

Minutes of a meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 2 June 2008 at 6.30pm in the Forest Classroom

Trustees Present: Andy Samanjoul (Chairman)
Ollie Graham (Vice Chairman)
Bill Pike (Treasurer)

Members Present: Fiona Simpson
Mat Clark
Gary Ewing
Andrew Frankom
Tracey Wond

In attendance: Neil Taylor (FC)

Apologies for Absence were received from Vicky Chilcott, Kath Gander, Marie Brown, Chris Goldsworthy and Alex MacLennan

1. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2008 were approved as a correct record.

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- **See Saw** - It is still broken!!! Olly to speak to Alan Patterson about possible repair.
- **Trail Quest** – cancelled due to lack of numbers
- **Lands End to John O Groats** – Bill Pike is taking a group of young people on this trip.
- **Coaching with Nigel Page** – 2nd of November at Darlington 4X track
- **Bike table top Sale** – To be held at GMSR - £2 to GMSR
- **Coaching Sessions** – lots of positive feedback - next sessions female intermediate 10th and 17th Aug
- **Glentress Tripp** – about 20 members visited over the course of the weekend - All enjoyed trip

3. Statement of Accounts The Statement of Accounts to May 2008 was received. Bill reported Trailblazers had 70 main members as at the end of May 2008 (plus family members.)

4. Volunteer Trailbuilding Works are progressing well. Cummins is doing Community Action Programme - Corporate Responsibility and will help out. Bill Pike to look at links with DCC Cycle Club. Olly, Mat and Gary to develop list of repair tasks

5. Black Route Maintenance Neil to look at proposed route to check if any badgers and birds are present.

6. Signage Discussions took part over the problem of walkers using mtb trails such as the Grove Link. FC feel that this is not an issue however various members of HTB do and Neil will request one sign to be installed at the entrance to the Grove Link to promote the fact that it is a MTB Trail.

7. Hamsterley Project Development and Red Route Preliminary expenditure has been approved and FC is currently tendering for the role of project management - they hope to appoint by the end of June.

8. Sustrans Cycle Event Need volunteers to help out on the 29th June at MIMA, Middlesbrough. Andy is printing leaflets to be distributed on the day.

10. GMSR Neil to email permit forms. A trail clearing weekend will be held weekend before to help finalise the route. Andy to email entry form so changes can be made before it is sent to printers

11. Club BBQ 30th August 08. Member weekend at Hamsterley with BBQ on Saturday night. Group rides on the Saturday and a trailbuilding session on the Sunday.

12. Calendar of Events Lagan and Golspie trip last Bank Holiday weekend of Aug. Merida Marathons Selkirk and Penrith events.

13. Club Youth Section Discussion took place over developing a youth section of the club. It was decided to register the club as a British Cycling Go Ride club and develop a youth section.

14. Web Forum The forum was seriously hacked at the weekend and despite regular back ups having been taken, it had not proved possible to restore these, although Craig was still working on this. In the meantime Craig had set up a new forum and members were being invited to re-register as soon as possible. AGREED to thank Craig for his efforts in sorting out and running the forum and web site.

14. Date and Time of Next Meeting It was AGREED the next meeting be an informal one at the Cross Keys, Hamsterley on Monday 7 July from 7pm. There would be no August meeting.