

CTC – Central London District Association

Minutes of committee meeting held on 16 February 2007 at 24 Bartok House W11

1. **Present:** Nick Bloom, Roger Fretwell, Dave Newman, Robert Johnston, John Snuggs, Paul Krebs, Robin Hamilton, Richard Philpott.

Apologies for absence from Michael Belcher Liza Raney and Abby Honeywell.

2. **Introduction**

NB took the chair and opened the meeting at 19.20.

He pointed out that this was the first committee meeting of the Central London DA, which meant that from now on all meetings would be formally minuted. All minutes would be published on the club website, apart from items which needed to be kept confidential.

3. **Rides List**

PK: a lot of rides already receive, but it won't be clear if there are enough until the programme is put together.

There was a general discussion about potential new leaders.

NB: Ken Peters has offered a lot of rides. It was agreed that having more than one a month from the same leader would distort the programme. It was suggested that Ken might like to do some of his rides as Saturday rides to supplement the regular Sunday programme.

NB: we are lacking in female leaders – there was inconclusive discussion about how more could be persuaded to come forward.

PK: the first ride on the new list would be 1 April (or possibly 31 March). PK was away from 6 – 17 March – train times and proof reading would be needed after his return on the 17th.

4. **Easter Tour**

PK: nine people signed up, spaces have been booked for twelve.

RH: this year we are reverting to the "old" system of paying all Tour money through the leader's account (ie, Jo Wright's this year), instead of using the Club account. If any cheques payable to the Club were received RH would pay them in but then immediately transfer the money to Jo.

5. **Summer Party**

NB: it was necessary to arrange this for the new rides list. NB liked having an outdoor option for the midsummer party. RP pointed out that some contingency for bad weather was needed.

PK suggested not arranging anything unless someone came forward with a venue. DN thought this would be shame – the party was a symbol that there was more to the Club than just cycling.

NB suggested Kenwood – this was agreed, subject to NB checking possible concert schedules. Most likely date is 21 July (avoiding Tour de France dates – see later item).

6. Events

NB : there are a lot of events to include on the new rides list.

Audaxes: NB would provide a list of Audaxes to be included.

Herne Hill Track Meet (Good Friday) – this will go into list as a “social” event. NB might take the Club banner (especially if he can find a way of erecting it without having a full stall).

8 April – Phoenix Cinema in East Finchley are showing an afternoon of Paris – Roubaix films, and would like us to organise an associated ride. NB to investigate further.

17 June – London – Brighton – our rides on that day should avoid Surrey and Sussex!

24 June – our Audaxes from East Finchley. 100 and 200 km rides on same day this year. Now we are a DA, we would keep all the profits from these, and to maximise participation from our own members there will be no *** or **** rides that day. RJ volunteered to pre-ride the 200 km to check the route, and to act as marshal at Brill on the day. NB noted that this may be the last year he will be running these rides.

1 July – Tour de France *sportif* (****+).

7 July – TdF prologue. NB trying to organise rides into town, from Pollards Hill, Barnet, Camden – probably meeting at 11.00 at Uno Italia. Rides will be publicised by TfL and national CTC.

8 July – TdF first stage, in Kent. A pub in Brenchley will be “taken over” by CTC for the day (organised by WKDA). JS will lead a ride there from Tonbridge (or possibly Redhill).

CTC HQ has asked groups to organise newcomers’ rides in the weeks immediately afterwards to exploit the “Wimbledon effect”. NB suggested a * (approximately) following the Prologue route – possible leaders were discussed.

7. Website/blog

RP said that the club blog was currently on a third-party site as a single-user account in NB’s name. We now have a website package capable of hosting the blog ourselves, and suggested we take the opportunity to do so. This would give us the chance to increase interest in the blog by integrating it properly with the rest of the site, allow pictures and maps to be added and increase the number of people who could contribute.

Contribution policy was discussed. PK favoured allowing anyone to post directly to the site (although posts would need to be moderated). RP said (and RF confirmed) that this would generate a lot of work for the moderators in deleting spam. It was agreed that (initially at least) moderators would create accounts for potential contributors. NB suggested JS, NB and RP as initial moderators. RP to pursue.

8. Money

RH: finances are healthy, income from rides better than usual at this stage of the year. Possible profits from the DA’s Audaxes were discussed – it was pointed out that as these may not continue beyond this year, the profits should be considered as a one-off windfall and not regular income.

9. **CTC HQ Matters**

NB: CTC HQ are looking for a Company Secretary or Management Accountant to advise Council. No-one at the meeting was able to suggest anyone.

They are also looking for advice on working with volunteers (recruitment, CRB checking, etc).

10. **Disclaimer**

NB showed the meeting the new disclaimer that all non-members will have to sign – the template provided by HQ could be customised to be DA-specific as long as the “legal language” wasn’t altered. He reminded the meeting that there was a limit of five rides for non-members (and possibly also five non-members per ride). The implications of this were discussed.

There is currently no definite date for start of the mandatory use of the forms.

11. **AOB**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 20.50.