

CTC West London

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held at 7.30pm Monday 16 February 2009
At the Friends' Meeting House, Uxbridge

Meeting opened at 7.45pm

Present: Helen Vecht, Bill Hawes, Liz Creese, Jim Swan, Bob Kynaston, Don Rycroft, Wendy Kynaston, Sarah James, Jenny Strickland

Election of Chairperson for 2009: Bob Kynaston
Proposed Jenny Strickland, Seconded Liz Creese

Apologies for absence: John Richardson, Gill Lambley

Minutes of Last Meeting - Monday 6 October 2008
Circulated by email 13 October 2008 & published on website.

Matters Arising

- Adrian Lawson appointed as Volunteer Support Officer for Local Groups and Events, replacing Alex Geen
- Bill received end of year financial reporting package from HQ, submitted report again last Wednesday as CTC could not find originals. The £300 held by Finchley Section is not included in submitted accounts.
- £83.92 profit from Hilly Chilterns received from Jim.
- All event results received in time for AGM.
- Dick Nuttall cancelled October offroad, because the hall was already booked and too late to change date or venue.
- Entry fee for Chiltern's offroad - no extra charge for joining on line but increased to £6 to include cost of tea.
- 8 bronze badges awarded (Mike Batchelor, Ian Birch, Annie Birch, Andrew Lynham, Brian Moon, Dick Nuttall, John Richardson, Maria Ryan).
- Edware Section Report - Benson Rally ride redirected to Blackwells café, Chipperfield.
- 3 small typos.
- AOB: Accident on Jim's Hilly - injured lady is Costa Rican Charge d'Affairs.
- Certificates for 2008 need signing by President and Secretary.

Accepted: Proposed Helen Vecht, Seconded Liz Creese

Secretary's Report

Successful AGM. Agreed to be Member Group called CTC West London & appointed full committee, except for Press & Publicity officer. Agreed that webmaster would be amalgamated with P&P. Discussed new West Middlesex website created by Adrian Camm, confusingly called www.ctcwestlondon.org. West London has had website for 7 years called www.westlondonctc.org.uk. Agreed we cannot have two websites called West London. Secretary to ask Adrian to change name of his site to West Middlesex and invite him to be co-opted to committee as West London webmaster. We could then discuss content and address. Secretary to send list of officers and annual report 2008 to CTC HQ. Jim requested secretary circulate contact list of all committee members. Agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim had only recently received papers from Bill, so Bill reported. The West London central fund holds £1,673, of which £1,370 on deposit, £303 in current a/c. Jim had been paid £20 cash for various expenses. At the end of September 2008 the whole DA had £3,200, of which £900 West Middlesex, £500 Edware, Uxbridge Loiterers £160.

Secretary passed bill for £118 for meeting room hire to Jim.

Current signatories are Bill Hawes, Colin Acreman and Jim Swan.

Jim proposed that the signatories should be the Treasurer (Jim Swan), Chairman (Bob Kynaston) and Secretary (Jenny Strickland). Seconded by Don Rycroft.

Events Secretary's Report

Mike Batchelor won Terry Johnson Memorial Cup & Shaftsbury Trophy (1st in CTC TC) & P H Catt Memorial Trophy (1st Vet).

In the absence of Gill Lambley, Jenny outlined the programme of Badge Points/AUK/Tourist Competition events for 2009 (attached).

Liz Creese will run the Autumn Assortment again this year but 200k might be 150k (or not at all). No news from Dick Nuttall yet about October offroad.

In order to have good selection of rides include Chris Beynon's Severn Across 400k on 2 May, Bill Carnaby's London Sightseer on 1 July and 6 September and Paul Stewart's Anfractuous 200k & Nyctophobic 100k on 10 October.

Badge point requirements:

Bronze: any 3 eligible events

Silver: 4 events. Must include one 200k, one 150k, one offroad or another 150k and one other of at least 100k

Gold: 5 events. Must include any one 300k, one 200k, one of at least 150k, one offroad or another 150k, and one other of at least 100k

As West London are not organising a 300k this year, riders can ride any 300k in the CTC Tourist Competition to qualify for a gold medal.

Liz pointed out that the certificates are out of date as they still have the old name on them. Agreed we'd carry on using them anyway.

Joint West London ride to be held on Sunday 5 July. Elevenses at the Costa Coffee in Amersham on the Hill, Lunch at the Bat & Ball, Penn Street. Tea stop to be decided.

Bike Week 13-21 June - West Middlesex will support the London Borough of Hillingdon again, including breakfast on Weds 17th.

Helen mentioned that Barnet LCC will lead a ride to the breakfast organised by Camden at the British Library on Weds 17th.

Registration Officer's Report

Helen has not received any updates since October. The option for members to choose their DA (rather than being allocated by postcode) is causing problems. Adrian Lawson promises an update is "imminent".

Welfare Officer's Report

Liz presented a report from John Richardson in his absence. The West Middlesex has a member who is registered blind, although he has adequate vision for cycling. They asked CTC HQ whether it was OK for him to ride solo with them, given the perceived additional risk of accidents. CTC HQ replied that there is no reason why he shouldn't. Existing riders are aware of his limitations and should make sure that newcomers are warned.

DA Representatives Report

Edgware: Helen Vecht

Ride attendance generally stable around 6 or 7. Clubroom attendance improved, usually about 10 (second Thursday every month). Full programme of holiday weekends arranged for the year.

Uxbridge Loiterers: Don Rycroft

Attendance 10% down - members getting older. Have started a short ride (sub 20 miles) once a fortnight, which is proving popular. Still also have weekly A (25m) and B (35m) rides.

Concerning conversion to subsidiary member group they are still not clear about reporting requirements. Awaiting clarification from Adrian Lawson.

UL has a regular rider who is an LCC member, but not CTC. They have asked him to join CTC but he has declined. Requested clarification from Adrian Lawson. Bob confirmed that newcomers are allowed to ride five times with a group before being expected to join CTC. There is no reciprocal membership between LCC and CTC. There is a letter in the Feb-Mar cycle magazine (page 56 "Club Liability"), which discusses the legal position of club members. "It is usual to bring proceedings against the chairman or secretary of the club ..." in cases of litigation. Committee

agreed that, in order to protect the officers, the rider should be persuaded to join CTC, or stop riding with the group.

West Middlesex: Sarah James/Jim Swan

A few rides have been cancelled due to ice and snow. A record 15 out in December, some days just 2, average 8. A variety of people turn up, including some new members.

Struggling with the clubroom (3rd Friday of month), only 1 or 2 WM members, mostly Loiterers and Rocco (John Richardson) finding it increasingly difficult to get people to put on slide shows. Helen repeated offer of digital projector.

Easter trip to vegetarian hostel at Castle Acre, Norfolk. About 16 signed up, including some South Bucks riders.

AOB

- Date of Next Meetings: Monday 20 April, Monday 6 July, Monday 5 Oct, AGM Sunday 8 November (must be between 15 Oct & 15 Nov)
- Photo competition 2009: High-life, Low-life, Still-life, Night-life
- Jim passed to secretary the list of DA library publications. £1 hire charge plus £100 surety.
- AGM Minutes - secretary read them out and some minor alterations made
- The Committee thanked Tony Willis for writing out the certificates, which were signed by the president and secretary.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm