

Minutes of Fleet Cycling Committee Meeting

Date of meeting 19 May 2026, 20:00 to 21:30
Venue The Oatsheaf, Fleet
Minute taker Andrew Perkins, Secretary & Registration Officer & Webmaster
Other Attendees John Crossley, Chair
 Bryan East, Treasurer
 Sally Swift, Rides Secretary
 Lisa Chapman, Publicity Officer
 Malcolm Huson, Wednesday rides rep
 George Willoughby, Liaison Officer
 Robert Humphrey, Welfare Officer and Deputy Webmaster

Apologies None (all invitees attended)

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 9 Apr 2025

232	<p>Writing a Fleet Cycling constitution. Bryan received a request from our bank for a written constitution. In the end it was not required, but the meeting agreed it could be a good idea to have a simple one. Bryan took ownership, and George expressed an interest in being involved. Bryan/George will circulate a draft when ready. <i>Update 10 Oct: Bryan has circulated the draft. The Chair suggested it be accepted unless he receives any further comments from the Committee by 16th Oct (later note: none were received and the Chair accepted it, including the minor corrections Andrew had sent before the 10 Oct meeting). Chair will ensure it is circulated to members, e.g., through newsletter and publishing on website.</i> Complete – item closed</p>	John
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Items from meeting of 10 Oct 2025

235	<p>Recruitment approach for committee members and other supporters: Robert sent the meeting some input from his time in Scouting, but he could not attend, so this may be continued at the next meeting. A general discussion ensued, and meanwhile, Lisa will include a paragraph in the next newsletter, and all committee members will keep a look out and have a think about who might be willing and able to take on roles, perhaps starting out as deputy to the current role holder. Item closed</p>	Lisa and ALL
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236	<p>The meeting discussed agenda item 5 (<i>For leaders: preventing riders getting dropped; handling situations where a rider is so far off the pace that it is detracting from a group's enjoyment (does this happen often?); checking riders are CUK members</i>). The committee agreed to monitor the situation.</p>	Sally
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Lisa will add a paragraph to the next newsletters for leaders to be aware of the possibility on every ride, and try to avoid dropping riders.
Sally will add to ride leader guidance, and also that ride leaders should ask new riders whether they are CUK members, and ask them to fill in a guest form if not. Otherwise the ride leader's CUK insurance may be invalid, opening them up to claims if an incident occurs.

Item closed

238	<p>Agenda item 7: Training. Sally will make leaders aware of route planning resources. Lisa will follow up the question of training in basic mechanics and bike handling with the member who is a British Cycling instructor. <i>Update: Lisa has been publicising Pedal Heaven cycle shop maintenance evenings.</i> Item closed</p>	<p>Sally Lisa</p>
239	<p>AOB: dealing with aggressive/fast driving: key points agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shouting etc at drivers can rile them up more and cause them to be more aggressive to all riders in the group. • We should hold ourselves to high standards. • We should not ride on non-permitted paths or other routes. <p>Lisa will draft a message on the above and send to all the committee for comment. When agreed, Lisa will include it in a newsletter and Andrew will add it to the website under something like a "Ride etiquette" section. Andrew to check what action was taken</p>	<p>Lisa Andrew and ALL</p>
240	<p>AOB: Andrew will add to the website a reference to Ride Rushmoor as a good place for beginners to cycling. Done – added to "Useful links" in page footers. Item closed.</p>	<p>Andrew</p>
241	<p>AOB: Malcolm has found a page which refers to the CUK insurance, but the link is broken. He will send the page location to Andrew, who will fix it and tell other committee members, so they can review it. <i>Update after meeting: the dead link was on this page, which has now been fixed. All, please review it and suggest any changes:</i> fleetcycling.org.uk/footer-menu/insurance Done - item closed.</p>	<p>Malcolm Andrew and ALL</p>
242	<p>Next committee meeting will be in January 2026, probably at The Oatsheaf. Andrew to arrange. A suitable date could not be found, so next meeting scheduled for 19 May 2026</p>	<p>Andrew</p>
Items from meeting of 19 May 2027		
243	<p>Minutes of previous meeting were approved, and actions reviewed – statuses updated as above</p> <p>Planning for 2nd June AGM:</p>	
244	<p>Each committee member to send a report (2 or 3 paragraphs is sufficient) to the Secretary by end of Sunday 24th May, so Secretary can collate into a report to be sent to potential AGM attendees in advance of the AGM.</p>	<p>ALL</p>
245	<p>Secretary will send out an Agenda and the report mentioned in item 244, to potential AGM attendees.</p>	<p>Andrew by 27th May</p>
246	<p>Secretary will check with CUK whether they are sending a representative, and what they would like to talk about.</p>	<p>Andrew</p>

247	Secretary will notify HLC that we will be bringing some snacks to the AGM, and will clear up afterwards. We can then publicise to increase attendance. Committee will also consider making next year's AGM more of a combined social event and AGM, to encourage attendance.	Andrew
<end of Planning for AGM>		
248	Attendees agreed that our summer social barbeque will be held at Andrew's house, on the afternoon of Saturday 15 th August. Lisa agreed to help, e.g., by producing her famous home-made New York burgers!	Andrew
249	Innovation on routes: discussion a. Bryan stated that routes should prioritise safety above all else, and no-one dissented b. Bryan also stated, and others agreed, that once venue, safety and distance constraints were taken into account, there was often little chance to vary each route by much c. Andrew opined that we do have quite a large selection of routes compared to some other groups After some discussion, attendees concluded that the best way to encourage new routes would be to encourage suggestions for new venues. A couple were suggested in the meeting, and noted by the Rides Secretary. We will use newsletters (Lisa), the AGM (John), and other opportunities to solicit suggestions for new venues.	Lisa John Sally
250	Attendees discussed the potential for a ride to the Cinnamon Café in Windsor which has been in the news as a destination recently. Due to the lack of good safe routes to Windsor, the decision was not to progress this.	
251	Promoting Fleet Cycling: Lisa will arrange production of fliers and business cards for distribution to bike shops and other venues, possibly including Fleet station and advertising spots in Fleet such as noticeboards. The Treasurer and Committee felt this would be a good use of funds. Robert said he could help with design.	Lisa, Robert
252	Andrew stated that he consistently obtained action on road hazards (mainly potholes) from the county council by logging issues on the Cycling UK's FillThatHole.org system. We should publicise this in newsletters and, e.g., at the AGM.	Andrew, Lisa
253	Andrew will send details of the Fleet Cycling account for RWGPS to George, to consider how we can make best use of it.	Andrew
254	Attendees discussed an issue raised by a member about the main WhatsApp chat. He thought that at times there was too much chat about items other than upcoming rides, and this made it difficult sometimes to find the information on the rides. A discussion ensued (including the fact that we have discussed it in the past) and concluded that, looking at recent posts on the chat, this was only a case very intermittently. The master source of ride details is still the website, where there is a simple mobile-friendly page at fleetcycling.org.uk/calendars/upcoming-mobile/ . No further action to be taken.	
255	Next meeting will be early September: Secretary to arrange	Andrew