



## **Cycle Seahaven Committee Meeting**

**7.15pm, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

**The White Lion, Seaford**

Present: Denis Bass (Chair), Vivienne McLachlan (Treasurer), Gill Peissel (Membership Secretary), Gwydion Jones (Ride Leader Coordinator), Jamie Simmons (Dr Bike Lead)

- 1. Chairs Welcome:** Denis opened the meeting by welcoming members of the committee and guest Jamie Simmons.
- 2. Apologies for absence:** Lindsay Stirton
- 3. Minutes from previous meeting:**

Minutes were approved for the meeting of 17<sup>th</sup> April, subject to the change of an incorrect date on the Treasurers Report. Denis will make this change and put the corrected version on the website.
- 4. Matters Arising/Action Points Update:**

Gwydion updated on the First Aid Training that only 4 Ride Leaders had committed to a set date, which had not been booked due to low numbers. The course is a one day, run by Choice Medics at Hailsham and can accommodate up to 12 members, so has been postponed until September when it is hoped more people will be free to participate.

There was also discussion regarding the possibility of holding an annual training session at the same time each year (September?) giving members opportunity to plan well in advance.
- 5. AGM:**

The AGM minutes were approved subject to a small change regarding the show of hands for the new 5% quorum, and some name spelling mistakes. Denis will make these changes and put the correct version on the website.
- 6. Big Park Container Inventory/Missing Bikes – Jamie Simmons**

Jamie had previously sent an email dated 30.04.2023 to the committee, listing an updated inventory of the Big Park containers x 2 and Dr Bike equipment. It was noted that some donated bikes designated for loan purpose had disappeared together with the 3 x e-bikes that Sustrans/ESCC took to Eastbourne Hub. It is thought the previous Sustrans predecessor Jamie Lloyd had donated 'older' bikes to a recycling charity and the e-bikes had now been permanently relocated to E/B, although neither Sustrans nor ESCC would confirm this.

Jamie advised he didn't feel this was a loss because hadn't received any bike loan requests since taking on the Loan Bike Coordinator role. It was decided Jamie would retain the role because knew who in Sustrans to signpost to at the E/B Hub should a future bike loan be requested.

Jamie reported there were the expected delays regarding Sustrans clearing the containers of bikes and the supplying of security cages, and in fact there appeared to be even more bikes in the containers than ever (but not in the Dr Bike allocated space).

Den gave Jamie details for the collection of a donated bike to be 'done up' and sold through the club for our Food Bank charity. Gill questioned the risk of any come back for the club but Jamie reassured that although the 'sale' was openly through the club, it was actually a private sale and the money then donated to the club for purpose of the club's charity.

**7. Feedback From Members: None**

**8. CSH Jersey Update & Online Shop:**

Den reported he had asked Andy Bennison (online shop provider) to supply XL & XXL size of the summer gloves which Andy had done. Gill reported she continued to advertise the online shop which remains open until the end of May on the Members-Only Facebook page.

**9. Section Leads:**

**a. Dr Bike:**

Jamie reported since 1<sup>st</sup> April they had held four sessions, seen to 44 bikes and received £175.85 in donations. During their last session they had seen to 19 bikes with a team of four mechanics and three other helpers, and this was thought to be a record.

The marvellous growth and development of Dr Bike was acknowledged together with Jamie's commitment and great leadership skills.

It has been remembered that Dr Bike previously ordered Dr Bike polo shirts and caps that were found to be of substandard quality, and the full cost refunded by credit of approx. £300.00 still held with the company. Jamie said he would look into ways of spending this money.

The Dr Bike Team will be facilitating the Bike Marking project at the Seaford Cycle Fest on 10<sup>th</sup> June where Denis and Gill have committed to assist. The remaining kits will be offered at later Dr Bike sessions in Peacehaven where Gill has again committed to assist.

b. Ride Leader Co-ordinator:

Road Rides – 16 (with 3 cancelled).

MTB Rides – 13 (with 0 cancelled).

Richard Carruthers has resumed his Role Leader status, relinquished pre-COVID.

