

CTC Exeter
Committee Meeting
Monday 6 March 2023
At Paul's house

Present: Paul Ewings (Chair)
Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith
Marilyn Spurr
Roy Russell
Martin Warren
Ian Grundberg

Apologies: Ian Holding
Dave Martin

Minutes from last meeting:

Approved

Matters arising:

Cycling UK mail system: Ian G is now authorised to send emails via the Cycling UK mail system, subject initially to vetting by HO staff.

Runs list:

A rides: Currently about 5 riders in this group.

B rides: about 12 riders on average, occasionally more. Running smoothly.

Thursday rides: Continue to run well, good numbers. Some new venues to be added in the near future.

Cycling UK online leader training programme: We will remind registered ride leaders at the AGM of this online resource and encourage take-up.

Finance:

The cash balance is currently £4,562.01. Recent outgoings have been £240.00 for hire of the circuit at West Point (Bike handling skills course) and £56.00 for hire of St Thomas Church Hall (AGM)

Future events:

AGM: St Thomas Church Hall has been booked for the AGM on 19 April at 7pm and the fee has been paid. Ross Lovell, an extreme endurance cyclist based near Exeter has been confirmed as the speaker at the meeting. Ian G will contact Ross to confirm the theme of his talk and will draft an invitation to the meeting to be sent to the membership. Nominations for committee members will also be requested at the same time. Lyndsay K-S has expressed a wish to stand down, but has agreed to remain on the committee for the time being, until a suitable replacement candidate can be identified.

Bike Handling Skills: The Road Circuit at West Point has been booked on 18th April between 09.30 and 11.30. Chris B has agreed to run the course and will contact West Point to see if the booking can be extended for an additional 30 minutes, so that the full programme can be offered. An email will be sent to the membership offering this course. Up to a maximum of 20 participants per session.

First Aid: Lyndsay has been in touch with St John's Ambulance, who offer a 3 ½ hour session for a £24.00 fee, subject to the availability of its volunteers. Minimum of 6, maximum 12 persons attending each session. Provisional dates have been set for Thursday 8 and 15 June, with the idea that participants would attend the course straight after the Thursday BikeBus.

The Community Hut at Heavitree Park Café would be a suitable venue - £15/hour and will be booked by Lyndsay for a total of 4 hours to include set-up. It is proposed that members attending would be asked to pay a £5 fee in the form of a donation to St John's. An invitation will be emailed to all active riders in our area.

Exeter Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan: Ian G to draft an email to the active membership drawing attention to the consultation currently taking place by the City Council. CTC Exeter has in the past donated funds to the Exeter Cycling Campaign, which has been doing some excellent work in this connection. Lyndsay will contact them to ask if they would have use for a further contribution.

A.O.B.:

Accident Black spots:

Martin W reported that there have been a number of falls on a particular section of a road near Aller Cross and recommends that ride leaders should avoid this section if at all possible:

The narrow poorly drained and therefore very slippery lane runs between Horn Cross 050073 and Aller Cross 053065 (grid references from OS 115 Exmouth and Sidmouth). Whether travelling north towards the Culm valley or south on the way home, the lane can easily be avoided, most obviously by crossing the A373 Cullompton to Honiton road at Post Cross (grid ref 057071). Paul E will bear this in mind when planning BikeBus routes.

Sidmouth Cycling Campaign

Roy R informed the committee that the Sidmouth Campaign has recently met with a local MP. Several routes are under discussion, including Sidmouth to Sidbury and Sidmouth to Tipton/Ottery. There are mainly budget constraints to many of these routes.

Date of next meeting:

3 May 2023 at Dave M's house.

Meeting closed:

21.15