

CTC Central London District Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 19 July at 24 Bartok House

Present: Nick Bloom, Dave Newman, Robert Johnston, John Snuggs, Paul Krebs, Richard Philpott, Michael Belcher, Liza Raney, Robin Hamilton.

Meeting opened at 19:25, with NB in the chair, RH as minute-taker.

1. Apologies for absence

Received from Abby Honeywell.

2. Minutes of last meeting:

Approved.

3. Matters arising

JS suggested that CLCTC should write a letter of complaint to SE Trains about their unwillingness to cater for cyclists during the Tour de France's visit to London and Kent.

NB said that the CTC has written to SE Trains.

4. Rides List

PK: The 3* and 4* programmes are OK, but we are short on 1* and 2* rides. There will be a number of Saturday 3* rides.

NB: 'Newcomers' rides are being introduced, in conjunction with Little Green Ride, to target people new to club rides or who've recently bought a bike.

RP: These will be a new 'grade' rather than a new 'category' in the rides list.

General discussion: 'L' in a box suggested as the symbol on the rides list. We shouldn't mention any particular distance lest that deters people.

General discussion: Coverage given to cycling on a recent BBC Radio 4 'You and Yours' phone-in.

NB: TFL is organising a 'Freewheel' event along the Embankment and through the Royal Parks. We could give all participants our rides list. We could investigate printing an 250 extra lists for this.

Action PK

PK: Train times are needed for the list by around 2 August.

Action RP

General discussion: Choice and layout of the rides list cover. We could put the CLCTC banner on the front cover. NB to mock-up a new cover over the summer.

Action NB

5. Christmas Party

NB: Roger Cline has offered to host again - suggest the first Friday in December (7th).

6. AGM

NB: Propose holding it at the Calthorpe Arms again, in late October. Arrange a guest speaker to improve attendance. Various names suggested – Matt Seaton seemed the most suitable. NB to approach.

Action NB

PK will book the room when a date convenient to the speaker date is settled.

Action PK

We should ask for a donation to cover the speaker's fee.

Everyone present is willing to stand again as the new Committee. Ken Peters was suggested as possible new member.

LR suggested that we should campaign for a greater presence of traffic police on the streets of London. NB replied that CLCTC is not a campaigning body and that the LCC do it better.

NB always passes requests from the media for interviews to CTC (Kevin Mayne).

7. Finances

RH: Finances are healthy, but there have not been many receipts from 3* rides.

8. Membership

RP: Numbers are steady.

NB: Still no list of members forthcoming from CTC. The Registrar (RP) should have access to the CTC database of members for the purposes of sending out rides lists, and to check who is eligible to vote at the AGM.

9. IT

NB: The Blog on CLCTC website is moderated by NB, JS and RP. Most editing is just corrections, but entries should not derogatory. Entries have been almost entirely about 3* rides.

General discussion: Should there be one or several photos on the website front page? Possibly a composite of 1*, 2*, 3* and offroad rides? PK prefers a single picture. RP said that the photo on web doesn't need to be the same as that on rides list. NB said that it should capture more 'what we do' rather than any specific event.

MB said that it's easier to interest people in the rides list if it has different picture from that which they've already seen on the web.

General discussion: Web redesign is ongoing.

MB opined that we need a picture library, because we're always scrabbling around for photos. NB replied that the Blog is the place for general pictures.

10. National Office matters

General discussion about Risk Assessment, Incident Report and Guest Registration forms. These forms are in use now.

NB said that Risk Assessment applies only to events such as Audaxes, which have their own forms anyway.

Incident Report can be filled in by anyone present at the incident. It can be downloaded from CTC website and should be returned to NB.

Guest Registration: we don't need the parental consent part, as we have no unaccompanied children on rides. Non-CTC members must sign the disclaimer, otherwise the leader is not covered by liability insurance. Non-members are allowed up to 5 rides per year.

DN suggested that copies should be posted to anyone not able to download.

General discussion: E-mail ride leaders to prompt them to download the forms, or to request hard copies if they don't have internet and/or printing facilities.

Action NB/RP/PK

11. AOB

NB expressed some disappointment with the CTC's failure to seize the opportunity to promote cycling occasioned by the coming of the Tour de France to London.

12. Date of next meeting

TBA, sometime in late October.

Meeting closed at 21:45.