

# Minutes of Ride Leader meeting on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

## Attendees

Marina Friend ; Jeff Palethorpe ; Vicky Palethorpe ; Terry Moles ; Nigel Hickman ; Libby Foster ; Sak Wathanasin ; Jill Seamen ; Peter Seamen ; George Riches ; Carl Lewis ; Bob Tinley ; Helen Tolley ; Mike Thomas ; Alan Jelley

*(A really good turnout of fifteen Ride Leaders – thank you for making the effort and contributing to the meeting)*

## Apologies

Dave Hearn

Items for action written in **Bold Red**

## 1. RIDES SCHEDULE

Rides will comply with the guidelines set out on the Rides Planning Sheet. Will revert to pre-booked Rides only. If more than six riders book then it is okay to split into a second sub-group with a second ride leader. However it is important that at the Meet Location the two sub-groups keep separate otherwise we could be accused of breaking the 'Rule of Six'.

**MEETUP LOCATIONS** - There are a number of potential meet-up locations around the War Memorial Park and each Ride should use a different one when they enter their ride plan on the scheduler. The 'standard' meet-up locations should be.

- Park and Ride Bus Shelter
- Coat of Arms Bridge Road Car Park
- Tennis Courts Cafe

**MEETUP TIMES** – Long rides meet at 09.00, Short Rides meet at 09.15, Intermediate Rides meet at 09.30

**RIDE DISTANCES** – Short Rides are up to 25 miles, Intermediate Rides are 25 to 40 miles, Long Rides are 40+ miles

## RIDES PLANNING SHEET

**We have had a reasonable set of rides planned for the first few weeks of the schedule but we urgently need more rides planned to be able to ramp up to a full rides programme in the near future. If you can plan to do at least one ride a month that would be great. Please take a look at the schedule and see if you are able to lead a ride in the next few weeks.**

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/113vK6-n96tt7nAD1J0S50gkmiSX7XE-gBDFisMy7K54/edit#gid=1014694475>

## CAFES & ROADWORKS

Where possible it would be useful for Ride Leaders to communicate via the WhatsApp group when they find Takeaways Open / Closed and blocked roads.

**Subsequent to the meeting a webpage was setup to maintain a list of available cafes and ongoing road-works information** – <http://coventryctc.org.uk/routes-guidance-advice-on-available-cafes-takeaways-and-roadworks>

## 2. BIKE WEEK

**EXTERNAL ACTIVITIES**– Marina and Vicky are working with Alex (*our local Cycling UK Development Officer*) to setup a number of activities to support Bike Week for members of the Public. **Rides are being entered into the Rides Schedule and they are looking for volunteers to lead those rides – please see if you are able to help.**

**They are looking for routes for additional 5 to 10 mile ‘Step up’ rides which we can use to lead rides in Bike Week, and which we can also publicise to the general public that they can do as self-guided rides outside of Bike Week**

Subsequent to the meeting it a page has been set up to act as a library for the Step-up Rides - <http://coventryctc.org.uk/step-up-rides>

**Additional routes from different locations would be really appreciated to act as encouragement for potential New Riders ... please forward on to Alan. (Please help by sending a map or a link to a mapping tool – unfortunately just a gpx file is of no use to a member of the public getting into cycling who won't have a navigation device)**

To support the initiative to encourage people to get on the bikes a new section has been added into the website labelled ‘New Rider?’ - <http://coventryctc.org.uk/new-rider>

**INTERNAL ACTIVITIES** – Peter Seamen is running a scheme for Club Members to challenge themselves to ride 100 miles in the week. This acts as a ‘sort-of’ replacement for the Centenary 100-mile ride. Club Members registering with him will receive a link to a ‘Google Docs Worksheet for them to record their rides over the Bike Week period

### **3. THURSDAY RIDES**

Nigel Hickman will be running the occasional Thursday Ride. Also looking for other Ride Leaders prepared to also lead rides on a Thursday. Will aim to find meet up in a range of locations closer to the city centre than the Tuesday rides. In addition will probably meet up and then ride on rather than the Tuesday model of stopping for a social / coffee before riding.

**Please contact Nigel if you are interested in riding with him and/or also leading a Thursday ride.**

### **4. OFFROAD RIDES**

Will probably aim to start up an occasional Off road Ride further into Summer. Maybe discuss at the next Ride Leader meeting.

**Libby might be prepared to offer an Off-road ride over the Bike Week**

Libby has some mainly off-road routes. Acknowledged that it is difficult in our area to get a route which is primarily Off-road. Alan has already looked at a couple in the Southam area. **If anyone else has any then please send them to Alan** ...it would be great to build up a library of routes -

<http://coventryctc.org.uk/sample-offroad-rides>

### **5. AIR AMBULANCE COLLECTION**

Jeff Palethorpe is now acting as the focal point for the collection.

**He is interested in handling more of the money via Bank Transfer rather than as coins. Please contact him if you think you might be able to do that.**

### **6. WOMENS GROUP**

The Womens Group are planning on running Women's rides in the Schedule on the first Sunday of each month starting in May.

Additionally are thinking of restarting with Pop Up rides, advertised on their Whatsapp group, possibly on a Wednesday or Thursday.

Also considering of maybe doing Evening Pop-up rides.

**Contact Vicky &/or Marina for more details or to volunteer.**

## **7. RIDE LEADER TEAM**

15 attendees at the meeting is very good however it would be great to ensure that all the Ride Leaders are keeping engaged as we need everyone to help with getting the club running back to normal and also able to meet the exciting opportunities we have to grow the club, expand our activities and encourage cycling in our area

**Alan Jelley to contact those Ride Leaders who were not able to make the meeting to ensure that they are well, safe and able and prepared to continue to support the club through 2021.**