

Chester and North Wales CTC **CTC Two Mills Subsidiary Member Group**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 19th October, 2010 held at Willaston Memorial Hall. 7.30pm.

Present: 20 members + 1 National CTC Councillor & 1 Bike Club Development Officer.

Apologies – Margaret Blakeborough, Graham James, Keith & Debbie Tavener, Chris & Gill Lamb, Jane Marshall, David Collinson, Brian Lowe, Ted Bradley and Guest Speaker – Mike Cross (required representative from Parent Group)

Chairman made opening remarks thanking people for attending and welcoming the two guest speakers. He also thanked people for their hard work and support during the year.

Minutes of AGM held 13th October 2009.

There were no matters arising. Accepted as true record.

Proposed: Barbara Smith. Seconded: Peter Williams.

Secretary's Annual Report.

Janet had circulated her report by e-mail to members but reported two extra pieces of information:

- 1) Bicycle Belles: She was pleased to report additional money had been received from Wirral Borough Council £750 which was a very welcome boost for further activities.
- 2) Response to Wirral Borough Councils Speed Limit Review: Mainly to take speed down further than had been proposed. Expressed disappointment not having been contacted as a group. Thanked Peter Williams for his support.

Chairman asked for a proposal to thank Janet for her continued hard work.

Proposed: Roy Bunnell. Seconded: John Smith.

Treasurer's Report.

Andy reported a successful year: 2 events boosted our accounts.

Annabel asked for clarification on HSBC Introducers Fees of £50.00. This amount was credited to our account because we had introduced the opening of an account by Tuesday Evening Cyclists.

Andy informed the meeting that the accounts had been audited by an independent Auditor at no charge to the club. The Accounts would be sent direct to National Office as there was no need to go through PMG. He emphasised the need for fund raising to maintain our financial stability.

The accounts were accepted.

Proposed: Chris Harris. Seconded: Annabel Dickson.

A belated thank you to Andy for his report was made by the Chairman.

Membership/rides report.

Jill welcomed Les and Joan Blakeman who joined tonight. Membership up to 48 with one non-renewal. She asked members to inform her of any changes in e-mail addresses, telephone numbers or emergency contact details.

Rides: Choice of destinations seems to have gone well with 14-28 riders on average. Car assisted rides has helped older members. The various Liverpool rides have proved popular. She thanked all Volunteer Ride Leaders and passed list around for people to indicate if they were still willing to lead rides. Jill also asked if anyone had ideas for destinations to contact her or Janet, possibly before the run committee meets.

It was agreed we should again have a Two Mills Sunday Lunch and Barbara Smith will arrange. The Evening Meal was also agreed and this again will be arranged by Barbara.

Tuesday Evening Rides:

Chris informed of 70 rides over the season. The Treasure Hunt was very well attended and he thanked Ann for her support. 87 people on e-mail list – this includes couples. 40% up on last year. Sometimes

60 out on an evening and they were attracting younger riders. The increase in numbers was put down to “word of mouth”. Regular Mountain Bike Rides were a possibility next year. They have 25 Affiliate Members, plus 30 Full Members. Funds - £80.00 generated mainly through sandwiches.

Discussion around newcomers and making sure we risk assess as best we can. Chairman proposed reference to NO about affiliates and that leaders were not registered. It was agreed that 5 minutes should be spent by leaders explaining code of riding. Les Blakeman suggested each rider should carry next of kin details. Ann said that U3A issued ICE cards to members.

Election of Officers. The Meeting elected the following:

Position	Nominations	Proposed	Seconded
Secretary	Janet Gregory	Barbara Smith	Annabel Dickson
Treasurer	Andy Blomfield	Peter Williams	Chris Harris
Chairperson	Bob Witton	Overall agreement	
Welfare	Andy Blomfield	Annabel Dickson	Janet Gregory
Promotions	Sylvia Joyce/	Barbara Smith	Janet Gregory
Registration/membership	Jill Witton	Roy Bunnell	Andy Blomfield
CH&NW committee rep	Janet Gregory	Andy Blomfield	Roy Bunnell
Link/web ride reports	Bob Witton	Andy Blomfield	Roy Bunnell
Tuesday evening co-ordinator	Chris Harris	Janet Gregory	Annabel Dickson
Social events	Barbara Smith	John Smith	Ann Taylor
Rides Committee	Jill Witton	Sonia Oldershaw	Bob Witton
	Roy Bunnell		
	Barbara Smith		
	John Smith		
	Janet Gregory		
	Graham James		
	Keith Tavener		
	Brian Joyce		
	Annabel Dickson		

Guest Speakers

David Robinson, Chair of CTC National Council.

Thanked Two Mills for inviting him to the AGM. When we became a subsidiary group he was concerned how we were going to survive financially but was very impressed with our progress. We were the first group to apply for financial help from NO. He was very pleased to hear the popularity of the Tuesday Rides.

With regard to the motion put forward by Mike Cross and Glennys Hammond at the National AGM regarding per capita figures, he was pleased to tell us that they are doubling amount from 18 pence to 36 pence per member. This would however make little difference to Two Mills but they were giving a minimum amount of £50.00 to smaller groups.

He advised that the survey carried out amongst member groups gave mixed opinions about HO service. On charitable status, he went on to confirm that a full membership poll would be carried out, distributed in the next edition of *Cycle* magazine. He requested that all members used their vote, which in his view should be “yes” to charity status. There remained the issue of securing agreement to change the club rules before we can become a charitable organisation.

Member Group Support at NO.

He informed us that Adrian Lawson would be leaving shortly and the person who would be replacing him is John Storms although another supporting person would be announced shortly.

The Chairman then thanked David for all the information he had given the meeting.

Ross Adams – Bike Club Development Officer – Southport and Chester.

Ross thanked us for the opportunity to speak at this meeting and went on to cover the following points:-

- They are financed by the Ministry of Transport and Cycling England.
- He is based in Southport but covers an area including Manchester, Liverpool and Chester.
- They help many cycling instruction groups.
- They are in their second year and financed until the end of 2011. However the CTC are trying to find some new funding.
- The aim is to help groups working with young people (10-20 years) develop cycling as part of their activities. He was looking for help to make contacts with groups on the Wirral.

Janet offered to help by including some information in the Welcome Pack for the Bicycle Belles which would be of interest to several of the mothers in the group.

The Chairman thanked Ross for his presentation and commented on his obvious enthusiasm for the work he was doing.

Any Other Business:

- Leslie Blakeman questioned the need for registering volunteer leaders. He commented that this was not required in the Rambling Association. The Chairman and other members gave a full explanation as to why for insurance purposes that this was necessary for third party cover. Chairman proposed that further clarification should be sought from NO about the £250 excess.
Seconded: Sonia Oldershaw.
- Chris Harris questioned the future of the *Link* Magazine as opposed to the success of the Web site. The Chairman commented that he would be disappointed to see the *Link* cease publication and that he saw no reason why it should not be financed in the same way as the website. However, in its present format it had many problems. The present print run was far too low to be of interest to a conventional printer. Other processes such as POD (print on demand) could be investigated. There was no advertising in the magazine. The possibility that, to save money, colour printing should cease, would be a disaster and the magazine would close.

Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 18th October 2011

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55pm.