

Date: Wednesday 1st October 2014 7.30pm

Venue: The Welcome Inn, Bury Old Road, Prestwich

Present: Peter Barnes, Terry Hodges, Darryl Nolan Andy Regan, Phil Rigby, Ian Ross, Dave Trippier, Graham Trunks Mike Wigley

1) Apologies for absence: Laurie Green, Mike Roberts, Mavis Ross

2) Matters Arising from the previous meeting: The minutes of the meeting dated 11th June 2014 were read out and were accepted as a true record.

3) Reports from Officials

a) Secretary: Mike Wigley reported on the John Radford ride. JR Has taken a turn for the worse, following pneumonia and recent seizures. An NHS finding decision is imminent, as is the case against the married 23 year old accused of dangerous driving.

b) Treasurer: It was requested that the item on the accounts labelled as "to Mike Wigley" is renamed as "meeting expenses"! Dave queried the Year End accounts procedures, and would be in touch with John Butterworth (Bury), Laurie Green or Kath Collins (Oldham & Tameside), Ian Ross (West Manchester) and Mike Wigley (PeakAudax).

c) Membership Registration Officer: We have 1465 CTC members in our area.

d) Rights and Campaigns report: nothing to report

e) Welfare Officer: nothing to report

4) Reports from Groups

a) Peak Audax Events Secretary: The AUK 2014 AGM is being held at Yarnfield near Stone, which is very much in "our" area. Peak Audax will be leading a ride on the Saturday morning visiting one of our favourite cafes at Audlem – and at Market Drayton if we can't all get in! We have a new event in 2015, starting at Stalybridge Wetherspoons for breakfast, 60 miles into the Peak District, and finishing at Stalybridge Station Buffet Bar. It's to commemorate Don Black. We're putting together next season's rides which will be more of the usual. It is PBP again in 2015 so we'll be having riders wanting to qualify and get training miles in. In 2016 the intention is that Peak Audax will promote the National 400. This is used to be an annual CTC event, but it fell out of use. Audax UK reinstated the formula 3 years ago and we've had rides from Norfolk, Devon, Yorkshire, and it will be in Scotland in 2015. One worry I have is that entry fees paid into a personal account may attract unwelcome attention from HMRC so it might be useful if we could pay this into M&D account.

b) Bury: nothing to report

c) Oldham & Tameside: nothing to report

d) West Manchester: ticking along. They have just run their Hair & Hounds event as part of their Best All Rounder competition.

e) Rochdale: They've had a good September, with membership at over 100, including ladies, youngsters, and beginners. They run A, B and C runs, Beginners rides. There is interest in running a BAR which should include a Tourist Trial. A Youth Hostel weekend to take place in November. Winners of Beard Cup. Rochdale CTC/East Lancs CC have won the Rochdale MBC Sports Club of the Year award. Other activities planned are a curry night, auction, rider's dinner, annual dinner and a barbeque.

f) Macclesfield Wheelers: nothing to report

5) Oldham Cycle Forum: There was only me (Mike Wigley) this time as the meeting clashed with Rochdale CTC's award presentation as Sports Club of the Year. It's a pity that the meeting is announced at late notice.

The council took advantage of the forum to introduce various developments within the borough, touching on how cycling is being taken into consideration. The police were there and they introduced the work they are doing identifying troublesome junctions and clamping down on motorists using ASL boxes and cyclists going through red lights, not using lights at night, riding on pavements etc. Motorists and cyclists would, in certain circumstances, receive penalty notices, but if cyclists attend a retraining session they can avoid paying.

I welcomed this approach but mentioned that, on the way to that night's meeting, I stopped at a red traffic light which didn't pick up my presence, and I ended up going through the red light anyway. This was acknowledged by the police officers present (who are themselves cyclists and cycle into work). Such junctions should be reported to the council.

I'm not sure how interactive these forums are going to turn out but it would seem worth while encouraging the council getting involved with cyclists.

6) AGM: To be held at Stalybridge Station Buffet Bar on 2nd November. It's a new venue, I don't know how it will work but I thought it worth a try.

I'll arrange a Family Ride/Beginners Ride in the morning, meeting at Wetherspoons for breakfast. I thought 11am start, ride for an hour and a half to get to a suitable café (12:30), an hour for lunch, then an hour and a half to get back for a 3pm meeting. Where we'll go depends on who turns up.

I'm aware that other groups have beginner's rides but I thought we should do something, and hopefully get some new blood to the AGM.

I'll do an email edition of Northern Wheel to promote this.

7) Future Events

AGM Family Ride (02/10/2014)

Charlie Westlake (01/03/2015)

Beard Cup (06/09/2015 to be run by Rochdale CTC)

Audax Events (see www.PeakAudax.co.uk for Calendar)

8) Any other business: none