

## Hamsterley Trailblazers

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 4th September at 7.00pm at the Cross Keys, Hamsterley

1. Present Neil Gander , Andy Keaveney, Olly Graham, James Dodds, Kathryn Gander, Vicky Chilcott, Alex Talks, Dave Holmes
2. Apologies for absence: Andrew Walker, Emma Graham, Kaye Graham, Rob Myers, Gary Ewing, Lindsey Talks, Geoff Moreson. Minutes of the meeting held for AGM 7.4.14 accepted and Thurs 5th June 2014 accepted.
3. Matters arising from the minutes: Beamish Oddsox would like clarification regarding their donation. Olly/Neil to action. Leaflets to be finalised and banners awaiting printing to be paid for. Alex/Neil to action.
4. Changes to Membership management: Membership fees can now be managed through British Cycling's automated system, which may make it easier for our club to keep track of Membership. BC Race results can also be linked to our website which would also be an advantage. With Rob's agreement the committee would like to go ahead with this arrangement. Proposed NG, seconded OG. James Dodds to discuss with Rob Myers.
5. Trailbuilding: Tender for New Star Wars won by Alan. OG anticipates that financially, with Oddsox contribution, funding should cover planned Trailbuilding. Planning permission needs to be sought for replacement of Star Wars. OG has arranged precontract meeting with Alex and Alan next week. Ground prep: OG will liaise about this so that heavy machinery doesn't affect trails. Decision will need to be made about future trails, taking into account existing planning consent. Metcalf's House section doesn't have planning consent so unlikely to go ahead within the coming 12 months. Blackling Hole to be clear felled in Spring/summer 2015. Discussion re a climbing trail. OG to email maps for people to comment on. Proposed to have an extra Trailbuilding session after the next scheduled one. NG to approach possible sponsors.
6. Coaching: Facebook coaching post did well! Coaching sessions and summer school have also gone well. Race event on 5th Sept and coaching resumes in October. NG & AK to post details that some trails will be closed for the event. The club would welcome interest from

**anyone who would like to train as coach. Proposal to amend terms of agreement for those who commit to undertaking the coaching training by attending at least 4 coaching sessions. Safeguarding to be prioritised. Minimum age not specified, open to children able to ride a bike.**

- 7. Any other urgent business. Wind turbines: new proposal for some very tall ones in vicinity to the forest has been submitted, parish councils oppose. Cycling community may wish to be aware of this. TB to alert membership. Thursday evening rides run by Lindsey, every alternate Thursday. NG to publicise via Facebook. FC Bridge to be opened on Thursday 11th Sept at 2.00pm, representatives to go from our club.**
- 8. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 6th November, 7.00pm**