



# CENTRAL LONDON CTC

## Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 14 September 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  
Jon McColl  
Roy Watson

1. Apologies: None
2. Minutes of the last meeting were agreed a true record
3. Matters arising

*Feedback*

Colin wrote to 10-12 first time riders asking for feedback on their experience of riding with us and had several positive responses. Colin intends to continue writing to newcomers.

4. Administration

*ID, next of kin*

Roy raised the issue of mishaps on rides and riders getting lost. He described a recent

situation where someone was separated from the group by a puncture, did not rejoin the group and the leader did not have his telephone number. Roy thought we should think about having a means of contacting riders and, in case of serious mishap, riders' next of kin.

There was some discussion around the practicalities of asking for riders' telephone numbers before a ride and it was decided that this would be somewhat cumbersome and bureaucratic, which might put riders off and delay ride starts.

It was agreed that Richard would amend the Essential Information page on our website, to ask riders to ensure that before a ride they record the leader's contact details on their mobile 'phone . Ride leaders could also remind riders at the start of each ride, if their wished.

It was agreed we would think about collecting next of kin details for tours.

Action: Richard

#### *Location description for emergency services*

Roy was concerned that, should emergency services need to be called in the course of a ride, we needed to be able to give them a postcode as most services do not appear to work with grid references, which is what our mapping uses. Roy has searched for an app that will convert grid references to postcodes but could not find one, despite there being many apps doing the reverse.

Richard said the Ramblers had a campaign on this some time ago and may have something on their website. [I have checked and they take you to a very good website called <http://gridreferencefinder.com/> , which gives you longitude/latitude, post code and grid reference. There does not appear to be an app version, although I have not spent much time looking].

## 5. Finances

Derek circulated unaudited accounts for the period from the start of the Club year on 1 October 2016. Total accumulated funds are £3288. Expenditure for the period exceeded income by £8.41 but this may increase before the end of the Club year on 30 September as we have to pay for tonight's room hire for the meeting and there will only be income from ride money for the next two weekends.

The income from ride monies had dropped from £917 in 2015/16 to £757 this 2016/17 year to date. The number of riders in 2015/16 was exceptionally high.

The preliminary Budget for 1 October 2017 to 30 September 2018 was circulated at the meeting, and was approved by the Committee. There is no Central London CTC Audax during the coming year so the budgeted income from this is zero. The expected surplus for the year is £47.

## 6. Rides list

4\* As usual, Jon has listed all rides with himself as ride leader but this is subject to change where necessary. There will be some easier 4\* rides for those who would like to try them out.

3\* Paul F said that the 3\* list is looking better this time around, as are attendances on rides. He has recruited two extra leaders. He may again ask stronger 2\* or 4\* riders to lead a 3\* ride.

2\* Christine said that there are still 6 spaces left on the 2\* rides list. She raised the possibility of having slower 2\* rides which would enable less strong riders to lead.

1\* Roy confirmed his 1\* list is going OK. He is still awaiting quite a few responses.

It was agreed that easier 4, 3 and 2\* rides would be welcomed by riders considering a change.

Richard said that all rides must be in by 6 October 2017 for review on 13 October and in preview by 20 October 2017.

Action: All star co-ordinators

Roy said that he had difficulty recruiting some regular riders as 1\* leaders as they found map-reading difficult and were concerned about getting everyone lost. He had tried offering them extensive help but they still were not willing to lead.

There followed a discussion on encouraging new ride leaders. Colin recommended a suggestion put forward by Christine for targeted emails, addressing each recipient by name, to anyone who had been on five rides or more in the last year. The admin website enables such riders to be easily identified. Roy thought we should emphasize the fact that this is a members' club and encourage everyone to do their bit.

There was a discussion on how ride leaders might be "rewarded", but it was agreed this was unlikely to encourage new ride leaders to come forward, or encourage existing leaders to lead more rides.

It was noted that, for many potential new ride leaders, the Central London database

does not have a CTC/Cycling UK membership number. Richard said that this was because we do not receive membership numbers from Cycling UK if someone does not live in our official area. It was agreed that ride co-ordinators should ask new leaders for their CTC/Cycling UK membership number. CTC/Cycling UK membership is essential for ride leaders, as only then is the ride covered by the Cycling UK insurance.

#### 7. Tours and weekends

Paul K said that a UK tour was already being discussed and a group of 5 or 6 were getting together during the first half of October to discuss and organize this.

Paul K believes that there will also be a Dutch tour, possibly with an extension.

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

#### 8. Welfare

Nothing new to discuss. Progress on previous welfare issues was briefly mentioned.

#### 9. Website

Richard aims to complete the new website before the AGM. Paul F asked if we could have more than the current month's rides easily available on the website. Richard thought that he could probably publish a rolling "next four weeks" rides with an option to call up the full list. Richard will send something out for comments once the rides page is done.

The rides co-ordinators agreed that the Ride Guide on the website is an accurate description of each ride level.

Action: Richard

#### 10. Photo competition

The 10 photographs to go forward to the AGM were agreed, subject only to change if a particularly good photograph arrived before the deadline of 15 October. To go forward to the AGM, photographs must be taken on Central London CTC rides or tours in the current Club year and be an indication of what the Club does. Before the end of October, Colin will confirm to Richard the final 10 photos shortlisted. Colin will arrange the procedure for voting at the AGM. It was agreed that all attendees will be eligible to vote.

Action: Colin

Regarding printing, Richard suggested using an on-line service such as Photobox which can produce a good-quality A4 print for about £1.60.

Action: Richard

## 11.AGM

The AGM will commence at 7pm. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the food should again be brought in for an 8pm start.

Richard will send Colin the ride and leader statistics per category for the Chairman's Report.

Action: Richard

All Committee members confirmed they were willing to stand for re-election at the AGM.

It was agreed that deaths should be announced at the AGM.

## 12.AOB

*Exclusion of Chair from Best Attendance Award?*

Colin asked whether the Chair should be excluded from the Best Attendance award. The meeting attendees did not support such an exclusion.

## 13.Next meetings

AGM Friday 10 November 2017

22 January 2018

14 May 2018