



CENTRAL LONDON CTC

Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 23 May 2017 at 19.00
Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, WC1X 8J

Present:

Colin Hartridge-Price
Derek Adlam
Paul Krebs
Paul Foster
Christine Johnson
Richard Philpott
Lisa Percival

1. Apologies: Jon McColl, Roy Watson
2. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed a true record
3. Matters arising

Incidents

Colin reminded ride leader co-ordinators that they should inform ride leaders that all incidents should be reported, including those between riders.

Photographic award

This will be structured as follows.

- We will invite people to send their photographs to Richard for uploading to the website
- All photos sent to Richard from 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 inclusive will be considered
- The Committee or a sub-committee will decide (by email) a shortlist of 10 photos which will be placed on the website
- These will be printed out and put on the wall at the AGM Members will be given red dots which they will stick on the one they think is best
- The photo with the most red dots wins and the photographer will be presented with the trophy at the AGM

Richard noted that he does not presently have access to the gallery to post the photos due to a Google issue.

Action: Colin to invite submissions

Feedback

Colin will write to members asking for feedback. Richard will send this out and will transmit responses to Colin. (Note that this communication will incorporate an appeal for ride leaders, thanks to tour leaders and an invitation to submit photographs for the competition).

4. Administration
Lisa relayed a communication from Cycling UK to the meeting. Details are confidential because they include personal information.

5. Finances

Derek circulated the accounts for 1 October 2016 to 23 May 2017. Total accumulated funds are £6997 (£3429 excluding tour deposits). The surplus for the period is £3699 (£131 surplus after outstanding tour expenditure of £3568). Total ride money for the period is £466 (budget for the period is £585).

There were no details yet for 10 rides but Derek said that he had no specific concerns about these.

6. Rides list

1* The 1* list does not have many rides yet but leaders often respond just before the deadline.

2* There are four dates left to fill. Christine has emailed potential leaders several times and has also 'phoned them but is still short of leaders for those rides.

3* Paul F is struggling to find ride leaders to fill the list. He has asked some stronger 2* leaders to fill the gaps.

4* Jon commented via email. The 4* list will be the usual mix of rides out and circuits of Regents Park, with Jon as leader.

It was noted that there are no Saturday rides yet but Christine pointed out that David does not request leaders for these until the 2* Sunday rides list is filled.

There followed a discussion on ride attendance and encouraging new ride leaders.

Ride attendances

4* Jon commented in his email that, whilst the average for recorded attendances was not high this was partly owing to competing events, such as sportifs. There were good turnouts on the Regents Park rides.

3* rides had also been poorly attended recently and various reasons were put forward for this. The weather was a factor and also the style of riding which differs from 2* rides in that 3* riders concentrate on the cycling aspect and ride in a close group rather than chatting to other riders and looking around.

Jon and Paul F both noted that, when they billed rides as easier rides for the 3 and 4* group, these were better attended.

It was agreed that it would be sensible to co-ordinate easier 2, 3 and 4* rides so that these were offered on the same Sunday, say, once a month.

Action: Ride leader co-ordinators

The question arose as to whether later (or earlier) start times would encourage more riders. It was decided that this was up to ride leaders but that later start times with a pub stop at 12:00 would lead to long afternoons and later finish times, which would not suit everyone. Richard also pointed out that train times are a constraint.

Encouraging new ride leaders

Christine emphasized that much work goes into filling the rides list and that, even after several emails and many telephone calls, she is still short of 4 rides for the 2* list. She pointed out that, if members do not volunteer, there will not be a full programme of rides.

Paul F said that he would contact David Kurtz to see whether it would be possible for Saturday rides to take place on the weekends when there was no 3* ride.

Colin will write to all members encouraging them to lead rides and offering assistance from other Club members to help them do so (such as helping them with admin on the first couple of rides).

Action: Colin, all

7. Tours and weekends

The feedback on the tours this year was that they were very good and the leaders were to be congratulated on the work and organization that went into them. It was agreed that Colin would write to the tour organisers to thank them.

Action: Colin

We do not have a tour for October yet but are hopeful that someone may come forward with one.

8. Welfare

We discussed whether it was fair to slower riders for ride leaders to ask them to make their own way on a ride and decided that, where other riders were becoming frustrated with the pace, this was fair. It was for the ride leader to decide the appropriate action.

9. Website

Richard reported that this is progressing more quickly now and showed us the new layout, both for a computer and for a 'phone. There will be a news section on the new site. Richard is currently working on the presentation for the rides list.

Richard confirmed that he has the software for the forum and will also be working on this.

Action: Richard

10. AOB

1. *Recording riders on the website*

It was informally agreed that, if possible, a committee member on a ride should take the names of attendees and put them on the CLCTC website.

2. *Membership of CTC/Cycling UK*

If a ride leader is not a member of CTC/Cycling UK they are not able to lead a CLCTC ride because they will not be insured.

3. *Principles for promotion of rides led by non-CTC members for other organisations (e.g. LCC).*

There were various views on the acceptability of including such rides.

Lisa indicated that there had been a precedent in that we had promoted Colin Wing's rides when he was an LCC, rather than CTC, member. She also thought that, from a participant's point of view, it does not matter who is leading the ride and it is useful to have all the available rides in one place, particularly if you are leading a very busy life and may only get time off at short notice.

Richard thought that this was becoming less and less of a problem because of the way technology works now.

It was noted that advertising other groups' rides may lead to riders joining other groups rather than the CTC, which we would not want.

Paul K referred to former occasions when gaps in 1* rides had been filled by advertising other groups' rides. It was often difficult to find sufficient leaders in the 1* group.

It was decided that promoting other group's rides was acceptable:

- for special events such as the Open Gardens Weekend;
- where there was no available CLCTC ride for the relevant star group on that day.

- Inclusion of another group's ride would be at the discretion of the star ride co-ordinator but cannot include another group's ride where there is a conflicting CLCTC ride. This principle will be subject to ongoing review.

All non-CLCTC rides must be flagged up as such and CLCTC ride co-ordinators must be clear as to which body is insuring the ride.

4. *Principles for dealing with one-off requests to advertise/promote, such as the recent cycling surveying project*

It was decided we could accept such requests, provided they are consistent with the aims and objects of the Club.

5. *Principles for introducing unsolicited CLCTC website links to other organisations*

This is acceptable so long as the links are consistent with our aims and objectives and will not conflict with our own programme of rides. For instance, Southwark Healthy Rides are two-hourly rides around London and therefore will not conflict with our own rides as they are shorter, London-based and probably slower than a 1*.

6. *Feedback on the 3 and 4 star group riding training session on 19 March and proposals for 1 and 2 star*

Paul F said that the 3 and 4* training session on 19 March was very successful with a dozen riders attending. The social after the training session was particularly useful as they had an enlightening discussion about group riding. Stephen Taylor had very kindly waived his fee.

Regarding the 1* and 2* session, Paul F will discuss possible dates with Stephen Taylor. Paul F suggested a short ride (possibly out of London) and a debrief in a café or pub.

It was hoped that this session could take place during the period of the next rides list and Christine indicated that the following dates are currently free:

24 September

15 October

22 October

Action: Paul F

11. Next meetings

Thursday 14 September 2017

AGM Friday 10 November 2017

22 January 2018