

Minutes from C&NW CTC meeting Thursday 13th March 2025 7pm via Jitsi

Attending: Allan Samuel, Lowri Evans, Dave Matthews, Sue Booth Paul Kerr John Mather

1. **Apologies** Laurie Mason, Paul Mills, Steve Larwood, Ian Slater, John Mather (attended some of the meeting)

2. **Minutes of the last meeting (Jan 2025)** – Agreed

An update sheet was circulated prior to the meeting (attached to end of these minutes)

3. **Treasurers report**

a. Colin Bell (former treasurer) has offered to help with end of year accounts after 31st March (year-end). The only issue is the transferring of the data from the accounts to the Cycling UK spreadsheet required for submission.

b. Still trying to sort the £15 link subscription that was paid in error – a refund has now been requested (since the last message which had been to treat as a donation).

c. A meeting has been arranged with Andy Barber the auditor to go through the accounts in early April.

4. **AGM & end of year**

a. **Treasurer's report.** Report pack has been received with end of financial year set as 31st March

b. **Discussion of AGM charity donations** – agreed that this should be added to the 2025 AGM agenda

c. **Secretary's returns** – email has been received from Cycling UK with regard to the annual return. Many thanks to those who have already replied with ride leader registration information. Ride leader registration was discussed including the fact that registered leaders had the benefit of rider leader insurance when leading the groups and that some riders who may not volunteer to lead a whole ride might at time lead groups back form rides if groups needed to be split for some reason (e.g. mechanicals).

d. **Group stats** – the list of info required by Cycling UK was circulated prior to the meeting & discussed – it was agreed that estimates would be needed as not all of the information requested was practical to collect (e.g. ages of riders)

Action: secretary to circulated to groups so that information can be collected and final summary produced

e. **Secretary's report** – a copy of last year's report was been circulated so people could see what contributions are needed and a request made please that officers & group reps send in report for inclusion

f. **Practical arrangements for the AGM** -Secretary has booked the hall & will open up as usual and get catering supplies. Mark Jones has volunteered to do the kitchen: beans on toast, drinks etc Allan Samuel may also help with the catering again. Secretary to try to borrow projector again. Will need help with IT, booking in form the committee and other volunteers. Hopefully some groups will ride out.

(It was suggested that in the AGM could be combined with a barbeque – not for 2025)

g. **Officers for 2025**

List of current officers and nominations was discussed:

Post	Current	Nominated	Secunder
President	Dave Matthews	Sue Booth	Allan Samuel
Vice President*	Sue Booth	Allan Samuel	Lowri Evans
Secretary	Lowri Evans	Dave Matthews	Allan Samuel

Treasurer	Paul Kerr	Sue Booth	Dave Matthews
Registration Officer (membership records)	Steve Larwood	Lowri Evans	Sue Booth
Safe Guarding Officer	Laurie Mason	Allan Samuel	Dave Matthews
Publicity Officer	Paul Mills	Dave Matthews	Allan Samuel
Campaign Advocacy Network:	John Mather	Lowri Evans	Allan Samuel
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	John Mather	Dave Matthews
Invited members (also reps from Two Mills and all informal groups)	Mark Jones, Allan Samuel (WW), Paul Mills (Wed Riders & Two Mills), Ifor Jones (Ynys M)/Ken Williams Ian Slater Current list – these are mainly nominated by groups		

Link Editor*	Mark Jones
Webmaster*	Simon Tiplady
Club Archivist	Graham Hill

Awards Committee Glennys, Sue Booth, Lowri Evans – suggested they should continue in post

h. Notices of motion – none so far

5. **Events 2025 (see appendix)** the events were briefly discussed including the date change of the Bob Clift events.
6. **Link** – Mark Jones hadn't been able to produce a copy yet.
7. **Publicity update**
 - a. The webmaster has now set up all of the events for 2025 with a link to the Cycling UK webpage. Several groups (inc. Watsons Wanders & Wrexham Reivers) have also been able to update their web pages (although there is still more to learn!)
 - b. The Chester Green Weekend and Active Travel Festival. Details were circulated – 7th & 8th June which clashes with C&NW CTC Audax events & Ladies weekend. People uncertain that enough volunteers could be found for a stand for 2 days. It was suggested that possibly a stand could be shared?
8. **Safeguarding** – no current issues
9. **AOB**
 - a. **Groups** – it was noted that the Watson wanders are enjoying a good turn out with up to 30 riders on occasion – getting harder to find enough large venues for refreshment stops. Colin Bell is looking to restart open rides for the Wednesday Riders once he retires in the summer
 - b. **Guest Riders** – a question was raised if British Road Cycling BRC (possibly British Cycling) counted as Cycling UK members for group rides. No – separate organisation, so they would be guest riders for up to 3 rides. Groups using riders list or guest registrations forms.
 - c. **Emergency Contacts** -discussion on how this can be carried. Some groups have emergency contact list that riders can opt into, but care needed with GDPR. Individual should also carry some ID & details.
 - d. **Incident at Holt** – road rage incident in Holt was discussed where driver passed riders then blocked the road & threatened on of the riders. Thanks fully no-one was hurt, but all so badly shaken they didn't get the vehicle details to report.

