**CYCLE SOMERSET OCTOBER 2023 MEMBERS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday 4th October 2023**

**Taunton Quakers Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton TA1 4EP**

**MEMBERS MEETING MINUTES**

In attendance: Richard Sykes, Sue Brooks, Arthur Hulls, Charles Smythe, Jane Smythe, Geoff Hamilton, Stephen Coe, Teresa Hanratty, Chris Gill, Ian Bright, Joanne O’Hagan, Maurice Pyman, Phillipa Archer, Roger Mycock, Tony Honeybun, Audrey Allerston

Brian Martin

Apologies from: Marie Edmonds, Claire Halstead, Graham Farrington, John Cosgrove, Kate Brown, Neil Rudram, Paul Lewis, Trish Kenward, Derek Barton, Jill Amos, Karen Spear, Martin Atton, Pam Fairfax, Sharon Hopes, Paula Corke, Paul Ewings

**Arthur introduced Derek Cutler from On Your Bike – external speaker**

Derek told us about new initiatives available to cyclists in Taunton and Bridgwater - and reinforced the new On Your Bike tag line ' We're not just a Bike Shop'

Community Tool Box, where you have the opportunity to service your own bikeclosely supervised by the 'experts' at On Your Bike. You hire a 'bay area' which is charged at an hourley rate, and you do anything from stripping down/rebuilding your bike to changing a tyre depending on your needs. Price to be confirmed.

Power Tool School - Range of Courses available from how to fix a puncture to stripping and rebuilding your bike. More details to follow.

E-bike service packages now available. They can also provide Bosch updates as well as Bike Fit for ebikes with Tracey Mock.

City and Guild training for beneficiaries - extensive support and training offered by On Your Bike to those less fortunate to provide them with a skill and purpose. Each beneficiary is given a bike to strip/rebuild, given mechanical training, customer care and shop training to build their confidence, knowledge and skills to assist in their personal/career development.

It was a reminder to us all that attended the Presentation by Derek that On Your Bike is a charity that would most certainly benefit from any donations you can personally make from bike parts, accessories or an unused bike that can be recycled and sold on to generate funds to cover their overheads. They really are not just a Bike Shop they can turnaround and change someones life!

**Welcome and introduction by the Chairman -**

Richard opened up the floor to members to share their ideas, feedback etc. about the Club so they can be added to the AGM Agenda in November.

After discussion the points to be included under Any Other Business at the AGM are

* Ride Leaders to lead more rides in 2024
* More Ride Leaders needed
* Riding with GPS, navigation workshops for 2024

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - Annual General Meeting - Weds 1st November 2023 - an invite has been submitted for all Members today, to secure a place at the meeting please RSVP**