**Cycle Somerset Monthly Meeting on Wednesday 3rd August 2022**

**Held at the Taunton Quakers Meeting House at 7pm**

Present: Arthur Hulls, Audrey Allerstone, Graham Farrington, Richard Sykes, Stephen Coe, Tony Honeybun, Charles Smythe, Ian Bright, Peter Hanratty, Sue Brooks, Sian Kelly, Craig Bedwell, Hazel Bryant, Joanne O’Hagan, David Cox, Maurice Pyman

Apologies: Jonathan & Karin Sladden, Chris Gill, Paul Harper, David Sollom, Ken Parsons, Ross Friend

Welcome:

The Chairman welcomed all and reminded everyone that Ride Leaders could collect their First Aid Kit supplies.

Health & Safety:

Although no written reports of incidents submitted, Charles Smythe did inform Graham at the meeting that he had fallen on gravel and injured his arm/elbow. Graham mentioned article in Aug/Sept 2022 Cycle, The Magazine of Cycling UK, Pg 58 ‘How to wear a cycle helmet (if you choose to).

Action: Graham to submit an article to Paul/Peter for publication in Newsletter on ‘Cycle Helmet – Fit Test’.

Events:

Summer Social – very positive feedback about the excellent selection of food. Cost to Club £300.

Action: Graham suggested that Philippa pay Jenna an extra £100 to cover her time and hard work.

On Your Bike - Advanced Maintenance Workshop

6 members attend, Stephen Coe reported that it had gone well, very informative & well run.

Action: Graham suggested a further donation to be made to Derek at ‘On Your Bike’ of £100.

Graham to present the cheque.

Newsletter:

Graham thanked Paul and Peter for their excellent work and content.

Request for a Ride Leader to submit content on ‘Preparing your Bike for Winter Cycling’

Action: Sue to send email looking for a volunteer Ride Leader to supply content

Rides:

Richard Sykes reported 25 rides in July which is 4 more than in June

3 Ride Leaders led a ride for the first time

It was reported that once the ride is published on the website the next step is to send out email invites, unfortunately these invites are being delayed.

Members to be reminded about accessing the website to view the posted rides. ‘Tap’ on to Rides (top of the page) and scroll down and it will show all posted events.

Action: Sue to send info to Paul/Peter for Newsletter & Sue will mention on Facebook

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Rides: continued

Graham agreed that Ride Leaders must lead a min. of 4 rides a year.

If there are no extenuating circumstances and they have not fulfilled this obligation then the Ride Leaders benefits will be removed i.e. access to the dashboard.

Action: Graham to submit an email to all Ride Leaders informing them of this (GF to send to SB/RS for their input, prior to submitting).

Cycle Somerset Buffs:

Sue confirmed, order for 50 buffs placed, Philippa prepaid as required by Halo Sports.

Action: Sue to chase for approx. completion date

TACC:

Ian Bright had a zoom meeting and 3 areas discussed i.e. SWT Vivary Park – Station Road route, Consultation on Community routes, Closure of Firepool – O’bridge.

Action: Ian to submit information to Sue and Paul for inclusion on Facebook/Newsletter

Any Other Business:

Christmas Lunch – Peter/Paul will oversee the project and will discuss with their contact at the Quantock Restaurant when it opens.

**Next Meeting – Wednesday 7th September 2022, starting at 7pm at Taunton Quakers Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton.**