**CYCLE SOMERSET MONTHLY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 5th July 2023**

**Taunton Quaker Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton. TA1 4EP**

In attendance: Richard Sykes, Sue Brooks, Jonathan Sladden, Arthur Hulls, Phillipa Archer, Audrey Allerston

Apologies from: Paul Harper, Peter Hanratty, Paul Ewings

**Welcome by the Chairman – Richard Sykes**

Organisation, Club Aims and Objectives

Richard provided us with his thoughts and it was followed by a brief discussion by Committee members about the regularity and meeting format i.e. 6 bi-monthly Committee Meetings per year, one of those being the AGM. To be proposed at AGM.

Committee Structure

As Paul Ewings is currently overseeing the IT and providing us with the Ride stats it was suggested he might want to combine both the IT and Rides/Events Co-ordinator role

For a broader representation at the Committee Meetings it was suggested we Co-opt up to 3 members to attend Committee Meetings having an interest perhaps in taking on one of the main committee roles in future.

Ask Ride Leaders if anyone would be interested in representing Ride Leaders on the Committee

Paul Harper currently on the Committee however his role doesn’t have a specific title, to be discussed further.

Arthur Hulls to step down as Membership Secretary on 30 September 2023. Karin Sladden to take over this role, Arthur/Karin to discuss handover period.

Arthur expressed an interest in taking on a role organising non cycling social events.

Following discussion it was agreed that as we are a cycling club, with insurance protection for leaders via Cycling UK any social events must have a cycling element to be deemed as club events. Recent examples include the Yeovil Helicopter visit and Slimbridge visit.

Non cycling social events might be promoted via the Newsletter and/or Facebook to guage support for private events organised outside of the club.

Arthur agreed to give further consideration to how this might work and what the role would entail for discussion next meeting.

Club Secretary, Sue Brooks has given advance notice that she will be stepping down at the end of December 2023 so that we have nearly 6 months to find replacement/handover, etc.

Health & Safety – Sue Brooks, nothing to report

Rides and Leaders update – Paul Ewings submitted report

We're half way through the year, so here are some numbers for Jan-June: There has been a total of 120 rides, average 20 per month.

We've visited 53 different venues, most popular are Braziers and Langport Kitchen (9 each) and New Inn Halse (8)

There have been 24 different ride leaders, Tony still out in front with 22, more than twice as many as anyone else.

Numbers of riders has ranged from 1 to 12, average just under 7.

Distances covered ranged from 11 to 52 miles, average 27.5.

12 rides (10%) were under 20 miles;

58 rides (48%) were 20-29 miles;

39 (33%) were 30-39 miles;

and 11 rides (9%) were 40+ miles.

Membership Update – Arthur Hulls

105 Members to date

Finance – Phillipa Archer

Balance currently £4,699.54

IT Update

Sharon Hopes having problem accessing/booking on posted rides from her mobile phone – Jonathan to see if this can be remedied via a password reset.

Sue to do ‘test dummy’ Meeting invite to Phillipa and Audrey so they can RSVP and it registers on system

Ladies Rides update – Audrey Allerston

11 Ladies rides year to date, 7 different leaders, 7 more rides planned up until October

Ladies Leaders Whatsapp working well to fill any gaps

Events update – Sue

Ladies Maintenance Workshop to be held on Saturday 5th August at Graham’s House – Paula Corke to lead the ride and post details

‘Posh Picnic’ to Burrow Mump will take place on Saturday 19th August. Paul Harper/Arthur Hulls and Paula Corke have volunteered to lead the individual groups of 12 cyclists – rides to be posted.

Bank Holiday Monday ‘Treasure Hunt’ – arranged by Graham Farrington – Monday 28th August, Graham to post the details

Any Other Business

Jonathan proposed a new Idea to register Cafes where we have received a positive experience to be registered with a 5\* rating, to be discussed further at the AGM.

**Date for the Diary – Cycle Somerset Committee Meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd August 2023.**