

Minutes of a meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 7 June 2010 at 6.30pm at Hamsterley.

Trustees Present: Andy Samanjoul (**Chairman**)
Vicky Chilcott (Secretary)
Mat Clark (Treasure)
Ollie Graham (Vice Chairman)

Members Present: J Dods
Gary Ewing
Kathryn Gander
Lisa Jobling
Dave Nicholson
Martin Stout

Apologies for absence were received from Fiona Ewing and Neil Gander.

1. Minutes of Last Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2010 were approved as a correct record.

3. Statement of Accounts and Membership The Statement of Accounts to the end of June 2010 was received together with club membership details for the same period. It was AGREED to set up a small overdraft facility if this could be arranged at zero cost.

4. Trailbuilding and Signage Attention was drawn to the ongoing situation on lack of trail signage (especially in view of an accident on Section 13 in April and absence of signage to help direct emergency services.) Martin said he understood from Neil signage was now in hand.

Attention was drawn to the removal and subsequent replacement by FC of North Shore on Potato Hill – this had originally been built by Trailblazers in conjunction with FC but it was not known why it had been removed then replaced.

It was noted the new section of Red Trail, 'Transmission' was making good progress and that it was now two-thirds complete. Trailbuilding sessions were well attended, with an average of 12 volunteers per session.

It was reported that more stone was needed for Section 13, especially where the table tops were getting rounded off.

Ollie said he was meeting Leader Plus to discuss future funding possibilities.

5. Durham Dirty Big Ride – 27 June Trailblazers had been asked to help marshal this event and it was AGREED to block email all members for assistance. It was noted Martin had prepared 2 cycle routes for the ride.

6. Duck Race & BBQ– 15 May £676 was raised for Trailblazer funds from the Duck Race and BBQ on 15 May. The event was well attended and more than 1000 ducks were sold with prizes of £350 being given out.

7. Coast and Castles Bike Ride – 29, 30 & 31 May Lisa reported that 13 members of Trailblazers successfully completed the 200 mile Coast and Castles Bike Ride over the Spring Bank Holiday with Ollie acting as support driver. Everyone enjoyed the ride and looked after each other – there were 10 punctures and 2 crashes, but no serious injuries. The ride concluded with a celebratory meal and drinks in Edinburgh.

8. 1-2-1 Race Series, Hamsterley – 24 & 25 September Detailed discussion took place on this event, particularly the running costs (£4,200 including timing, insurance, food, first aid, publicity etc.) It was noted that 100 riders were needed for the event to break even.

9. British Cycling & FC Agreement It was noted British Cycling and FC had signed a 10 year agreement that all events on FC land with over 25 participants needed a British Cycling permit (£2 per rider) and also needed to adhere to British Cycling rules/risk assessments.

10. Mark Herbertson It was noted with regret that Mark Herberston was leaving Hamsterley FC in August 2010.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting The next formal meeting would be held on Monday 6 September 2010 at the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley.