

Minutes of committee meeting of the South Manchester Cyclists' Touring Club held on 4th February 2019

Present: Harry Burton, Roger Hubbard, Brian Carter, David Goatman. Minute taker Gwynedd Miller.
Apologies: Eric Gill, John Palfrey

1 DG read out an email from John Palfrey in which John explained that he was looking for a better bank account for the club, possibly with Lloyds, which would allow online access.

2 John had also raised a query whether Matt Ellis was a committee member. It was established that Matt had been co-opted at the 2017 AGM but as an observer only. His name had been included on the 2017 returns to CTC HQ by HB.

3 John had stated that he understood that informal rides may be taking place but by members who were not official runs leaders. Where possible they would be encouraged to add them to the official list particularly if they were A ride standard.

4 It was concluded unanimously that the balance of A and B riders was right but there were not enough leaders. Everyone was happy with the way the B rides were conducted.

5 Harry reported that he had booked Edale House for the period between Christmas and New Year 2019.

6 Brian raised concerns about the Wednesday rides.

(i) the rides on the website are the Vets' rides but we are SMCTC who ride on a Wednesday. We do not necessarily do the same rides as the Vets. On a Wednesday we do not necessarily know where we are going and therefore do not have the GPS routes for the ride. For example there are three different routes to Gawsworth.

The key question is whether the Wednesday ride is an SMCTC one or a Vets one. It was unanimously agreed as follows:

(a)Vets rides would continue to appear on our website but where SMCTC would not be doing the same ride, the alternative ride would appear alongside. This could always be changed if weather and other conditions require.

(b)the following rides and venues would replace what is currently on the Vets list and the website would be amended to reflect this:

13th February instead of Jodrell Bank, Congleton Garden Centre.

27th February instead of Flora Henbury, Plough Inn Foxwist Green.

13th March instead of Jodrell Bank, Astbury Garden Centre.

27th March instead of Malkins Bank, The George and Dragon Great Budworth.

(c)Brian would make GPS files from Harry's route ideas.

(d)David will look at the list of lunch venues on the website and update and put on a spreadsheet so that it becomes a more useful tool for ride leaders. Roger will email this list to David. (Revisions now underway)

(ii) Riding on the road discipline by Vets on Wednesdays is not always good. There have been occasions where cars have been unable to get past a long line strung out. We need to ensure that we split up, that groups contain no more than 6-8 people and that people maintain groups after lunch. There should be at least 100 metres between groups. Knowing where we are going and ensuring every leader has the GPS route would also assist. Although some of this information is on the website, it would be helpful to email active riders to remind them of protocol. David proposed this and it was unanimously agreed. We are waiting for CTC HQ to set up our member list so that we can contact active members direct. When this facility is available a suitable email will be circulated. Roger reported that he has looked at our webpage on Cycling UK's website. When clicked it does an email but there is no facility to go to just active members. A filter will be available at a later date.

It was unanimously agreed that there was no need to split into A and B groups on Wednesdays as long as the smaller groups were kept apart on the road.

7 The 2019 Birthday Rides were discussed. It was noted that the flat terrain of Bedfordshire may not appeal to some members. It was unanimously agreed that a SMCTC alternative should be offered for the week of August, ie 12th -16th. (Week following BR) SMCTC Members could then choose to do both with no clash. Brian will enquire whether the Burton Hotel at Kington would be available the "second" week and what the prices would be. A list of local runs is available.

8 Brian is proposing the Weymouth trip for the first week of September. He is looking at accommodation and prices.

9 The above trips will go on the website. It was concluded that the procedure of putting proposed trips on the website was working well.

There was no other business.