

## **Minutes of the meeting of Hamsterley Trailblazers' Committee on 7.1.16 at the Cross Keys Pub**

1. Apologies for absence Olly & Emma Graham, Ian Tate, Dan Small, Nigel Watson, Andrew Frankom
2. Present: Vicky Chilcott, Andy Raine, Mike Monahan, Alex Talks, James Dods, Dave Holmes, Geoff Morson, Neil Gander, Kathryn Gander

**3. Minutes** accepted – error correction 'C Dent has been replaced by Durham Community Foundation'

**4. Statement of accounts**- report from Emma. £3,600 in bank. £67.72 is owed for affiliation fee and £2,000 to Teesdale Action Group. £15 membership from Local Giving  
Many memberships are due, a number of members have lapsed, KG to remind membership.  
Website hosting fees have been paid by Century by Simon Chilcott. Thanks to Simon and Vicky.  
Olly reports that due to a funding underspend money is available for blue trail & 5 Lane Ends to be marked out. Committee in agreement with Olly's suggestion that Pete Lang be called in for this.  
Three bids awaiting news.

**5. Welfare Officer & coaching** - Andy Raine has volunteered to become new WO. kg to contact Andy Samanjoule re summer coaching sessions. Club mark is in progress

### **6. Events**

Sunday 10th Jan New Year Ride and meal

AGM - 14th April, in Hamsterley village hall with a meal at Cross Keys afterwards

Discussion re leaders for rides. Dave Holmes to co-ordinate when KG has emailed relevant people with leadership qualification. Alex requested clarity re leader/rider ratios and need for leadership qualification on club rides. KG to contact Sue Barrow/Lorna Bennett

No Duck Race this year, discussion re other possible events and away rides, including a memorial ride for Kaye Graham during the summer at Sutton Bank trail centre.

**8. Trailbuilding** James reported that a lot of repairs are needed to many trails. Bad weather has held up repairs on Two Wheels and a Troll. "Woods Dell" also closed due to dangerous area around an exposed pipe, bridge may be needed. Pikes Teeth bridge crossing and first climb also in need of repairs. Boneshaker, Two Wheels and Woods Dell all closed at preset and would suffer damage if ridden in current weather conditions.

### **9. AOB**

The meeting welcomed the birth of baby Noah. Congratulations to Olly and Emma Graham.

Best wishes to Andrew Walker for a speedy recovery from his recent fall.

NG to ask FC whether they know why the ambulance did not arrive.

Annual ibike survey - Hamsterley was voted 11th of the 15 centres listed in UK.

Discussion re updates for the website and the need for more news and up to date photos of events etc.

Advertising - Alex to re-do an extra banner to be on permanent display in Forest, with permission from Laura Turtle, Neil to send out some press releases re trailbuilding and general publicity.

Congratulations to Olly for his recent award by Barclays Community Champions for which he and James visited Westminster.

Vicky raised issue of static caravan and planning for house on road above Wolsingham - objections needed to Council..

10. date and time of next meeting: **Thurs 3rd March at Cross Keys 7.00pm**