

Minutes of Wirral Cycling Group Committee Meeting 2nd December 2025

Present: Dave Brewer, Dave Branch, Anne Lear, Una Keane, Richard Giles, Dave Hill

- 1) Apologies – Steve Downs
- 2) Minutes of last meeting (26th August, 2025) were approved as an accurate record
- 3) Actions from last meeting – these were discussed at relevant agenda items
- 4) Finance Report – Steve Downs was not present but had sent through current finance report which showed income for new financial year of £1095 (this was primarily membership renewals plus 4 new members) and £270 of advance payments for Christmas buffet.

Outgoings were £242 (primarily room hire and refreshments for ride leaders and AGM) plus ongoing bank and website charges. Current bank balance is £2693 but there are payments to make for Christmas rides buffet to be made

Finance report was accepted by committee members present

- 5) Membership renewal progress – the treasurer had also prepared a report showing 15 members still to renew for 25/26. It is recognised that people may not be renewing due to relocation, health etc.

Action – Anne Lear to contact these Pending members to remind them renewal is overdue

- 6) Christmas social – so far c40 members had committed to attend the Christmas rides and buffet, some still to pay. A raffle will be held and surplus funds divided between the cancer charities selected at AGM

Action – Secretary to remind members and finalise arrangements with Lever club

- 7) Ride Lead Co-ordinator / Ride Grading - John Hampson is now managing the ride leader rota. At the recent ride leaders meeting it was agreed that we needed clearer, consistent ride gradings to ensure riders and leaders could be confident that all participants were on rides suited to their capability, ensuring enjoyable, safe rides for all.

Action – Chair to issue note defining the agreed “new” ride grades based on distance, speed, difficulty of terrain etc.

If Peter Williams is no longer able / wishes to carry out the remaining ride leader co-ordinator tasks we need to identify a replacement

Action – Secretary to discuss with PW

- 8) Website / IT management – Richard Giles has now picked up day to day management of the website from John Hampson. John is still available to support as Richard builds up his knowledge.

Action : RG to update library to show new committee members and their permissions

There was a discussion about approving riders on the waiting list (if a leader wishes to) and also on whether riders on the waiting list are being automatically promoted when other riders cancel

Action – RG to issue note to ride leaders a note on how to approve riders on waiting list

- 9) Incident Reports – none reported

10) Facebook – DH gave brief update, currently 940 followers. Discussion on criteria for approving new followers and ensuring that content posted is relevant and appropriate.

11) Liaison with External Bodies – discussion took place on how to approach local authorities on issues of concern regards road conditions etc following the ongoing campaign regards Frank Lewis cycleway

Action : Chair to issue note on the reporting mechanism for Wirral council

12) Social Events – Una's role to take the lead. 2025 we had wine tasting (courtesy of Lunyalita), picnic ride (Thurstaston) as well as trip away. 2026 trip already being planned to Morecombe / Lancaster area for 12th – 15th June. JH has planned some initial routes (B and D rides for each of the 4 days)

Action : Secretary to issue note so members can put in diary

13) AOB – a discussion around roles and responsibilities particularly Una's new role regards Social & Welfare

Action : Chair to update roles and responsibilities document and RG to publish on website

There was a discussion about ensuring sufficient leaders were putting on rides suitable for newcomers, also how we ensure that the Membership Secretary receives information and feedback to follow up with these potential new members. It was agreed that we should be putting on at least one ride per month which is suitable for newcomers, based on the newcomer rides developed by JH. This will require sufficient ride leaders to step up and lead these rides

Actions : Chair and Membership Sec to develop a system to ensure follow up, ride leaders to be nominated on rota for leading newcomer rides

14) Date of next meeting – Secretary to propose date in early March