

## Minutes from C&NW CTC Jitsi meeting Thursday 7th November 2024

**Attendees:** Sue Booth, Steve Larwood, Allan Samuel, Paul Mills, Paul Kerr, Dave Matthews, Lowri Evans

### 1. Apologies

John Mather, Laurie Mason & Ian Slater

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting (circulated prior to the meeting)

Minutes were agreed, matters arising to be dealt with as they arose under agenda items.

### 3. Secretary's update

- a. There has been a busy late summer/autumn with a selection of events (see later) including the C&NW CTC 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration /President's Ride & lunch. Several groups are now looking at organising Christmas Dinner & 2025 events.
- b. Attendance at Cycling UK online meetings; Meet the Trustees, and 100 Women in Cycling. Both were constructive meetings with policies being discussed and explained. Several members also attended a meeting regarding Cycle Campaigning in N Wales (see CANS section).
- c. Awards committee has been active with Awards nominations
- d. Linda Shuttleworth has approached the Club (and Chester Cycling Campaign) to gauge the level of interest in getting hiviz waistcoats with logo to avoid close passes (image circulated with meeting docs). Currently the cost looks to be £9 per garment however other quotes are awaited. May be pink rather than yellow. There was discussion about cameras & close passes. Agreed that something of the sort could be useful especially for group back markers. Agreed to see what the level of interest amongst members would be.

### 4. Treasurer's Report (*accounts circulated prior to the meeting*)

- a. Banking. Online banking working well; as it is now straight forward to move money between accounts the treasurer has been keeping less in the current account and more in the deposit account to benefit from the interest. Briefly discussed whether club needed an overdraft facility – it was agreed that this was not needed.
- b. Autumn events roughly broke even as had been hoped.
- c. C&NW CTC fund loaned to the Cycling UK account -Treasurer has checked with Cycling UK – loan could be returned. Secretary has read the member group hand book – committee can request the return. This was discussed, with the treasurer explaining that Cycling UK gained any interest on the Capital but C&NW CTC was losing out. For many years the interest rates were so low this wasn't an issue. The matter was discussed, with some of the opinion that C&NW should benefit as the value of the capital was decreasing in relative terms every year; others raised the point that Cycling as charity may be in more need of the money. It was also discussed whether Two Mills had any call on the money – agreed that they didn't.

**Proposal** – from the treasurer: C&NW CTC should call in the loan to Cycling UK.

**Vote: proposal passed:** 5 in favour, one against, one abstention

**Action:** treasurer to make arrangements with Cycling UK

- d. Allocation of residual Link subscription money. This was discussed. One person has requested their remaining subscription money and this has been returned. For personal reasons the new editor hasn't yet started to produce copy, therefore it isn't yet known whether there will be costs associated with carrying on with the Link (e.g. the purchasing of publishing software for the new editor). It was therefore agreed to wait until a new editor was established and costs were known before distributing any surplus.