Appendix Update C&NW CTC since the January Jitsi meeting (as at 9/3/2025)

3a. **Hiviz jackets** – the CCC bid for hiviz jackets was unsuccessful.

3b. **Annual returns** – information has now arrived from Cycling UK. A request for information from groups will be sent out soon by the Secretary – note the information required has changed slightly from previous years.

A new ride leaders list has come through- has will be sorted to the various groups & sent out for checking - many thanks to all who have replied (some issues that have arisen have already been sorted with Cycling UK)

4c The Link subscriber was contacted – he has confirmed the £15 should be treated as a donation & will get in touch with his bank cancel future payments.

Another email has now been received; the Secretary and Treasurer are working on this again with the subscriber.

4d. The accounts were rechecked by the Treasurer, Secretary & person raising the query; all was in order & there wasn't a £98 discrepancy

5. Events 2025

See revised events list below:

	C&NW Events 2025	
Sunday 27 th April 2025	C&NW CTC AGM Pulford	Lowri Evans
Saturday 11 th May 2025	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes plus 2 new Audaxes	Brandon Edgeley
Sunday 18 th May 2025	Bob Clift Memorial Rides 50 mile and 80 mile events from Duddon. NOTE new date	Dave Matthews overall and (50) Robert Wardle and David Robertson (80)
7 th & 8 th June 2025	Audax events 😊 in the west of the C&NW CTC area. Caethro Caernarfon - Glan Gwna 200 & 125 Also 100k on the Sunday. Riders may wish to make a weekend of the events	Graham Hines
Weekend of 7 th June	Fab Ladies Weekend - Arnside. Bookings now closed	Sue Booth
7 th & 8 th June 2025	<i>Chester Green Weekend & Active Travel Festival</i> <i>Helen Tandy, Eco-communities do we want a stand this year?</i> <i>(email at end of this doc)</i>	<i>Stephen Perry</i> <i>also Taste Cheshire</i>
Sunday 6 th July 2025	Triennial Vets 100.	Ian Slater
12 th July 2025	<i>Corwen July Audax events The Clwydian, Y Dyffryn Clwyd & Bala Parade</i> <i>(later these events were changed to Ruthin start on the 27th July 2025)</i>	Graham Hines
Thurs 24 th to Tue 29 th July 2025	Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday Welsh Festival of Cycling Cycling UK	Emrys Jones / Lowri Evans

<i>August Bank Holiday</i>	<i>Wild Wales</i>	<i>Merseyside CTC</i>
Sat 6 th September 2025	Momma Audax Events	John Gallagher mentor Brandon Edgely
Saturday 4 th October 2025	Hill Climb & Freewheel – from Llanbenwch	Lowri Evans
Sunday 19 th October 2025	President’s Ride & Lunch Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair D.C.	C&NW CTC President

- Events to the end of September are now on the C&NW CTC section of the Cycling UK website [Chester and North Wales CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru | Cycling UK](#) Entries are open for all of the C&NW CTC events up to the end of September
- The CTC Welsh Festival of Cycling info is on [Welsh Festival of Cycling | Cycling UK](#) (entries will open after Easter)

7a. C&NW CTC website

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Chester Green Weekend & Active Travel Festival email from 6/3/2025

You may already have heard about our plans for summer 2025, but in case you have not I just wanted to bring you up to date and encourage your support.

This year the Active Travel Festival is joining the Eco-Communities team in one single city centre event, the Chester Green Weekend festival (CGW), on 7th and 8th June 2025. This event will be at the start of the UK’s Great Big Green Week (GBGW) which gets national and local publicity.

The management of the event is being led by Helen Tandy from Eco-Communities and by the girls from Taste Cheshire. My role is more in the background focused mainly on encouraging schools to get involved. The event is also being supported by other local partner groups including at least Chester Cathedral, Chester Zoo, Storyhouse, Picture House, the Market and oH Design Foundation.

We will have promotional stalls and food & refreshment stalls in Town Hall Square, Exchange Square and Deans Field (next to the Cathedral).

We are pleased to already have some support agreed from the Councillors of Chester, and want to ensure this event is truly part of everyone’s calendar in 2025

All of the stall holders that supported the Active Travel Festival last year will be invited by the Taste Cheshire team to support the CGW, but I just wanted to give you this early update to enable you to consider the idea and gather any support as needed.

Below are links to last year’s Active Travel Festival Video and the current Chester Green Weekend website. The latter is still work in progress but it includes the main details you may wish to have:

Active Travel Festival Video from 2024: <https://youtu.be/TzvMRyIJUTo>

Chester Green weekend link: <https://chestergreenweekend.co.uk/>

As already stated your invitation to support will come from the Taste Cheshire team, but if I can help in the meantime please feel free to contact me.

Best wishes
Stephen