**CYCLE SOMERSET DECEMBER 2023 COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Held Wednesday 6th December 2023**

**At Taunton Quakers Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton**

In attendance: Richard Sykes, Sue Brooks, Jonathan Sladden, Audrey Allerston, Paul Harper, Paul Ewings

Apologies from: Peter Hanratty, Phillipa Archer, Karin Sladden

Welcome by Chairman- Richard

Thank you to Paul Harper for organising/ promoting this year’s Christmas Lunch which was enjoyed by attendees.

Thank you to Karin Sladden who has taken over the role as Membership Secretary from Arthur Hulls.

Thank you to Sue Brooks who has stepped back into the role as Club Secretary for 12 months only. Need to discuss Succession Planning in 2024 for Committee Members

Health & Safety – Sue nothing to report

Treasurer update

Current balance £3,796

It appears that CICIC have obtained a grant to purchase the bike rack which Cycle Somerset offered to pay for so we will keep our funds!

Membership update – Karin

Current members 104 with 2 Life Members (Graham and Kenneth) plus we have had 2 new members

From 1st January 2024 Communication to all Club Members via email, Newsletter, Meeting invites, Agenda, Minutes and posting ride invites to be sent to ‘Current Members’ and NOT 2023 Membership.

Rides update – Paul E

Ride Leaders must only register Cycling events on the Club ‘Dashboard’.

The Cycling UK insurance currently only covers Ride Leaders for registered cycling events.

Non Club events for example, Theatre trips, Walks, Cinema trips can be communicated via the Newsletter, Club Facebook page or Whatsapp with Members.

Review of ride template – Richard to email all members re Club etiquette and keeping within ride limits

Ride Leaders – effective from 1st January 2024 Ride ‘invites’ to be sent to ‘Current Members’ Group and NOT ‘2023 membership’ Group.

IT update – Paul E

Website ‘tweaks’ Paul cross referenced content on Club website re Insurance with British Cycling and Cycling UK website info. Club Minutes and Newsletters available for Members and also available for general public to access

Newsletter update – Paul H

Committee thanked Paul/Peter for entertaining and informative content this month.

Members continued to be encouraged to share information from their cycling experiences.

Articles, ideas or photos relating to topical or recent rides or anything of personal, local or national cycling interest always welcome.

Send to Peter Hanratty or Paul Harper. peterhanratty@btinternet.com paulantharper@live.co.uk

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Ladies Rides update – Audrey

Ladies Rides Plan 2024 will start again in March 2024, Audrey to email Ride Leaders to ‘sign up’ in advance.

Any Other Business

Coffee Stop Awards 2024 - good response to the Coffee Stop Awards and the most popular will be highlighted in yellow and shown on the map on the Club website.

No framed ‘Coffee Stop of the Year’ awards being presented this year as it was felt that positive feedback given on the respective Coffee Shop Facebook pages by Cycle Somerset members would be more effective. Feedback can be displayed on Club Facebook page and in Newsletter.

Advance Meeting dates for 2024

Meeting Venue – Taunton Quakers Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP

Wednesday 7th February 2024

6.30pm – Committee Meeting – attended by Committee only

7.30pm – Members Meeting – all members, specifically ‘active’ cyclists, Ride Leaders and regular Back Markers encouraged to attend.

Wednesday 3rd April 2024

6.30pm – Committee Meeting – attended by Committee only

7.30pm – Members Meeting – External speaker, Sarah Mitchell, CEO of Cycling UK

Wednesday 5th June 2024

6.30pm – Committee Meeting – attended by Committee only

7.30pm – Members Meeting – speaker to be confirmed

Wednesday 7th August 2024

6.30pm – Committee Meeting – attended by Committee only

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

6.30pm – Committee Meeting – attended by Committee only

7.30pm – Members Meeting – speaker to be confirmed

Wednesday 4th December 2024

6.30pm – Committee Meeting – attended by Committee only

7.30pm – Annual General Meeting for all Members

Venue confirmation for 2024 –Sue to confirm 2024 Date/Room size/cost booking with Vicky at Taunton Quakers Meeting House

Sue to email the ‘potential’ speakers i.e. Club Members who have kindly volunteered to speak with available ‘presentation dates’ so they can confirm back, based on a ‘first come – first served’ basis.