising on WhatsApp (since this covers most of the regular riders) then email to all members if necessary to fill the places.	Lisa
129	Attendees discussed whether procedures should be reviewed in light of a collision incident on the Friday rides which some of our members attend but which are not Fleet Cycling rides. All present agreed that no further action was required.	
130	Re supporting CUK's "Pedal on COP 26" campaign on 6 <sup>th</sup> November, Cycling UK have already emailed all members. Attendees agreed that, while we back it, there were no additional actions for us to promote to our members.	
131	Fleet Flyer 2022: attendees discussed the possibility of holding a Fleet Flyer sponsored event in 2022. Points made include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is still much uncertainty about the potential progress of the pandemic over the next 12 months.</li> <li>• There is a lot of planning work required to hold a traditional signposted one-day event.</li> <li>• We could think about holding it as a self-led (with map / GPS route) and self-certified event, perhaps with no specific date.</li> </ul> Attendees agreed to think about it and discuss on WhatsApp. We can convene a meeting to discuss further if and when required.	all
132	Next meeting will be in January. Bryan and John supplied dates when they would not be available. Andrew will arrange.	Andrew

*Andrew Perkins, 2-Dec-2021*