

## Agenda and notes for C&NW CTC Jitsi meeting 7pm Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup> 2025

### Attendees:

Sue Booth, Lowri Evans, Ian Slater, Paul Kerr, Dave Matthews, Steve Larwood, Paul Mills, Allan Samuel, John Mather (briefly)

### 1. Apologies

Laurie Mason, Graham Hines, John Mather (John attended a small part of the meeting)

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

Agreed – any matters arising to be dealt with under relevant agenda headings

### 3. Secretary's update

An update was sent out in November 2024 as well as minutes of previous meeting

- a. **Hiviz waistcoats** – John Violet has put a bid for funding for hiviz waistcoats into the Cheshire Police on behalf of the Chester Cycling Campaign. Currently waiting to hear if the bid has been successful.
- b. **Annual Returns** – expecting information from Cycling UK at the end of January to know what information will be required from groups. It is anticipated that the returns will need to be completed and submitted to Cycling UK by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

Once the information comes from national office the secretary will make requests for information for the annual returns and report for the AGM (*see events for AGM update*)

The treasurer's return will be sent directly from Cycling UK to the Treasurer.

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

- a. **C&NW CTC**- loan to the Cycling UK account. This has now been repaid by Cycling UK and is appearing in the Club deposit account.
- b. Currently there is little activity on the accounts as no events are open for entries etc. The treasurer explained that he was keeping a minimum in the current account as:
  - With online banking transfers could easily be made between the current & deposit account
  - Interest is accrued on the deposit account
  - Money in the deposit account is safe from fraud (e.g. fraudulent direct debits)
- c. £15 has recently reached the account – it is probably a standing order for the Link that someone has forgotten to cancel. Efforts to refund by the treasurer & secretary have been made, but so far no response. The money will be treated as a donation if it can't be refunded/ refund not wanted.  
**Action** secretary to try to contact subscriber again
- d. There was a query raised over £98 relating to the reserve account. The accounts reconcile.  
**Action** To be checked after the meeting when detail of where the potential discrepancy was thought to be given
- e. **Audit** – treasure and Andy Barber (auditor) to be put in touch so they can make arrangements to audit the accounts.
- f. Thanks to were noted to Colin Bell (previous treasurer) who had been ready & will to offer help & support to the new treasurer on the accounts package & other issues.

### 5. Events 2025

#### Recent events

#### a. **Chairman's Meet /New Year's Day Meet 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025**

A combination of a forecast of very bad weather, flooded roads, 'flu & heavy colds, family commitments (and possibly hangovers) reduced the numbers attending the Meet this year. 15 people reached the Carden Arms, with 12 cycling all or part of the way. The 3 who rode out from Chester had to contend with the most flooded roads, but still arrived in good spirits.

The Carden Arms looked after everyone very well & those who attended had a good start to the New Year. Unfortunately, the Chairman (who organised the event) was unable to attend due to a heavy cold.

Thanks were sent by the secretary to the venue after the event & Dave Matthews was also in contact with them; they had appreciated the Club coming on New Year's Day – may well be the venue for 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2026.

### Future events 2025

**AGM** - Pulford Village Hall booked for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 after email consultation with the committee. Date selected to give time for the end of year Accounts to be drawn up & audited, and for the rest of the returns to be completed by 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2025 (provisional deadline for submission to Cycling UK).

*(Note the table below reflects the situation after the meeting – there have been several changes since then)*

Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	C&NW CTC AGM Pulford Hall booked. £75 as last year – details sent to treasurer who is arranging payment. Arrangements for refreshment to be as previously.	Sec Lowri Evans
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes plus 2 new Audaxes	Brandon Edgeley
7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	Audax events 😊 in the west of the C&NW CTC area. Caeathro Caernarfon - Glan Gwna 200 & 125 Alos 100k on the Sunday. Discussed 60 or 200k on the Sunday – agreed that 50k would allow full range of riders to be catered for over the weekend.	Graham Hines
Weekend of 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Fab Ladies Weekend - Ambleside. Bookings are now coming in. Clash was discussed - the majority of those who attend the Ladies weekends tend not to do Audax events and vice versa. Booking needed to fit in with accommodation.	Sue Booth
<i>June 2025</i>	<i>Chester Active Travel Festival 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 50 mile event from Duddon. Looking to reroute the later section of the ride to give a better finish. Plan is to launch the entries for the ride in April with Entry Central. Dave M to contact possible volunteers to run and additional 80 mile route (Rob Wardle & Andy Whitfield?)	Dave Matthews/ Alan Samuel
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Triennial Vets 100. Information received from Cycling UK – form has been completed and sent in to Cycling UK regarding Tri-Vets. Organiser is starting to book halls, caterers etc. – invoices will be sent to the treasurer for payment. Discussion on ride leaders – possibly 10 would be needed if there was a field of 100 (Sue Booth & others volunteered to lead) Aiming to get event on to Entry Central by late Jan/early Feb & then onto Cycling UK events list.	Ian Slater
12 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Corwen July Audax events The Clwydian, Y Dyffryn Clwyd & Bala Parade (slightly different set from previous years)	Graham Hines
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> to Tue 29 <sup>th</sup> July 2025	Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday - Rugby Club booked.	Emrys Jones / Lowri Evans