## 5. Events 2024 & 2025

### Recent events

- a. **7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Momma's Audax Events** (*report circulated*) – organiser John Gallegher, mentored by Brandon Edgeley. A very successful & well organised set of events. There were 22 starters for the 200k event, 13 for the 130k event and 16 for the 55k event (with several doing their first Audax events). Many thanks to the organiser & volunteers. Date of 6<sup>th</sup> Sept has already been set for 2025
- b. **28<sup>th</sup> September 2024 Hill Climb & Freewheeling** –organiser Lowri Evans. Although only 4 took part in the Hill Climb & 6 in the Freewheeling the event was well supported by volunteers and all had an enjoyable time. The events started & ended at the café in Llanbenwch. The hill was as steep & long as ever, and there was a new Freewheeling course which was closer to the hill climb & the café. The results of the Hill climb were 1<sup>st</sup> Ben Hughes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Larwood (1<sup>st</sup> vet), 3<sup>rd</sup> Lowri Evans & 4<sup>th</sup> Dave Matthews (1<sup>st</sup> Super Vet). The Freewheeling results were 1<sup>st</sup> Dave Matthews, 2<sup>nd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Lady) Lesley Lee, 3<sup>rd</sup> Steve Larwood, 4<sup>th</sup> Ben Hughes, 5<sup>th</sup> Lowri Evans 6<sup>th</sup> Dave Statham (1<sup>st</sup> e-bike) Many thanks to Pete Dilworth, Lesly Lee, Ken MacDonald & Paul Mills who all volunteered & helped at the event.
- c. **12<sup>th</sup> October 2024 -Corwen Audax events-** organiser – Graham Hines. Although most of the riders were able to start the events in the dry, many were put off by the forecast with a relatively lower number of starters; the numbers completing the rides were 13 The Clwydian, 4 Y Dyffryn Clwyd and the Bala Mini Bash. Those on the shorter events were able to avoid the wet/ windy weather suffered by others later in the day. In light of the low numbers on the Corwen events & the new Glan Gwna events Graham Hines in considering doing one set of Corwen Audax events per year in the future. Many thanks to Graham for the events.
- d. **20<sup>th</sup> October 2024 – President's Ride & 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration** (*report circulated*) - 39 people had signed up to attend the event, however storm Ashley, colds, and domestic crises reduced the numbers able to attend to 26. Most riders met up at Walk Mill for a cuppa & chat before making their way (in strong winds & some rain) to Tilston. Many people arrived by car this year. Mark Watson provided a lunch of soup, sandwiches & cakes & there was an 85<sup>th</sup> birthday cake as well. It was planned to present 8 awards; unfortunately, only one recipient, Dave Matthews was able to attend. Gwenda Owen presented him with a well-deserved Silver Going the extra mile Award (see AOB for detail of the other awards & when they have been/ will be presented). Many thanks to Dave Matthews for organisation & to Glennys Hammond for photography & to others who helped with route checking and on the day
- e. **Sandstone Trail Festival Rides – Sept 2024** -Sue Booth set up & led 2 events as part of the festival. The first ride was attended by 5 people: the weather was very wet so it was unanimously, decided to cut the ride short & head for shelter in a café. The 2<sup>nd</sup> ride, the following week was also attended by 5 riders, the weather was much better, it was a hilly ride and all went well. Many thanks to Sue.

### Future events 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2025	<i>Chairman's meet/ New Year's Day Agreed that Dave Matthews should make enquiries with the Carden Arms Tilston (with arrangements as for 2024 if possible)</i>	Dave Matthews
April 2025	<i>C&amp;NW CTC AGM Secretary to check with Cycling Uk what the date deadlines for AGMs and annual returns will be for 2025. (Avoiding Easter weekend)</i>	Sec Lowri Evans
Weekend	<i>Fab Ladies Weekend TBC</i>	Sue Booth
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes	Brandon Edgeley
June 2025	Audax events 😊 in the west of the C&NW CTC area. Glan Gwna 200 and 125	Graham Hines

June 2025	<i>Chester Active Travel Festival</i> <i>C&amp;NW CTC may wish to have a stand? Details circulated in separate document</i>	
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways - discussed – agreed on 50 mile event from Duddon as in 2024 Costs of £12.50 pp have been agreed with the new owners of Tilley's – min of 30 people, max 50 for drink, beans on toast & cake. Event costs discussed – to be calculated once more information available.	Dave Matthews/ Alan Samuel & others
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Triennial Vets 100. Confirmed with Cycling UK it will be triennial event with badges etc	Ian Slater
July 2025	Corwen July Audax events Barmouth, Y Brenig Bach & Bala Parade	Graham Hines
24 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday	Emrys Jones / Lowri Evans
August	<i>Wild Wales</i>	<i>Merseyside CTC</i>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Momma Audax Events	John Gallagher mentor Brandon Edgely
Late sept/early Oct 2025	Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch	Lowri Evans
October 2025	Corwen Audax Events Clwydian etc? may only do one set of Corwen Audaxes (July) so these may not be run in future. (Later confirmed no plans for Corwen autumn audaxes in 2025)	Graham Hines
October 2025	President's Ride & Lunch TBC possibly Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<i>C&amp;NW CTC President</i>

