

# Wirral Cycling Group

## Committee Meeting Minutes – 7pm Tuesday 10th June 2025

### Present:

David Brewer (Chair), David Branch (Secretary), Steve Downs (Treasurer), Peter Williams (Ride Lead Coordinator), David Hill

### 1. Apologies

Mike Elkins, Anne Lear

### 2. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the last committee meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 were approved as an accurate record. Actions from the last meeting were discussed at the relevant agenda items.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented bank statements and income / expenditure statements to 31st May. Income year to date is £945, Outgoings £1,066 – the large proportion of this was for the certified first aid course, which will not be repeated next year. Bank balance stands at just over £2,000. These were countersigned by the chair as an accurate record of the Group's current position.

### 4. Ride Leader Feedback

There was discussion on three main points, namely maximum numbers on rides, classification of rides, and how to deal with riders who can't sustain the pace / distance of the described ride, showing respect to ride leaders and all riders on the ride.

It was felt that the ideal maximum number on a ride would be 12 riders, but realistically to meet demand this would require additional rides to be put on by either extra ride leaders or current leaders leading more frequently. Therefore it was agreed to set a maximum number of riders per ride at 16.

Ride descriptions should clearly state the distance, speed and climbing plus any other issues likely to be a concern. Members have a responsibility to study the description and make a realistic assessment of their capability to ride the distance and speed before joining the ride. Otherwise it is unfair on the leader and fellow riders. If a rider is hampering a ride we have a duty to ensure that they are safely escorted to a station or to the end of the ride as appropriate. This may require another responsible rider leader to leave the ride to escort.

Riders are to be reminded that the Ride Leader is that – the ride leader. Riders should show respect to the leader and only pass or leave the ride with their blessing. Also riders are to be reminded to be careful of the language / "banter" used to other riders in case offence is accidentally caused.

**ACTION : Dave Brewer** to write to all members

### 5. Website

Support is still required to assist JH with maintaining and developing the website with the intention of eventually taking over from him

Need to update website to show new tops and logo

**ACTION : Dave Branch** to explore options

### 6. Incident Reports

No incidents reported in this period.

**7. Facebook**

No new issues, currently 906 followers.

**8. WCG Kit**

Dave Williams has been finalising design, costs and delivery with the new supplier. Members are required to pay in full before we can order.

***Post meeting note:** All members have paid and order placed, delivery expected early July*

**9. Maintenance Course**

It has been some time since we arranged such a course. Just Riding Along, the previous provider, is no longer in business. It was agreed that we should look to put on a maintenance course over the summer.

**ACTION : Peter Williams** to explore costs, dates, scope of course with Energise.

**10. Liaison with External Bodies**

An on-line meeting with Paul Traynor (Head of Highways Wirral Council) and his team, facilitated and attended by Councillor Jo Bird was held. The main item was to resolve the unsafe conditions at North Road rail crossing. WBC agreed to repair the highway approaching the crossing and also liaise with Peel to ensure the track section is made safe. Councillor Bird will be kept informed of progress and feedback to the Chair.

We were also reminded to use the Wirral Council online reporting system for road issues

**11. 2025 Trips Away**

The Worcester trip took place a few days after the meeting. Thanks to all the members who assisted in planning routes, leading the rides, accommodation and dining. Special thanks to Mike Phillips from Worcester Meerkat Wheelers in planning and guiding our members.

**12. Social Events**

Thanks to the Kinsellas for arranging and hosting a successful wine tasting at Lunyalita. £1400 was raised for the BLOOM charity.

A social evening for trialling kit was well attended and a good number of orders placed which has helped reduce the unit costs

Dates have been arranged for Summer Picnic ride, AGM and Christmas Ride.

**ACTION : Dave Branch** to inform members to allow them to put the dates in their diary

**13. Any Other Business**

A discussion regarding possible honorary membership took place.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 2nd September at 7 pm