

Road Ride Leaders Sub Committee

29/08/2017

6.30pm

Attendees: Rebecca Pengelly, Bryan Millings, Trevor Monk , Simon Rooke, Andy Greaves, Andy Birch, Justin Stanbrook

Minutes

Discussion:

Updates from previous meeting

Conclusions:

Discussion about changes to the committee due to a space opening and everyone felt that Andy would be an excellent candidate and addition to the committee.

Update about kit and how ideas discussed in previous meeting impacted on actions in the committee. Awaiting update in committee meeting next week. Likely to be looking at a change of kit manufacturer due to issues with kit quality. It was made clear that the design would not be changed.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Feedback to forum about the outcome from the committee	Becky/ Bryan	Next forum meeting

Discussion:

Group riding issues and leadership

Discussion ensued about reviewing the changes to rides and to the speeds. 12 to 14 and 14 to 16 have been the largest. Still concerns raised about the amount of people on rides and what the solution could be.

All rides have gone out in the last two weeks.

It was felt the changes have spread the rides and that it was the correct decision to disband the leisure ride as very few riders (8) are riding.

There is still a lack of ride leaders at all levels of riding and there is a heavy reliance on the same individuals to lead.

Some concern about the lack of discipline and road sense of some of the club riders. It was felt that there needed to be more verbal reminders by ride leaders at the beginning of the rides about how people should ride. Concern was voiced about having to tell people what to do or tell them off but it was felt necessary that club riders needed reminding about discipline and road sense and that it is everyone's responsibility to remind people about road safety or about the club reputation if we are causing an obstruction to motorists.

Alternative start rides have been fairly successful and have had a good turn out. Feedback was positive on all rides that have gone out and most commented that they learnt a new route.

Still people who are new are coming down on a Wednesday ride. Is this still being advertised on our website?

Discussed:

- Single file on the embankment and not sitting two abreast This should be on all club rides including the Wednesday night ride
- We should not sit in a long line one abreast on smaller roads. The group needs to be split and all riders need to be aware that the responsibility lies with them not only the leader to do so especially when roads are busy in the summer.
- General briefing should include expectations and which ride members are joining before they leave B and Q as we have had several people join rides which were at an incorrect pace.

Conclusions:

Continue to monitor sizes of groups and offer perhaps 2 rides at 14 to 16 if this is where the most people are riding at. Accommodate one slightly more hilly route or shorter route so there is a significant different. It was agreed that there should be still an element of flexibility.

It was felt that in the winter there should be bridging rides so some people can step up easily into the next ride if they want to. Some felt they would like to step up but if the ride was going to go at the top end of speed then they would not be able to. This could be advertised in advance (as per last year).

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ continue to monitor the numbers on rides and feedback to forum and committee	Bryan and Becky	Next forum
✓ Encourage traditional ride leader to lead bridging rides	All on forum	ASAP/ winter
✓ All ride leaders need to ensure that they brief on their expectations of riders on the ride to ensure that people are clear on safety and discipline	All ride leaders	ASAP

Discussion:

Several ideas were discussed about having alternative rides and also some trips to other places these included:

Morlaix: Catch the ferry and cycle for the day and then catch it back. Discussion about logistics and those who go and how many cars were needed.

Benidorm trip: Speak to Forbes as this was a well received trip and was well placed at the end of November 2018.

Alternative starts like Exeter: Steve Sendall looking at leading a ride around Exeter for the club

Joining with other clubs for the day that are local to complete routes e.g. exchanges for a day.

Bryan spoke about a north Devon trip and also a Bristol trip.

Alternative roadie MTB rides which are focused on less technical routes and not on the same day as the Fun rides, especially for those that have signed up for Tour de Moor.

Lands End trip where a mini bus and trailer can be hired to pick up people at the end.

Conclusions:

All agreed that uptake may be higher if it was only one day away

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Discussion with committee about likely dates and then look at how trips and links to clubs can be made	RP and BM	Sept 2017
✓ Approach Steve Sendall about Exeter ride and add to calendar	Bryan	Advertise asap
✓ Speak to Chris Glazier and Steve Clare about organizing French weekend trip to discuss logistics etc	Bryan	ASAP
