

Minutes for Meeting on Thursday 12th Nov 7 pm in the Cross Keys
Pub, Hamsterley : Hamsterley Trailblazers Mountainbike

1. Apologies for absence: Emma Graham, Fiona Ewing, Dan Small
2. Present: Olly Graham, Neil Gander, Geoff Morson, Kathryn Gander, James Dods, Gary Ewing, Vicky Chilcott, Dave Holmes, Andy Frankcom, Shaun Rogers, Ian Ferguson, Mike Monaghan, Gary Goldridge, Berry Kemp, Alex Talks, Lindsay Talks, Ian Tate, Lorna Bennett & Andy Samanjoul (British Cycling) Laura Turtle (Forestry Commission) Conrad Guyatt, Barry Kemp, (guests)
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 3.9.15 agreed.
4. Matters arising from the minutes - C.Dent has been renamed the Durham Community Foundation. The Skills Loop 'doughnut' has been decommissioned - ideas for replacement discussed.
5. The meeting welcomed Lorna Bennett - Regional Development Officer & Andy Samanjoul - Go Ride North East, both from British Cycling) Laura Turtle (Forestry Commission) & Conrad Guyatt (guest – see item 8) issues discussed include the need for more female coaches for children's sessions and application for Clubmark – OG to action. Andy would be available for summer coaching programme and suggested all day sessions would attract more families by making it easier to fit around work schedules.
6. Statement of Accounts/Funding: £3,500 – affiliation fees still to be paid and £1,000 in match funding for FC. The club has

taken £110 from the children's coaching sessions. Olly reported that the club has applied for funding from Tesco & the Local Councillors Neighbourhood budget & Scotto Trust which could provide up to £30,000.

7. Trailbuilding and future plans - The timescale for planning future trails is likely to be November 2016, with an option for earlier work on a longer section of singletrack to link up Five Lane Ends with Transmission. Work on the next section is likely to commence April '16. Our guest Conrad Guyatt discussed his proposition for contributing to a commemorative trail for his work colleague Neil Poulson, as he and his colleagues would like to give something back to the club in his honour. This may take the form of a combination of some funding and trailbuilding, with a commemorative name. The meeting agreed that part of the Five Lane Ends section may be appropriate for this.
8. Welfare Officer Role – KG explained that as she is now carrying out the role of Secretary we require a new Welfare Officer to take over. Laura and Andy offered to check the legality regarding the legality of relationship to committee officers for this role.
9. Barry Kemp talked to the meeting about the 40 mile charitable enduro event which he is planning at Hamsterley, with a donation to HTB.
10. Calendar of events and diary- Club rides –
Sun Dec 13 – Xmas Fancy Dress ride - Dave Holmes to lead. New Year Ride – suggested date of Sunday 10th

January. Shaun R to arrange. December trailbuilding will include mince pies on Metcalf's House section.

Any other business: Neil G reported on the IBM/FC trailbuilding conference recently held at Kielder Forest. Awards included the Inspirational Award made to honour Kaye Graham and the "Volunteer Group of the Decade" award for HTB.

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