

Minutes

Present: Peter Bate, Esther Clarke, Chris Stevenson, Peter Horry, Malcolm Oliver.

1. **Welcome and apologies:** Apologies: Steve Lakin, Mike Hanson
2. **Chair's report: Peter Bate:** Rides were another success this year, high commendations to Peter H for being so adaptable. Events: May Fayre very good. Green Wheel, a degree of progress with an alignment agreed for signing. Lobbying of local MP and Chair of CBC has been good for building support politically. Map redesign and print, moving slowly forwards but we are going to have to take it all on as CBC can no longer fund it.
3. **Treasurer's report: Chris Stevenson:** We have £1,440 in the bank. Our main spending this coming year will be for the map redesign and printing on top of the regular insurance costs.
4. **Reports from other members of the Committee including plans for the coming year:**
 - a. Membership: Peter Horry: We had around 20 members 2017-2018 bringing in around £100, which covers the insurance costs at least. Most have been members for many years and tend to be people who just want to support cycling. We need to discuss membership and re-building our support base following the loss of many names through GDPR. And can we convert our supporters and facebook followers in to members and can we convert members into active campaigners and riders?
 - b. Rides: Peter Horry: In 2017 the Cycle Sunday Rides completed over 1000 miles and they are on track to do the same again in 2018. Numbers are down to a core of 3-6 people with no new riders at all so far this year, despite interest at stalls. Weather has played a part. Are we offering the right package?
 - c. Events: Peter Horry: May Fayre very good. We also did a tree at the All Saints Christmas Tree Festival and had a stand at the council road safety consultation event. Last summer we had our usual Canal Festival stall which we will have again this July.
 - d. Campaigns: Esther Clarke and others: Our big successes were meeting with Andrew Selous MP and then with Cllr Jamieson, chair of CBC. The question is what has this achieve and where do we go from here? Cllr Jamieson was going to talk to LLTC but we don't know if he has or not. **ACTION: Esther to follow this up with Cllr Jamieson.** The Ouzel valley Park Steering Group should be the best forum but it is badly organised. We have now got onto the mailing list for this so should get more notice of meetings but they are daytime so

difficult to get to. **ACTION: Peter B to ask for maintenance of cycling infrastructure to be on the agenda for OVPSG.** We need to get in with the Planning Officers. Sustrans might soon be embedded with CBC Local Plan Team to cover cycling so that could be a way in. Esther spoke at the Low Carbon Town public meeting on transport which was very well attended. Esther, Chris and Peter H also met with an employee at Forticrete to provide ideas and support for them to increase the number of workers cycling to their Grovebury Road site. Nothing more has been heard from them or from Grundfos who were also interested. **ACTION: Esther to follow this up.**

- e. Communications: Esther Clarke: Facebook is going ok but we need more people to join the new Group to make it more active. The Website needs redesigning to work better with Smart phones – hopefully this will be straightforward but probably it won't be. BikeBits is going out roughly 4 times a year with a few extra editions for special news or events. Stories always welcome for this please.
- f. Planning / developments: Malcolm Oliver: Malcolm does a weekly scan of all planning applications and follow up on those that are relevant with a focus on adequate cycle parking for flats. It is difficult to get any feedback so it can be demoralising as you don't know what impact you are having. It should be possible to download the Officers Report but this is often difficult to find especially if the applications don't go to Committee stage.

5. Election of Committee: All existing officers were willing to stand and there were no other nominations so the new committee looks the same as last year:

- a. Chair: Peter Bate
- b. Secretary: Esther Clarke
- c. Treasurer: Chris Stevenson
- d. Rides: Peter Horry
- e. Events: Peter Horry and Mike Hanson
- f. Planning & developments: Malcolm Oliver
- g. Communications: Esther Clarke

6. Membership Fees. It was agreed that these would remain the same as last year at £5 per person or £7 per household.

7. Committee business

- a. **Cycling Map:** We need to apply for a grant – we already have £245 from Waitrose. LLTC and Whitbread could be places to apply. Before we apply we need a quote from 4point Mapping and a printing quote from a local firm. We need to get an editable version of the existing map from CBC and the Leisure Map files from Carl. It would be good to have files we can upload to Open Street Map. We need the base map licence from CBC.
- b. **Canal Festival:** Idea for campaign is Close Passing. Esther to come up with ideas.

8. Any other business. None.