

Minutes of a meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 4 June 2007 at 6.30pm in the Forest Classroom

Trustees Present:

Andy Samanjoul (**Chairman**)
Vicky Chilcott (**Secretary**)

Members Present:

Mat Clark
Gary Ewing
Kathryn Gander
Chris Goldsworthy

In Attendance:

Martin Stout (WoodNWheels)
Neil Taylor (FC)

Apologies for Absence were received from Marie Brown, Neil Gander, Ollie Graham, Bill Pike, Ashley Scott, Fiona Simpson and Alex MacClennan.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the meetings held on 5 March and 2 April 2007 (AGM) were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- **Trailblazer Publicity Leaflet:** Work was needed to include an appropriate map on the leaflet and Andy said he would look at this.
- **Cycle Theft:** It was noted new bikes and trailer had now been obtained.
- **Signposting:** Neil said new signposts should be arriving shortly.
- **Buzz:** The second edition was still awaited.
- **Female Coaching Sessions:** Vicky reported these had been very successful and well attended. A great deal of interest had been expressed in running future sessions and it was **AGREED** to organise additional ones later in the year. Members thanked Ollie, Dave and Marie for carrying out the training.
- **Paypal:** Vicky said she would contact Bill on this.
- **Publicity:** A 2 page spread on Hamsterley had appeared in the July edition of 'What Mountainbiking.'

3. Statement of Accounts Deferred.

4. Cycle Trail Development Progress on various sections of the Red and Black Route had been continuing. Work on funding bids was similarly progressing.

5. Trailbuilding Mat reported that most of the new trail had been surfaced using volunteers, including 18 people from EDF Energy. It was hoped to finish the section meeting the Grove Link on 19 August and it was **AGREED** to celebrate completion with a Trailblazer's BBQ at the top of the Skills Loop in the afternoon and a camp over the night before. The BBQ would be open to

all (with a charge for food) but free for those who had assisted in trailbuilding etc. Andy, Mat and Martin agreed to organise the BBQ. Future trailbuilding dates were **AGREED** as 21 July, 19 August and 15 September 2007.

6. Trailblazer's Notice Board The Trailblazers Notice Board at the top of the Loop was out of date and it was suggested and **AGREED** that a second board, for current events, be located in a more accessible position outside WoodNWheels. The Loop Board could then just be used for general, non-dating material about Trailblazers.

6. GMSR – 30 September 2007 Riders, marshals and other volunteers were needed for the 5th GMSR on 30 September 2007. Martin said WoodNWheels would again sponsor the event, providing a 'Bike Doctor' service as well as raffle prize.

7. Crook Carnival Trailblazers had been invited to appear at Crook Carnival on 7 July 2007. Unfortunately, due to this coinciding with Morzine, it was not possible to take up this invitation but it was **AGREED** to consider it in the future.

8. Chopwell 14 – 15 July 2007 It was noted no request had been received this year to attend the Chopwell Festival. It was also noted the new Chopwell trail opening date was 25 June 2007.

9. WoodNWheels Bike Repair Day – 17 June 2007 Martin said he was holding a Bike Repair session on 17 June from 10am until 12 noon. He hoped to organise a full day session in the near future.

10. Semi Race Series? Martin suggested looking at staging a semi-race series between Chopwell and Hamsterley in the future eg 3 events a year (2 Hamsterley, 1 Chopwell) and it was agreed this was worth considering.

11. West Park 4X, Darlington Andy said this new 4X Course (designed by Pete Laing) would be completed in the next 4-6 weeks.

12. Calendar of Events

- **Sunday 10 June 10.30am – Monthly club ride** (WoodNWheels Car Park)
- **Sunday 17 June 10am – 12 noon** WoodNWheels Bike Repair Session
- **30 June – 14 July Morzine Trip**
- **Sunday 8 July 10.30am - Monthly club ride** (WoodNWheels Car Park)
- **Saturday 21 July – 10.30am - Trailbuilding** (WoodNWheels Car Park)
- **Monday 6 August 7pm – Club Social – Cross Keys, Hamsterley**
- **Sunday 12 August – 10.30am - Monthly Club Ride** (WoodNWheels Car Park)

- **Sunday 19 August – 10.30am – Trailbuilding followed by Club BBQ at 2pm , Skills Loop (sleep over 18/19 August.)**
- **Monday 3 September – 6.30pm – Formal Club Meeting, (Forest Classroom.)**
- **World Championships – Fort William – 8-9 September – Trailblazer weekend/week away**
- **5th GMSR – 30 September**

17. Date and time of Next Meeting It was **AGREED** the next meeting be an informal social at the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley on Monday 6 August 2007 from 7pm. (No meeting would be held in July because of Morzine.)