**CYCLE SOMERSET MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday 2nd February 2022

Held at Hub Box, Taunton

**Present:**

Graham Farrington, Arthur Hulls, Nigel Quick, Paul Harper, Richard Sykes, Sian Kelly, Tony Honeybun, Craig Bedwell, Sue Pawson, Joanne O’Hagan, Stephen Coe, Jonathan Sladden, Karin Sladden, Peter Williams, Sue Brooks

**Apologies:**

Audrey Allerston, Hazel Bryant, Debbie Lewis, Maurice Pyman, Philippa Archer, Kenneth Parsons, Chris Gill

**Welcome** – Graham

**Minutes of last meeting reviewed**

TACC Money donation

More information required to ascertain how they would use the donation – Jonathan Sladden to source info.

Cycle Somerset new logo

Top 5 most favoured new logo designs presented by Sue Brooks.

Current Cycle Somerset logo was also presented with a refreshed version using the ‘ethos of the club’ colours i.e. orange, yellow, green, red . It was agreed that Design 1 should be adjusted so that the word ‘cycle’ was changed to green.

Once adjusted, 6 logo designs will be submitted to Paul Harper for insertion into the February Newsletter to enable Cycle Somerset members to vote for their favourite 1. Sue Brooks to oversee.

Ride Leaders Update

Richard Sykes reported -

January 2022 - 27 Ride Leaders registered

20 rides took place - lead by 12 people

Graham to write/submit an article for the Newsletter to encourage more Club Rides.

Re-introduce Calendar for Club Rides - for further discussion once weather conditions improve

Sunday Rides to be encouraged so that Members unable to cycle in the week are catered for. Possible Lunch venue could be Oake Manor Golf Club who do a 'late' lunch

Richard Sykes to email Ride Leaders.

Rides - Risk Assessments and Health & Safety policies

Sub Group approved, amendments being made by Richard Sykes

'Cycling Etiquette' - to be the title of the reviewed document for Club Members.

It details the expectations of the Club Members with regards to their personal conduct and their responsibility within the group ride

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Richard/Sue to provide Communications plan to rest of Club

Membership Update

Arthur Hulls reported -

93 members

Average 2/3 rides per week

Last year 240 rides per annum

Maintenance Day - 2 dates now confirmed by Graham

**Tuesday 5th April**

**10am - 1pm**

**'On your Bike' , Bicycle repair shop**

**Station Approach,**

**The Coach House,**

**TAUNTON**

**TA1 1QW**

Club Donation of £100-£150 to be given to Derek Cutler at 'On your Bike' as 'Charity of the Year' - approved at the meeting - GF

**Saturday 9th April**

**10am - 1pm**

**Maintenance Morning at Graham's House**

To be incorporated into a Cycle Ride and posted

Sue Brooks to arrange for Taunton PCSO to attend both events to offer Free 'Bike Registration'.

Action by Paul Harper to include dates in the Newsletter

General Data Protection

Amendments needed so members details will be deleted in a timely manner.

Arthur Hulls overseeing.

Newsletter

Sue Pawson suggested a reminder to members to wear High Visibility clothing should be included in the Newsletter

Sue Brooks to provide Paul with new logo designs for March Newsletter

Graham to provide Paul with article to encourage more Club Rides

Maintenance Day dates confirmed - Tues 5th and Saturday 9th April

**A.O.B.**

W2T - Sunday 20th March -

Paula Corke asked whether Cycle Somerset would attend within a Group capacity.

It was agreed by GF that Cycle Somerset would not be represented although if individuals wanted to attend it was their decision.

Taunton Bike Club - Volunteer Co-Ordinator required

A volunteer Co-ordinator is required with administrative skills.

Jonathan Sladden will send the details to Paul Harper for inclusion in the next Club Newsletter.

Stoke St. Gregory Community Cafe - now providing lunch Menu. GF provided an example.

Future Events - Ideas at next meeting - Action by All

For example

Graham - Treasure Hunt i.e. Weekend, picnic on Burrow Mump, general invitation, 4-5 in a group

Chew Valley Lake-Bath-2 Tunnels - Sue Pawson

Cycle Somerset Facebook Page -

This idea was put forward by Sian Kelly and It was agreed that this would be a useful platform to share ideas between Club members.

Sian Kelly to advise at the next meeting how this can be implemented as a 'closed group' to provide Cycle Somerset members with access to shared information, photo's etc.

New Changes to the Highway Code

The Chairman suggested that we still continue to exercise the utmost care and attention at all times when cycling and safely assume that other road users are not aware of the changes yet.

**Date for your Diary - All**

**March Monthly Meeting - Wednesday 2nd March at 7pm**

Upstairs Hub Box

27-28 North Street

Taunton