

Minutes from C&NW CTC Jitsi meeting Thursday 15th August 2024

Attended by: John Mather, Lowri Evans Paul Kerr, Steve Larwood, Allan Samuel, Paul Mills, Sue Booth & Dave Matthews

(Paul Kerr & Sue Booth has some issues with Jitsi at times but attended most of the meeting)

1. Apologies

Laurie Mason & Ian Slater

2. Election of chair

3. **Dave Matthews** – proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded by Steve Larwood elected nem con.

4. Minutes of previous meeting (*circulated prior to the meeting*)

These were unanimously agreed.

5. Minutes of AGM (*circulated prior to the meeting*)

These were unanimously agreed.

6. Secretary's update

There had been a busy spring/summer with a large number of events and the changes to the signatories for the online account as well general correspondence.

a. **Annual Returns** - Annual returns were submitted in the required format

b. **Ride Leader Lists** - There were issues again with ride leader lists which were reported to Cycling UK; for a short time these appeared to have been resolved, however when the list was checked to see if the committee changes has been recorded it became apparent that there were major discrepancies. These were reported and a list directly from the data base was provided. Additional ride leaders were registered for the Vets 100 (and links to the training courses sent – which some have completed).

Action – secretary to send list out to groups who haven't had them, others to respond to the list sent.

7. Treasurer's Report

a. **Handover of online banking** – after a somewhat lengthy process Paul Kerr, the new treasurer, now has access to the online account and can make payments from the account. Thanks were noted to Colin Bell the former treasurer for making payments in the interim.

Currently the treasurer can use the accounting software and a meeting is planned with the former treasurer to learn how to download & export reports.

b. **Payments to charities** – the money raised as donations for the refreshments at the AGM has been paid to the Cyclists Defence Fund.

The donations of £250 to both Sustrans & the Cyclist Defence Fund as noted in the AGM minutes will be made soon.

c. **C&NW CTC fund loaned to the Cycling UK account** – it was raised that C&NW CTC put over £2000 into the Cycling UK loan account many years ago. C&NW CTC gets no interest on the account; for many years this was not an issue as rates were so low. It was suggested that a request should be made for the return of the loan.; this was discussed with the following points being raised;

- Should this discussion go to the AGM or did the committee have the authority to decide on behalf of members?
- What was the process for the return of the funds
- Should the money be requested or left with Cycling UK?

Actions

- Treasurer to contact Cycling UK to find out if the loan could be returned
- Secretary to check the authority delegated to the committee

- Item to be on the next committee agenda which would give the committee members time to consider the suggestion and discuss with groups

8. Events 2024 & 2025

a. Recent events

A summary of the 2024 events had been circulated together with detailed reports from Dave Matthews & Graham Hines who had organised Audax events.

These additional points were noted:

Ladies Weekend 20th April 2024 – Sue Booth was thanked for organising a successful weekend which had a mix of cycling and social events.

12th May 2024 Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes – good weather resulting in few DNS although relatively small fields. Janet Jones thanked again for her work at the control on the Panorama

Audaxes 9th June 2024 Glan Gwna 200/125 – new events – successful. People enjoyed the new routes – see full report

Sunday 16th June 2024 Active Travel Festival – Chester – event was on Fathers' Day – this may have made it more difficult to get volunteers to run the stand. Thanks were expressed to all involved.

Sunday 23rd June Bob Clift Memorial 50-mile ride – the event using commercial controls & with a limited field was successful. It was noted that Tilly's in Bunbury would soon be under new management as the current owners were retiring this week; it was hoped that the venue could be used again in the future (see later in the minutes for notes for 2025).

Sunday 7th July Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100 – Ian Slater & team ran a very successful events & thanks were noted. £400 were raised for club funds. Work is already under way for 2025 as noted in the report.

13th July 2024 Corwen July Audax events Barmouth, Y Brenig Bach & Bala Parade -Again successful events although a very low number of entries for the Brenig Bach. Dave Matthews noted the correction that he had designed the Barmouth Boulevard route & started the shorter audax routes to Bala which had been credited to Graham Mills in the report. Thanks were noted to Graham Hines

25th July 2024 CTC Cymru Welsh Festival of Cycling in Ruthin – many of the volunteers were linked to C&NW CTC. The event was a success & for once had good weather for almost the whole time.

b. Future events

7th September 2024 Momma's Audax Events – organiser John Gallegher, mentored by Brandon Edgeley. The events are set up on the AUK site and on the Cycling UK site – starting in Tattenhall again this year.

28th September 2024 Hill Climb & Freewheeling – from Llanbenwch. To be set up on Cycling UK events list.

12th October 2024 -Corwen Audax events- organiser – Graham Hines. Set up on Auk and also on Cycling UK

20th October 2024 – President's Ride & 85th Anniversary Celebration – organiser – Dave Matthews. Catering booked with Mark Watson @£9.00 pp; soup, sandwiches cakes & hot drinks. Hall booked - £125 – Tilston Memorial Hall. Costings discussed aim for about break even £15pp. Birthday cake was discussed – agreed to look to see who made it in 2019.

