

Minutes of a meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 10 May 2004 at 6.30pm in the Forest Classroom

Present: Simon Goodwin (in the chair)
Vicky Chilcott
Dave Church
Dean Grindle
Andy Samanjoul
Peter Oughton
Robin Lofthouse
Bill Pike
Ivan Pratt (Iron Horse)

Apologies for absence were received from Michael Chilcott, Jill Church, Oliver Graham, Stuart Parry and Mike Richardson.

1. Minutes of the last meeting With the addition of agreement to obtain 2 further quotes for Phase I design work, the minutes of the meeting held on 2004 were approved as a correct record. **Quotes would be sought from Geraint Edwards and Simon Williams.**

2. Matters arising from the minutes

2.1 Insurance It was noted confirmation on insurance was still awaited from IMBA.

2.4 Forest Shop Cycle Supplies It was noted SIS products were now being stocked in the Forest Shop and that a small stock of spare cycle parts were expected in shortly.

2.5 Risk Assessments and Health & Safety Policy **Andy Samanjoul agreed to email Risk Assessments and Health and Safety Policy documents to members.**

3. Statement of Accounts Michael Richardson presented a Statement of Accounts for April 2004. No income and no outgoings were recorded.

4. Phase I Funding and Design Work Quotes

Vicky said the draft full funding bid had been circulated for comment amongst Trailblazers and FC and it was expected to be submit this shortly.

5. Charitable Status

Bill Pike had been progressing an application for Trailblazers to obtain charitable status and trustees signed forms to this purpose. **It was agreed a start date of 1 September 2003 be applied for.**

6. Membership Fees and Registration Form

Mick Richardson had produced a revised Registration Form incorporating comments made at the last meeting and this was approved. **It was agreed this appear on the website as soon as possible (Action Dean Grindle.) It was agreed Dave Church arrange printing of membership cards.** These would be on bright coloured card and would serve as car parking permits for the Forest. Members would be asked to affix a photograph to the card on receipt. Payment for car permits to the Forest would be made on a monthly basis.

7. Publicity

Major discussion on this subject was left until Mick Richardson could be present. It was noted however that Sue Berresford had drawn attention to the need to obtain County Council Member support to Phase I proposals and Bill Pike had arranged for Trailblazers to carry out a Presentation to members at the next locally elected member meeting on May 24 2004 at

11.15am. It was agreed that Simon Goodwin, Vicky Chilcott and Andy Samanjoul represent Trailblazers.

It was also noted that a similar Presentation should be made to Hamsterley and Bedburn Parish Councils to publicise proposals.

Discussion took place on the need to publicise Trailblazer events and it was agreed detail of these be sent to the Press.

8. Great Milk Stout Ride – 16 May 2004

Trailblazers able to assist with marking out the cycle routes were asked to meet at 10am on Saturday 15 May at the Grove Car Park. Members could camp overnight if they wished and a BBQ would be held at the Grove on Sunday evening to which all were welcome. A cycling skills area would be manned by Simon and Mick and information on Trailblazers would be made available on the day. Photos were required for publicity purposes.

9. Website

Dave and Simon had both sent photographs to Dean for inclusion on the website. Marie and Ivan both agreed to write articles for inclusion. Andy agreed to investigate the feasibility of a Trailblazer calendar for 2005.

9. Forest Agreement

A revised draft Agreement document had been received from FE which was discussed in detail. Several concerns were noted and it was agreed to ask Sue Berresford if the Teesdale District Council solicitor could look at it. In particular concern was expressed over the question of unlimited liability in Paragraph 5 and the onus on Trailblazers being responsible for maintenance in Paragraph 6. It was further agreed to try and compare this agreement with that of Descend.

10. Calendar of Events

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| Saturday 15 May 2004 | 10am Marking out of Great Milk Stout Ride course followed by BBQ and overnight camp at Grove Car Park, Hamsterley Forest. |
| Sunday 16 May 2004 | Second Great Milk Stout Ride in Hamsterley Forest for Macmillan Cancer Relief – David Bellamy to start at 10 am. Choice of 3 rides – Green 10km, Blue 18 km, Red 25 km. Telephone 0191 3781188 or email cbroadfoot@macmillan.org.uk for further details or to register. Iron Horse Cyclery will provide free bike doctor session and Gary Fisher demo bikes will be available for trial. |
| Sunday 30 May 2004 | Bike ride from Guisborough 25 to 30 km – Meet 10am Pinchingthorpe Woods. Medium or intense ride over moors to Captain Cook's monument and Roseberry Topping. Lunch at Great Ayton pub. Further details from Simon Goodwin email simon@gritmtb.co.uk |
| Monday 7 June 2004 | Trailblazer monthly meeting – 6.30pm Classroom, Hamsterley Forest Visitor Centre |
| Sunday 13 June 2004 | Trail building Hamsterley Forest – meet 9.30am Visitor Centre |

Sunday 27 June 2004

Trailblazer bike ride – 35 km from Romaldkirk to Goldsbrough. Meet 10am. Details from Simon Goodwin email simon@gritmtb.co.uk.

12. Date and Time of Next Meeting It was agreed the next meeting be held on Monday 17 June 2004 at 6.30pm in the Forest Classroom.