

Hamsterley Trailblazers

Minutes of the meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers held on Monday 4 February 2013 at 7pm in the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley.

Trustees Present: Neil Gander (Chair)
Olly Graham (Vice Chair)
Vicky Chilcott (Secretary)

Members Present: Mat Clark, Fiona Ewing, Gary Ewing, Kaye Graham, Jamily Halycon, David Holmes, Geoff Morson, Rob Myers, Shaun Rogers, Bill Pike, Dan Small, Alex Talks, Ian Tate, Andrew Walker

Apologies for Absence: Duncan Colcheath, James Dods, Kath Gander, Lisa Jobling, Neil Taylor

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2012** – approved as a correct record.
2. **Matters arising from the minutes:**
 - **HTB Leaflet** – with Olly and IT advice being sought to make file compatible
 - **HTB Banner** – looking at costing options. Alex Talks may be able to get quotes and will email Olly.
 - **HTB Facebook** – now open and can put on ride information etc
3. **Statement of Accounts** Full accounts to be put to AGM. Approximately £8k in bank including first part of SITA grant. Received £1,950 through local giving – noted match funding ended for moment, but gift aid could still be claimed.
4. **Funding** Olly said £10K had been awarded by Barclays towards kid's coaching and trailbuilding. Kid's coaching sessions would now be held on the first Saturday of each month and during the Easter holidays – Vicky to block email all members. Cost £2 per session. Coaches were Olly, Shaun, James, Mark and Stephen. Other funding possibilities to explore were Santander (Neil G to action) and Teesdale Action Partnership (Olly.) A volunteer attendance agreement prepared by Olly was received and considered. Acceptance of the agreement was proposed by Neil Gander, seconded by Gary Ewing and AGREED.
5. **Coaching** Noted Kath Gander had applied to go on a British Cycling child protection course at Manchester. Olly suggested asking Helen Gaskell to run some women's coaching courses for Traiblazers – agreed Olly to action.
6. **Trailbuilding** Mat updated members on trailbuilding. Noted January session cancelled because of weather. Section 13, Transmission and other areas required

considerable maintenance work in 2013. Current priorities were to finish Pike's Teeth and finish the new red section down to Blackling Hole. The new blue trail from the Green Man to Metcalfe's House needed flagging out. Agreed if FC could find funding for new blue trail, HTB would be happy to help build. Still no news on felling work on Grove Link. Noted Cummins were interested in a corporate trail building day – c 30 people – possibility to do a Pump Trail outside WoodNWheels to be explored. Alex Talks said there were also plans for students to do 5 days volunteering in 2013/14 academic year – this could be another trailbuilding opportunity. Chris Briers had suggested putting trail maps on Facebook – Olly and Neil said they would send through details. Noted there was a meeting with FC Alex MacLennan next week to discuss 2013 plans.

7. **Calendar of Events** Ideas for 2013 were discussed – AGREED:
- May – Duck Race & BBQ with ride beforehand led by Gary Ewing. Kaye to do food for BBQ
 - June – away ride in Swaledale – David Holmes to organise
 - July – 10th Anniversary celebrations – discuss at AGM
 - September – Glentress weekend – Mat to organise

Ride leaders for monthly Sunday club rides were also agreed. Outstanding – date for bike jumble?

8. **AGM** Bill outlined what needed to be done. Noted Charitable Incorporated Status still awaited – understood will be considered by Charity Commissioners in October 2013. Noted founder trustees needed to be elected at AGM. Agreed AGM be in Village Hall (action Vicky) with quiz afterwards (action Kath and Fiona.) Kaye had offered to provide food.

9. **Dave Church Memorial** Discussed naming a trail after Dave and agreed to ask for names at AGM.

10. **Date and Time of Next Meeting** AGM – Monday 8 April 2013 at 6.30pm, Hamsterley Village Hall.