Unfortunately the second Ride Leader meeting booked for the 15<sup>th</sup> May had to be cancelled but Gwydion has now arranged a new date for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June which he will be advertising.

c. Membership Secretary:

Membership now stands at 336, which is ten more than last meeting. Out of those, 9 are renewals and 1 is a new member.

d. Treasurers Report:

Viv announced she will be leaving her Treasurer role at the end of the year. We discussed thinking of people who could fulfil this role and Viv said she wouldn't leave this role if no one came forward but would only offer a very limited input as a committee member.

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Accounts as at 28/04/23

		£	£
<b>Balance B/F (as at 31/03/23)</b>			5245.09
<b>Income</b>			
<i>Received From</i>	<i>Description</i>		
Various	Memberships	48.00	
Various	Jersey Sales	19.00	
Dr Bike		61.85	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>128.85</b>	<b>5373.94</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>			
<i>Paid to</i>	<i>Description</i>		
Selectamark Security	Bike Marking Kits	461.82	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>461.82</b>	<b>4912.12</b>
	<b>Balance</b>		<b>4912.12</b>
	Bank Statement Balance (28/04/23)		<b>4912.12</b>
	Difference +/-		0

Balance Includes	B/F	This Period	Total
Charity Donations	5.00	61.85	66.85
Cicling UK Grant	1079.87	-461.82	618.05
Committed Funds			<b>684.90</b>

10.**DONM**: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7.15pm at The White Lion, Seaford.

11.**AOB**:

Safer Rides - Gill explained some website text additions which was hoped to encourage riders to choose a ride most suited to their ability. In the Ride Leader Information – ‘A Ride Leader may refuse any member or guest from participating on a ride if considered ill equipped, inexperienced, *unable to maintain the specified ride grade*, or may expose others to risk’.

On the Club Calendar - *'Please choose appropriate rides most suited to your ability. Some rides are for the more experienced riders and it might be difficult to accommodate a rider who couldn't keep up. Those who are unsure should choose a ride that stipulates 'Pace set by the slowest rider' or contact the Ride Leader for further discussion as some rides can include a chaperone/help'*.

Gwydion will also ask Ride Leaders to report any problems or disturbances direct to himself so any ongoing issues can be monitored by the committee.

Egrets Way - Denis reported on a May 2023 progress update where the Newhaven to the Piddinghoe Sailing Club phase is now complete, and work was starting on the Rodmell to Ham Lane, Lewes phase. This is expected to be completed by October of this year, and the route incorporates a newly constructed bridleway to meet existing permissive paths build by the Iford Estate. The official Egrets Way route map is being revised to reflect these changes and a celebratory event is being planned for later in the year which it was agreed the Club should attend.

The Safer C7 Project – Den reported the purpose is to encourage appropriate driver behaviour and vehicle speeds for the nature of the road, enabling all road users (including cyclists) to remain safe. It is directed by a collaborative community of volunteers fund raising to commission a specialist traffic consultant to identify issues and suggest traffic calming measures. There are many people and organisations engaged within this project such as the South Downs National Park through to East Sussex County Council.

There is a crowdfund already exceeding £20K with the aim of 40K. The committee agreed this was a worthy cause that would likely benefit many members in the long term, and the sum of £250.00 would be donated. Gill would advise members unaware of the C7 project via the Clubs Facebook page and direct them to the crowdfunding link. Lindsay Stirton being a regular cyclist user of the C7 and recognising its perils has offered to support this project in the role of Club representative.

Newsletter – Clive has reported he will be downsizing the Clubs quarterly newsletter after no one responded to an advert to take it over. He has agreed to continue with committee news only and not the reports, articles

and stories previously supplied by members. The next Newsletter dateline is 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Action Points:

- Gwydion to circulate the new Ride Leaders meeting date, and make necessary amendments on the Club calendar.
- Gill to continue organising the Club vacancy adverts in the Newsletters (Treasurer, A1 Ride Leaders, Newsletter Editor, Article Writer , Campaigns Coordinator).
- Viv to send Gill a brief description of her Treasurers role.
- Viv to donate £250.00 from the Club account to The Safer C7 project.
- Den to complete the April minutes amendment, and forward to Clive to be put on the website.
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