

Minutes of a meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 9 February 2009 at 6.30pm in the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley

Trustees Present: Andy Samanjoul (in the Chair)
Vicky Chilcott (Secretary)
Ollie Graham (Vice Chairman)
Bill Pike (Treasurer)

Members Present: Marie Brown
Mat Clark
Gary Ewing
Kath Gander
Chris Goldsworthy
David Nicholson
Martin Stout
Tracey Wond

In attendance: Alex MacLennan (FC)

Apologies for absence were received from Neil Gander, Alison Park, Kaye Graham and Neil Taylor.

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

2. Matters arising from the Minutes

- **See Saw** - On Alan Patterson's list to things to do.
- **Go Ride** – Being established. Ollie attending a conference to discuss.
- **HTB Promotions Stand and Banner** – All spare funding now allocated to new Red Trail. Promotions stand postponed.
- **Cycle Clothing** – Marie still investigating. Vicky to block email members for definite orders when costs obtained.
- **Trailblazer Mugs** - Chris said cost of minimum order for 50 would be approximately £385. AGREED Chris order these in time for sale at AGM.

3. Statement of Accounts and Membership The Statement of Accounts to the end of January 2009 was received together with club membership details for the same period. AGREED membership fees stay at £5 per individual and £7.50 family for 09/10 and be increased next year. Mat offered to design 09/10 membership cards.

4. Paypal Mat AGREED to set up PayPal and electronic banking for club membership fees etc.

5. AGM 6 April 2009 AGREED this be held in Hamsterley Village Hall on 6 April 2009 at 6.30pm and that Neil and Kath Gander be asked to talk on their tandem ride from the North Cape of Norway to Innsbruck.

6. Hamsterley Project Development Members were advised that we had been successful in obtaining a grant of £50,000 from CDENT for work on the new Red Trail. This would be combined with £30,000 from Teesdale Council and cash plus work/materials-in-kind by Trailblazers and FC to make a scheme of approximately £130,000, allowing creation of a new Red Route loop. Members expressed great pleasure at the CDENT grant and it was AGREED to formally write to CDENT thanking them for the funding. (AVC)

Alex said that Consultants had now been appointed to prepare the Business Case for the overall Forest development, with completion by April 2010. Alex also reported that less money could potentially be available for the overall scheme from ONE because of cutbacks in funding as a result of the national economic situation.

7. Trailbuilding Mat reported that there had been excellent support from members at trailbuilding sessions and this was proceeding well.

8. Rota of Leaders for Club Rides Ollie said that the club did have insurance for club rides through British Cycling providing they were advertised as club rides and the leader was named. Ideally leaders should have a leadership and first aid qualification, but this was not essential. Ollie would arrange for a first aid kit, basic bike repair kit and risk assessment to be left at WoodNWheels for ride leaders. Silver British Cycling members had personal liability cover as did club officials and members leading rides. Ollie said Teesdale Council had set up support to Sports Clubs and he would speak to them over developing further leader qualifications etc for members.

9. XC Race, Hamsterley Discussion took place on holding a XC Race at Hamsterley, possibly using the new red route loop as the basis of the course. It was AGREED Mat speak to Neil over a date.

10. Calendar of Events

- Female Coaching sessions – Ollie would send dates to Vicky
- Kids Club – hoped to start this in late 2009
- 7th GMSR – 13 September 2009
- XC Race – either July or October 09
- CTC ride – last weekend in May 09
- Female biking – every other Tuesday evening from Easter
- Club BBQ & sleep over – Mat to speak to Neil for date

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting AGM on Monday 6 April 2009 at 6.30pm in Hamsterley Village Hall.