**CYCLING UK EAST MIDLANDS REGION**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM**

**ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025**

Present: Ian Prince (Notts CTC) – Chairman

Tim Newbery (Cycling UK Lincs) – Secretary

John Catt (Leics & Rutland CTC)

Terry Scott (Notts CTC)

Ian Hill (Derby & Burton CTC)

Ray Clay (Leics & Rutland CTC)

Jean Deacon (Minutes Secretary)

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tom Fox

**2 ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting of Monday 28 October 2024.

Proposed: Tim Newbery; seconded: Ian Hill.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**4 CORRESPONDENCE**

Various communications from National Office and from Ian Prince. Email from David Smith of Pedals in Nottingham about their cycling campaign. This was covered later in the meeting.

**5 TREASURER’S REPORT**

The only expenditure since the last meeting was the subscription of £36 to the CPRE; the funds now stood at £1,691. This did not include the surplus of £169.91 from the Mince Pie Run. Donations to Rainbows needed to be considered. The tombola raised £755 which would make a total donation of £925 (having made the surplus up to £170). This was agreed. The presentation to Rainbows would take place next month and Tim said he would be happy to come and take photos etc for the web site.

**6 REPORTS ON EVENTS HELD**

**Mince Pie Run**

The profits were down on last year, but the conditions were bad; some came in cars and some did not come at all. The event did well considering the weather conditions and enough food was sold to cover the costs; some left-over food was taken to a food bank and the Rainbows people, who thanked everyone for the event, took a lot of mince pies. Tim had put an article on the Region web site along with reports others had sent in. Ian Prince wondered if there was any publicity to be gained from sending a report and photos to local papers. John said there would be the usual picture in the Loughborough Echo when the cheque was handed over to Rainbows. It was also covered by Radio Leicester some years ago and this was still available on the web site. The best time for advertising was considered.

**7 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Mince Pie Run, 2025** – this would be on 21 December. The hall had been booked and nothing else needed to be done at the moment. Ian Hill confirmed he was storing the paper cups.

**8 OTHER CYCLING UK EVENTS ACROSS THE REGION**

**Sulley Rides** 16 March

**Charnwood in the Spring Audax** 12 April

Tim said he would put these on the web site. It was pointed out that Alfreton did regular Audaxes. The Birthday Rides no longer took place. It was a Tri-Vets’ year in Lincolnshire. Ray drew attention to Daish’s Holidays, a company which specialised in coach tours etc and were used by the ramblers. He wondered if they could be of use to cyclists.

There would be two audaxes in Lincoln: the Lincoln Imp and the Mini Imp on 3 May.

It was proposed that people should be encouraged to go to the Meriden service; Tim said he would put details on the web site when they were available.

The York Festival Rally would be on 22 June; Ian Prince was trying to find music and talks for this. He said it should be a good event this year.

**Tour of East Midlands Route and Challenge Rides Leics/Derbys/Notts**

Ian Hill had been thinking about the Challenge Ride route; this was now up to 93 miles and he wondered whether to make it up to 100. He said he would send the routes out to people for feedback and by the end of next month would ride one of the routes. The King John Ride would be coming out in May so maybe the East Mids one should be a bit later. The Lincs part of the tour had a great route round Lincs and this could be linked in; there should be lots of little mini routes within it. Ian Prince mentioned some routes throughout Notts from some years ago; offshoots to the main route could be added at a later date. Routes were discussed.

**9 PUBLICITY**

Tim had put in the Audaxes, Meriden etc on the E Mids Region page of the Cyclin UK website.

**10 REPORTS OF MEETINGS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

The Region subscribed to the CPRE; the AGM of the Leicester branch of this would be held via Zoom on 28 February at 7.00pm. The Region would only have one vote at this as it was an organisation member and who this could be was discussed. Tim said he would enquire about the situation and Ian Hill asked for the minutes to see if there was anything in them to do with cycling. It was suggested that this could perhaps be used to promote cycling routes and advertise them.

**11 LOCAL GROUP INITIATIVES**

Tim asked if anyone still had direct contact with Pedals in Nottingham; Terry said he was a member and they still had virtual meetings although he was not on the committee and did not go to them. He said he had never heard of David Smith.

Tim had tried to get in touch with National Office to see if there had been any communication between them and Midlands Railway but had had no response.

Bassetlaw had a talk coming up at Shire Oaks to which Ian Prince was invited. Cycling UK did not list them as an affiliated group – the only affiliated group in the Retford Area was Fairfield Systems Ltd. Cycling UK thought there was no affiliated group in Bassetlaw. It was suggested they could be encouraged to become an affiliated group or an informal member group. This was discussed.

Tim had been invited by East Linsey to put on an event as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival and promote Cycling UK in Louth in May; he hoped to be able to do this.

The London-Edinburgh-London ride would be passing through Louth in early August.

**12 ANY OTHER BUSNESS**

There was no other business.

**13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

This would be the AGM: 7.30pm, Monday 28 April via Zoom.

The meeting ended at 9.04pm.