

Minutes of Fleet Cycling Committee Meeting

Date of meeting 12 August 2024, 20:00 to 21:00

Venue The Oatsheaf, Fleet

Minute taker Andrew Perkins, Secretary & Registration Officer & Webmaster

Other Attendees John Crossley, Chair
 Bryan East, Treasurer
 Lisa Chapman, Publicity Officer
 Malcolm Huson, Wednesday rides rep
 Sally Swift, Rides Secretary
 Robert Humphrey, Welfare Officer and Deputy Webmaster
 George Willoughby, Liaison Officer

Apologies <none>

Note: the sequence of reference numbers below is continued from meeting to meeting, to keep track of actions. Actions closed in or before this meeting are shaded in green, and will not appear in the next meeting's minutes. Items with no actionee are usually decisions or information only, and will also not appear in the next minutes.

Ref	Item	Actionee and any deadline
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Items from meeting of 22 April 2024

213	<p>Fleet Cycling kit: next steps now that Stolen Goat cannot supply us: Bryan reported that he had contacted Bioracer, who manufactured the kit for Stolen Goat, and could supply us directly with the same design, without the Stolen Goat logo. We would specify a number of "order window" periods during the year during which members could place orders directly, on line. At the end of each window, Bioracer would manufacture the kit and deliver direct in, say, 6 weeks or so (to be confirmed). Prices are mid-range, similar to Stolen Goat – more than Decathlon, but less than Rapha and Sigma Sports.</p> <p>The committee agreed we should progress this further, and we would need a try-out session to confirm sizes – returns are only (as for most suppliers) available for faults, not mis-sizing.</p> <p>Bryan will contact Bioracer again and discuss next steps.</p> <p>Andrew will issue survey on WhatsApp and possibly Facebook to determine likely demand.</p> <p>Update 12-August. This has been implemented, a try-out session run, and the first window has closed with around £1500 of orders placed – a success, we believe. Thanks to Bryan for carrying this through. The ordering process is now given on our website. Item closed.</p>	<p>Bryan</p> <p>Andrew</p>
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214	<p>John, Ed, Sally, Bryan and Lisa will provide their reports (a few paragraphs) to Andrew by 2nd May, for collating into the overall report to the AGM (which Andrew aims to send out around 6-May)</p> <p>Malcolm and George can also provide reports for inclusion, if they wish.</p> <p>Andrew will provide the usual statistics to Ed for his report</p> <p>Update 12-August: complete</p>	<p>John</p> <p>Ed</p> <p>Bryan</p> <p>Sally</p> <p>Lisa</p> <p>Andrew</p>
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215	Andrew will include "Ride Safety" as an AGM agenda item. Ed will lead the discussion of it at the AGM. Update 12-August: complete	Andrew
216	Next committee meeting will be mid-June Update: postponed to 12-August due to other commitments, especially by the Secretary.	Andrew
217	Shipwrights Way ride: contrary to the Agenda for this meeting, the ride will be on 26 th not 28 th September. A normal Thursday road ride will be scheduled as well, because a gravel or mountain bike will be required and there is a limited number of cycle spaces on the train returning to Fleet. Robert will be leading and will post details on WhatsApp and website (via Google Sheet)	Robert
218	Purchase of a club flag (feather shaped) as noted in agenda, cost under £200. This was discussed. It could be used at Hart Leisure Centre before rides to promote riding with the club. Could also be used to show position at away rides, and to promote the club at events such as Semaine Federale. Meeting agreed that in principle it is a good idea, but we would need HLC to store it most of the time in order to facilitate easy use, and we would need a good base, probably the water base. As Claire D raised it, Andrew will get back to her to say the Committee approves in principle, but can she follow up with HLC about storage.	Andrew => Claire D
219	Fleet Cycling position on "pick-up rides" (informal rides): this was discussed, and Lisa jotted down some wording on our policy, to be communicated to our members.	Lisa
220	Ride cancellations: these should always be posted on the website (via the Google sheet) by 08:00. If possible, leaders should also post cancellations on the WhatsApp group. It appears that messages can be "pinned" to the top of the WhatsApp chat by the chat admins, so admins will, where possible, do that for cancellations, to prevent them being lost among subsequent messages.	Sally ?
221	Charity rides: these were discussed, in light of the fact that we do not have the willing resources to run our own charity rides (like the Fleet Flyer) any more. Details of a charity ride can be posted on the "Charity and Sportive" calendar on the website (via the corresponding tab on the Google Sheet). Committee agreed that two or three times per year we may cancel our Sunday ride and recommend one or more local charity rides instead. To be even-handed, such rides will be secular, and need approval by the Committee.	
222	Next Committee meeting to be scheduled for mid-October	Andrew