

Hamsterley Trailblazers

Minutes for Meeting on Thursday 3rd Sept 7 pm in the Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley

1. Apologies for absence:
2. Present: Olly Graham, Emma Graham, Neil Gander, Geoff Morson, Kathryn Gander, James Dodd, Gary Ewing, Vicky Chilcott, Dave Holmes, Alex Talks, Lindsay Talks, Ian Tate, Neil Taylor
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 9.7.2015 agreed.
4. Matters arising from the minutes -
5. Trailbuilding and future plans. New section - Boneshaker 2 likely to be finished by Christmas. Planning permission for next section is not on track, held up by ecology surveys. Therefore next section will be one with existing planning permission - consensus for 5 Lane Ends to link up with Transmission, quite a long section. Some finance available to start this, esp if crowd funding can be set up. Darren Smith from Hamsterley Riders is interested in getting involved with this. AT has students available for some trail-building sessions & will email dates out. NG to contact Northern Echo re launch event. Donut on skills course had been condemned, discussion re whether to replace - could approach Barclays or CDent.
6. Funding: suggestion to use Local Giving website to fundraise for ongoing project. Successful application to Teesdale Area Action Partnership: supplied £1000 twds Boneshaker. Currently no reliable community funding sources at present. Idea of trail counters could be followed up as evidence for funding agents.
7. Coaching and training courses: Children's coaching -decision to charge £5 for non-members and £2 for members. LT keen to undertake Level 2 coaching; meeting agreed to fund.

- 8.** Calendar of events and diary- Ted Liddle ride scheduled for 27th Sept. NG to change date on website and contact Ted. Club rides Oct - Dave Holmes. Hamsterley Rally - Sat 12th Sept: need for as many volunteers as possible
- 9.** Finance: EG reported on funding. Balance: £3,398, including funding from DCC.
- 10.** Any other business: secretary hasn't been able to attend recent meetings. KG to act as Vice Secretary. Open MTB advocacy group - NG proposed agreement to support & become affiliated. NT explained about FC strategy to reduce conflict among users, to earmark a section where horseriding trails are not developed for other users.
- 11.** Farewell and thanks to Neil Taylor who is leaving to take up a new post in the Aberdeen area.
- 12.** Date of next meeting: Thursday 12th November 2015 7.00pm Cross Keys Pub, Hamsterley