

Chester & N Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru
Minutes of the Committee meeting 6th September 2018 (7.30pm) @ Deeside Leisure Centre

Present

Terry Davies, Mike Cross, Brian Lowe, Colin Bell, Lowri Evans, Dave Matthews, John Ferguson, & Peter Williams,

Apologies: Ifor Jones, Doreen Lindsey, Julia Rogers, Janet Jones, Sue Booth, Brian Joyce, Mark Jones & Janet Gregory.

1. Minutes from 31st May 2018

Proposed Mike Cross, seconded Terry Davies. Agreed nem con

2. Matters arising

12b. Events 2019 -It was noted that the White Horse in Churton (one of the venues considered for the New Year's Day Chairman's) meet was now closed.

2. Welna Bowden raised the issue of C&NW CTC hosting the Big Bike Celebration in 2019 as part of the 80th anniversary with National Office as Mike Cross had had no response to his letter. There was then a phone call but not firm information; possibly the event may be held in south Wales? Dates are not certain – the event may move from October back to May and link with the AGM?

3. Club Kit

John Ferguson attended the meeting and confirmed that he would be prepared to coordinate another order on the condition that orders would be by post with cheques (there were difficulties linking orders to online payments for the first batch of shirts). He thanked Andy Bloomfield for his help following his experience of coordination orders for Two Mills. Documents with prices and clothing options had been circulated prior to the meeting together with a list of questions which were discussed.

- a. ***Does the club want to place another bulk order?*** Yes, agreed by all
- b. ***Which items?*** It was agreed that there would be a maximum of 2 types of garment as any more would make the ordering and distribution too complicated. After discussion it was agreed that winter garments would keep the Club identity visible for a longer proportion of the year. It was felt that a long-sleeved shirt would prove popular; doubts were expressed about the volume of sales for a jacket so it was agreed that the order would only go ahead if at least 10 were ordered.
 - Long sleeve full zip shirt
 - Lightweight training jacket (only if we get more than 10 orders)
- c. ***Is it going to be subsidised?*** During discussion it was agreed that the kit could not be subsidised to the same level as the Two Mills kit. The assumption was made that there would be less than 100 orders.
- d. ***If subsidised by how much?*** The short-sleeved shirts had been sold at £4.70 less than the purchase cost; as similar subsidy was agreed; £4.50 (selling price £35.00) for long sleeved shirts and between £4.00 & £5.00 to take the price down to a round amount for light weight training jacket (i.e. aiming for similar subsidy per garment)
- e. ***Which of the two buying options should be used?*** Coordinator; John Ferguson
- f. ***Is the purchase limited to those who ride with C&NW CTC groups?*** = No but buyers must provide Cycling UK membership number
- g. ***Are riders allowed to order more than one item each?*** = Max two per person of each type of garment

- h. *Is there an option to exchange the item if it doesn't fit?* No but full refund will be given. No spares will be ordered unless a few are needed to take the shirt order to 50 to get the cheaper price.
- i. *Should the "your club shop" password be made public so that riders can see what items are available?* Not at the moment - to ensure people take advantage of the bulk order rather than ordering their own

It was suggested that the delivery period would be approx. 6 weeks from when the order was placed. It was agreed that the closing date for orders would be about 4 weeks from when the information was put up on the C&NW CTC website.

Action: John Ferguson agreed to get in touch with Impsport to:

- see if the price of the jackets could be reduced from the list price of £66.60 per jacket (orders of +10) to the bulk price of £540 for 10 jackets shown as an offer on the website.
- Check that the fit for the long sleeve shirts is the same as the short sleeve?
- Ask is the fit for the jacket compatible with the sizing of the shirts?

Action: Lowri Evans to assist with the production of order forms

It was agreed to try to get the information out to the C&NW CTC members as quickly as possible, with a target closing date for the order in mid-October.

John Ferguson was thanked for his work in negotiation prices and coordinating the order.

4. Secretary's Report (circulated)

The report was read.

- 1.b Veteran's 100 the issue of refunds was discussed.
- Ride Leaders. Only Wrexham Reivers and the Wednesday Riders have riders who would be interested in a ride leader course.

Action: Secretary to ask the group reps to ask again.

- The Group updates email sent to Secretaries was circulated just prior to the meeting. One of the items was a trial of a new management tool for welcoming new members and sending out details of AGMs etc. Terry Davies was keen to take part as it could assist his role as Registration Officer.

Action: Secretary to contact Cycling UK to enquire about taking part in the trial.