Routes – to be as for previous but will need to be rechecked prior to the event. Walk Mill has agreed to parking at far end of car park and will open early, at 9.30, for cuppas etc before photo call and ride.

Items to transport to Tilston were discussed – Banners, noticeboard, archives. Plan to get items to Dave Matthews for drop off at hall. Some items are with Lowri, others with Paul Mills.

Entries to go live asap with Entry Central. Thanks to Dave Matthews for his work.

Sandstone Trail Festival Rides – Sept 2024 -Sue Booth

Rides were briefly discussed – Agreed that Sue Booth would send the details to the Secretary so that they could be registered with Cycling UK. Sue Booth has volunteered to lead 2 group rides.

1st January 2025 – New Years Day – to be arranged

Tour of the Berwyns - Brandon Edgerley – has agreed to be ‘custodian’ – will be taking over the running of the events.

Bob Clift Cheshire Cycle ways – possibly 15th June (to avoid race meeting at Oulton Park). Dave Matthews interested in organising an 80 mile Eastern route, but would need a volunteer to run a 50 mile Western route. Allan & Lynne Samuel have volunteered to help run the event.

9. Link

a. Mark Jones has taken over the editorship from Janet Jones. He will be producing an online copy.

Action Mark to be contacted to find out:

- a. Deadline for copy
 - b. Distribution/publication system for new copies
 - c. Text to update the C&NW CTC website
- b. Subscription money remaining after change to online copies – one person requested a refund.

Action – subs list to be checked to ascertain the exact amount of unused Subs. Slip sent out with final edition had said unused subs would be donated to charity.

10. Publicity update

a. **Website** – report circulated – see report for background details

- The webmaster has been updating the site and the events pages & contacts have been refreshed with new content & style. nominations of those who could update group pages were requested. It was suggested & discussed that group reps, the Secretary and publicity officer should have access to do this. – Agreed.
- Updating of email addresses & types of addresses. With the migration to new hosting system the club email addresses need to be ‘migrated’. Following discussion, it was agreed that most officers would remain with the same type of email address (forwarding) but with the webmaster & The Link being paid for mail boxes. (Cost 80p per mail box per month).

Webmaster was thanked for the work – was hoped that the site will gradually become fully up to date.

b. **Facebook – no major changes.** One person had been removed from accessing the site as they were only there to post complaints against horse riders & cyclists
Moderators thanked for their work.

11. Registration Officer’s Report

Still unable to access the lists on the website – currently there is a note on the website to say that work is being done on the section. Phone call by secretary to Cycling UK was told unlikely to be resolved until the autumn.

12. Safeguarding

Laurie Mason has confirmed currently no issues.

13. CAN updates

Report from John Mather was circulated prior to the meeting & discussed. Thanks given for the report & work done.

There is to be a meeting of N Wales CAN reps and others who may be interested in campaigning in the near future.

14. Club Archives

Materials could be looked through to sort what should be displayed. Some photographs go back to 1930s.

15. Club Kit

The club kit order was distributed. All of the items fitted and those ordering appeared to be pleased with the quality of the kit. As was noted previously, a discount was given for an order of 10+ items even though it was a mixture of different items.

16. AOB

a. Recent awards

At the AGM Janet Atherton (Chair of Cycling UK trustees) presented Cycling UK awards to 3 C&NW CTC members:

Colin Bell – Going the Extra Mile Bronze Award (+10years) for his work as club treasurer

Janet Jones – Going the Extra Mile -Certificate of Appreciation for her editorship of the Link

Margaret Matthews - Going the Extra Mile -Certificate of Appreciation – for her volunteering at events checking in riders & providing refreshments over many years (her award was collected by Dave Matthews)

Sadly Janet Atherton has had to stand down from her Trustee role due to ill health. A message of thanks has been sent from C&NW CTC together with the photographs from the presentation.

At the Welsh Festival in Ruthin Gwenda Owen (Cycling UK engagement Officer for Wales) presented 3 volunteers with Awards:

Emrys Jones - Going the Extra Mile Gold Award (+30years) -for his volunteering work as event organiser, tour leaders & ride leader. In particular for his volunteering with CTC Cymru & the CTC Cymru Welsh Festival of Cycling

John Holiday - Going the Extra Mile Bronze Award (+10years) – for his volunteering at the CTC Cymru Welsh Festival of Cycling

Lowri Evans - Going the Extra Mile Silver Award (+20years) – for volunteering with C&NW CTC and CTC Cymru Welsh Festival of Cycling

People were reminded to submit nominations to the Awards committee for recognition.

Meeting ended at 8.34pm

Date of next meeting:

Provisionally agreed as 7pm Thursday 24th October via Jitsi