<i>August</i>	<i>Wild Wales TBC</i>	<i>Merseyside CTC</i>
Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Momma Audax Events	John Gallager mentor Brandon Edgely
Late Sept/early Oct 2025	Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch	Lowri Evans
19 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	President's Ride & Lunch President requested that Sec book Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C.	C&NW CTC President

**Entry Central** – to simplify accounts it was suggested that entry fees from the Vets 100 arriving prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April should be held by Entry Central and then transferred to the Club account. Access to the account was discussed to enable allocation of income to the various events. Agreed that Dave M would forward emails to the Treasurer if he didn't have access.

## 6. Link

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.

One subscription renewal seems to have been received recently – the Treasurer is checking this & will refund if it is a subscription that someone has forgotten to cancel.

## 7. Publicity update

- a. **Website** – several people have been given access to do some updating – there is some progress with Sue Booth managing to update the Chester page and adding the Ladies cycling weekend. Others haven't got far as they are unfamiliar with the site & how it works. Some queries have been sent to the webmaster so that people can get started. Some people haven't had the link (possibly it went to SPAM?).

Ian Slater has offered to help with the updating of the Watsons Wanderers page

**Action-** contact webmaster to resend link for website updating and ask for more instructions

- b. **Facebook** – continuing. Many thanks to the moderators  
c. **Cycling UK website** – C&NW CTC events gradually being set up for 2025

## 8. Registration Officer's Report

Currently there are 1663 members showing on the Cycling UK website. There were 7 new members in the last month, 4 lapsed this month & 18 the previous month. There are 84 ride leaders listed

## 9. Safeguarding

Laurie Mason has confirmed currently no issues.

## 10. Groups update

**Watsons Wanders** – going from strength to strength with a record 24 out in 4 groups the previous week. There was a very successful Christmas dinner which the Reprobates also attended.

**Chester & Fab Ladies** – currently low numbers on the Chester rides – the options of some of the Watsons Wanders joining the rides was discussed.

## 11. CAN updates

- a. **Fringe Meeting at the Welsh Labour Party** 16/11/2024 Llandudno attended to lobby for Active Travel Funding in Wales (very wet & windy meeting on the prom)
- b. **20mph Review teams meeting** responses to the changes were discussed. Some councils have indicated which roads are being considered; however, it hasn't been easy to find which roads are

under consideration. There seems to be considerable variation between councils on the number of roads being considered and the publication of the information

- c. **The Draft North Wales Regional Transport Plan** is about to be published for public consultation published
- d. **Cut back of funding** – Concern has been expressed about the possibility of Active Travel funds in Wales being cut back

## 12. Club Archives

The Club Archivist has created Zip files of last year's documents and sent to the Secretary for checking & approval. These have now been sent to Chester Archives. Many thanks to Graham Hill the Archivist.

## 13. AOB

- a. **Recent awards** A presentation was held for Linda Scott for her volunteering with the Fab Ladies. Several of the ride leaders went out together for a meal; Linda was very touched to receive the recognition.  
**Action** Images of the 8 award presentations since the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be sent to Julie Rand at Cycling UK
- b. **Shrewsbury CTC** – the Club has been in touch suggesting the possibility of some joint rides. Following email discussions, it appears that Watsons wanders or Chester rides are the ones they are most likely to link with. Currently Allan Samuel & Sue Booth are working with the Shrewsbury Club to sort some joint rides in the spring/summer.
- c. **Sue's 40 year rides** It is 40 years since Sue Booth started cycling with the group and she is trying to ride with as many people & groups as possible during the year to celebrate. (Dave Matthews has also been riding for 40years)

### **Date of next meeting:**

13<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to prepare for AGM