5. Treasurer's Report (circulated)

- a. The treasurer reported that there had been two direct debits set up on the Club account (both for insurance). The bank is now investigating the fraud.
- b. The accounts for the Cheshire Cycleways need to be finalised with Sue Booth. Thanks were expressed for Sue's organisation of the event and the profit that had been generated.
- c. The treasurer has been in touch with National Office to claim the £200 annual payment.
- d. Two Mills has paid £200 towards the cost of the website.
- e. The treasurer aims to meet with Janet Jones (Link editor) so that the Link accounts can be updated (there are cheques in hand waiting to be banked).
- f. The Veterans 100 numbers have reduced, and this year it will not have made a profit. It was agreed that the numbers were likely to be higher in 2019 as it would be a Triennial Vets year. The issue of electric bikes at the event was discussed. It was explained that they had not been allowed in 2018 for several reasons including:
 - the worry that many of the bikes would not have a 100mile range for the battery
 - riders would not have ridden them for that distance prior to the event to check range

- if they ran out of battery towards the end riders would be tired and have a heavy bike. As the event has a sag wagon it could lead to an increase in the number of riders who needed to be helped.
- It could make it more difficult to keep the groups together as riders would tend to be faster on the hills if they used electric assistance.

For shorter events, and events where riders don't ride in led groups, electric bikes would not pose the same problems. Electric bikes are now allowed on Audax events but there is no expectation that the organiser will organise a sag wagon.

6. **The Link** (circulated)

The deadline for the next edition was noted as 26th October. Unfortunately the extra copies ordered for marketing at the Bob Clift event were taken by riders when the stand had to be left unattended for a short time (rather than being paid for).

7. **Publicity**

Currently no publicity officer

Action: all to ask around to find a volunteer to be the new publicity officer

8. **Website Report** (circulated)

Thanks were noted to Glennys & John for their continued work and report.

It was noted that changes would be made to the site to comply with the new GDPR regulations. As the new kit details would be added to the site the old information which included the bank account details would be taken down (to try to prevent fraud on the bank account).

9. **Right to Ride** (circulated)

The report was read and some points discussed.

- Colin Watson had produced a cycling survey to get input from those who cycle in and around Chester. He had also given a presentation to the Sustainable Travel Group; there are attempts to get a new bridge across the river Dee at Huntington to link with the business park by Wrexham Road. There would be another Active Travel Meeting (for Cheshire) the following week.
- Peter Williams had circulated both the survey mentioned above and a government survey relating to dangerous driving.
- Peter Williams also handed out information with regard to the Bren Bikes Greenway Cycle Festival that would be taking place on Saturday 13th October.

In Wales Roy Spilsbury, John Mather and others had been looking into the proposals for Junctions 15 & 16 on the A55. The next meeting would be on Tuesday.

Thanks were noted to all volunteers who had been working with regard to Right to Ride.

10. **CTC Cymru Report**

The Festival was a success with 80+ people attending – information on the Secretary's report.

The date and location for 2019 not yet decided. May be affected by the possible end of the Birthday Rides.

11. **Registration Officer's Report**

Both the Registration Officer and Secretary completed the survey from National Office into data. Terry Davies hopes that he would soon be able to recommence sending out welcome messages to new members.

12. Events

2018

- a) Event reports were included in the Secretary's report & reports had been circulated for the Momma Audax events. All of the event organisers volunteers were thanked for the successful events.
- b) President's Ride & Lunch. Only 24 booked so far.
Action: Secretary to send an email out a reminder to groups to publicise the event
- c) **Hill Climb & Freewheel.** Most arrangements have been made.
- d) Corwen Audax events. Vicky Payne appeared to have all of the arrangements in hand as usual.
- e) AGM. The Secretary confirmed that Neuadd Eleanor in Llanfair DC was now booked.

2019

- a) The updated 2019 events a draft schedule was circulated. It was suggested that the 8th of September would be the date for the 80th Anniversary Celebration Rides (incorporating the Presidents Ride – assuming the President for 2019 agrees). The date of 14th September was proposed for the Momma Audax events (pending agreement by Audax UK)
- b) It was requested that groups check the events list when drawing up their rides programme to avoid the situation which arose this year with a 100mile ride (using almost the same route) being scheduled the day before the Vets 100.

13. Welfare

- a. Congratulations were expressed to the welfare officer on her recent marriage.
- b. Following the complaint about non-refundable entry fees at the Vets 100 it was agreed that the refunds for those giving very early notice should be considered for 2019.

14. AOB

- a. The Awards committee reported that a nomination had been submitted for the Cycling UK Volunteer of the Year.
- b. The Big Bike Celebration would be held on 7th October and some of the C&NW CTC members would be attending.

Those at the meeting were thanked for their attendance.

Meeting ended at 9.30pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 4th October 2018