

Minutes of WCG Committee Meeting 2nd June 2026

Present: Dave Brewer, Dave Branch, Steve Downs, Dave Hill, Una Keane, Richard Giles

- 1) Apologies – Anne Lear
- 2) Minutes of last meeting (3rd March, 2026) were approved as an accurate record
- 3) Actions from last meeting – method to follow up on newcomer riders to convert to membership where appropriate.

Dave Brewer referred to the procedure included in the library.

Action: Dave Hill to circulate summary to ride leaders and advise on process to follow up

Joint Sunday rides with Energise are covered by their insurance – confirmed by Joe Grant and Peter Williams – action closed

Training on pre-ride M checks – still outstanding – Action: Dave Branch

Workshop on pre-/ post ride warm up / stretching etc – discussions ongoing with Wirral Sports Physio – Action: Dave Branch

4) Finance Report – Steve presented latest income / expenditure report and bank statement. These showed 11 new members ytd and a current healthy bank balance of c. £2400. However Steve noted that we would have limited further income but ongoing regular but not significant expenditure. Small increase in monthly charge from Ionos for webhosting and one exceptional item were flowers for Sue Mace. The Chair countersigned the accounts.

5) Membership renewal progress – there were 3 “guest” riders identified as needing to join to continue riding with the group in compliance with our insurance

Action : Treasurer to chase up

6) Ride Lead Co-ordinator – as well as issuing reminder to leaders on newcomers Dave Hill to remind JH that rota for July onwards needs to be issued ASAP.

8) Website / IT management – Richard reported that there had been an issue with some major servers rejecting our automated ride booking emails as spam so they were not getting through to some members, even as junk. He has amended the address and this appears to be working satisfactorily now.

9) Incident Reports – there had only been 1 incident report, following a fall. The rider concerned recognised that his age /balance is such that he should retire from riding, sadly.

Incidents should be reported if a rider is injured or taken ill, there is a potential learning outcome for the group, dangerous road conditions to report to authorities, amending routes to avoid potential danger spots etc.

Richard has investigated whether it is feasible to generate an automatic post ride mail to ride leaders to encourage reporting and feedback of any issues (good or bad) on a ride but it is not, action closed

10) Facebook – 952 authorised followers. Dave Hill is vetting postings and removing / deleting any that are not suitable. He does have power to remove any follower who is not following guidance from the group

11) Liaison with External Bodies – Following fall incident in March the Chair reported the poor condition, (slippery leaves / mud etc). of the old rail track from Port Sunlight to Bromborough and was pleased to report the council had actioned and cleaned the dangerous surface.

Unfortunately no progress on repairing the Frank Lewis cycleway – Action: Chair continues to pursue with his councillor

12) Morecambe Trip – John Hampson has modified the 4 B and 4 D routes for the June Morecambe trip following the recce rides. Leaders have been allocated and it is planned to split the B rides into 2 smaller different speed groups. This will help with traffic and service at cafes.

There are some recommendations for eating places on the evenings and Una has booked a restaurant for all attendees for the Saturday evening.

A WhatsApp group to be set up for co-ordinating activity over the weekend.

13) Social Events – Summer picnic ride

Una has arranged with Whistlestop, Thurstaston for Wed 15th July and rides are on website for folk to book on. Still await final costs from café.

Action; Una to get final cost and then Secretary will circulate all members to encourage further booking, explain payment mechanism etc

Christmas ride

Una has booked Lever club for 2nd December. We need to look for contributions for raffle prizes. Any funds raised to be donated to St Johns hospice in memory of Andy Mace

Charity event at Lunyalita – this took place in May and was well attended and well received. A 4 figure sum was raised for BLOOM – a local blood cancer charity

14) AOB – Andy Mace’s funeral will take place on 8th June, 12 noon at Landican. WCG are encouraged to attend in club colours, if they wish