## 6. Link

Due to personal reasons Mark Jones hasn't yet been able to produce a copy of the Link but he hopes to do so in the future. Text has been sent to the webmaster to update the website; however this is still a work in progress.

## 7. Publicity update

### a. Website – following the last meeting the webmaster was sent information regarding:

- email addresses to allow the club email addresses to be 'migrated' to the new hosting system
- nominations of those who could update group pages - group reps, the Secretary and publicity officer should have access to do this. As yet these people don't appear to have the access (nor the instructions) to do this. Secretary to follow up with the webmaster.

### b. Facebook – Moderators thanked for their ongoing work

### c. Paul Mills thanked for his work as a Facebook moderator & for his work at events delivering and updating Club publicity materials. He was congratulated on his recent Going the Extra Mile Award (See section 14)

## 8. Registration Officer's Report

The Secretary & Registration officer can now access the membership lists on the website. There are currently 1647 members listed, 12 new members last month & 4 so far this month; with 8 not renewing last month. There were discussions of why people join, why some don't renew. Many don't join to ride with a group. There was some discussion about getting more riders to go out with the Chester group – only 2 were at the last ride.

## 9. Safeguarding

Laurie Mason has confirmed currently no issues.

## 10. CAN updates

- There was an online meeting of N Wales CAN reps and others who may be interested in campaigning in the near future. This led to several new connections being made with campaigners with people being put in touch with each other. This has led to some shared ideas regarding the Gwersyllt/Wrexham consultation. It is not yet clear how the group will operate in the future.
- There is to be a fringe meeting at the Welsh Labour Party Conference on the 16<sup>th</sup> November to lobby for active travel.

## 11. Club Archives

Selected club archives were on display at the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations; proved very popular with those attending. Suggestions have been made that some documents such as 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary booklet could be scanned to become an online resource.

**Action** – secretary to contact Graham Hill the Archivist to discuss.

## 12. AOB

### a. Recent awards

Arrangements had been made to present 8 awards at the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations, however in the event only one of the recipients was able to attend. Congratulations to the following Volunteers:

Dave Matthews	Going the Extra Mile Silver Award +20years	For his volunteering for C&NW including running events, committee posts	Presented by Gwenda Owen at 85 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
Stuart Evans	Going the Extra Mile Silver Award +20years	For his ride leading over may years for several groups	Presented Wrexham Reivers ride 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2024
Paul Mills	Going the Extra Mile Certificate of Appreciation	For his diligent work as C&NW CTC Publicity Officer	Presented at Wrexham Reivers ride 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2024
Dave Statham	Going the Extra Mile Certificate of Appreciation	For his ride leading & helping riders with bike repairs	
Pete Dilworth	Going the Extra Mile Certificate of Appreciation	For his ride leading, volunteering at events & helping riders with bike repairs	
Linda Scott	Going the Extra Mile Certificate of Appreciation	For her volunteering work with the Fab Ladies group	To be presented by Sue Booth, Fab Ladies – Possibly 28 <sup>th</sup> of November
David Robertson	Going the Extra Mile Certificate of Appreciation	For organising routes & venues for the Watson's Wanders	To be presented by Dave Matthews, Watsons Wanderers possibly Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> November
Janet Jones	C&NW CTC President's Trophy	For editing the Link and assisting with events	To be presented by Dave Matthews at Wrexham Reivers ride 16 <sup>th</sup> or 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2024

- b. Arrangements were made to send card with best wishes to a C&NWCT officer who is unwell.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025