

Spokes Monthly Meeting



Date: 1 November 2017 **Venue:** The Blackbird, Bagnor
Present: Mike Butler, Ed Cooper, Graham Hunt, Josh Kerry, Gordon Oliver, William Pitt
Apologies: Caroline Lane

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1.	Christmas Meal <ul style="list-style-type: none">To be held at The Red House, Marsh BenhamEvening of 13th December was the preferred dateCL to book	CL
2.	Spokes Member Survey <ul style="list-style-type: none">GH sent out the survey to all members asking if they still wanted to be members and invited to provide feedback on what they felt Spokes could do better and how they could spend their funds.After much chasing, we have heard back from the majority of members – some have moved, some passed on and some indicated that they no longer want to be members.Membership is currently around the 100 mark, down from 167.Lots of good feedback received, which we need to go through.GH to divide up in a sensible way and send out to the rest of the committee to analyse.	GH
3.	Cycle Maintenance Classes <ul style="list-style-type: none">Someone asked if we ran cycle maintenance classes.A previous session at Ace Space had been successful.Unfortunately, we are limited by the terms of our public liability insurance.The committee was concerned about tackling ‘basket case’ bikes where you could not tackle all the issues.Reading Bike Kitchen has had to temporarily close while they look for new premises.Cycling UK does not run anything locally.It was agreed that Spokes would approach Newbury College about setting up an evening class.	CL
4.	Wayfinding Audit <ul style="list-style-type: none">One of the actions from the Cycle Forum was for GO and Matt Stagg to look	

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	<p>at cycle wayfinding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ They have audited Newbury Town Centre to the top of Faraday Road. Found lots of issues (e.g. destinations not signed, competing systems, cycling info not on fingerposts or monoliths, missing signs, lack of consistency between leaflet / CycleStreets / signage). ▪ Will present results to next Cycle Forum in December as a case study. ▪ Will look to do the whole Newbury to Thatcham corridor – works can be funded from the NCN42 budget. ▪ It was agreed that WBC should pay for this work – a rate of £20 per hour was suggested. GO to suggest this at Cycle Forum. 	GO
5.	<p>Kennet & Avon Towpath Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ GO has contacted the Canal and River Trust (CRT) to raise concerns about the state of the K&A towpath out towards Marsh Benham and east of Colthrop. ▪ Cllr Ardagh-Walter is supportive: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Invited CRT to next Cycle Forum – Suggested that a more detailed audit of the route ▪ Spokes are concerned that this needs to be carefully managed. ▪ Do we wait for Newbury to Thatcham to be completed first? ▪ JK to talk to Paul Hendry and Kennet & Avon Trust ▪ EC to see if there is a CRT trustee with responsibility for cycling 	JK EC
6.	<p>Spokes Jerseys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JK circulated the latest design – all were happy. ▪ JK to order 31 jerseys in a range of sizes. 	JK
7.	<p>Bank Account</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Looking to migrate from Co-Op to Metro ▪ Need to identify any donors with standing orders to old account and send list to GH. 	JK
8.	<p>Council Projects Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ NCN422: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Consultation complete. – 55 people responded – majority in favour. – Lots of good points raised – including the need to reduce speed limit to 30mph. ▪ Hermitage to Hamstead Marshall <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Highways England has offered to construct the route – Feasibility study nearly complete 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ealing Estates have agreed lease terms in principle. - Need to consider the rest of the route. - Possibility of some S206 contributions at Compton. - Chris Marriage has spoken to landowners – mixed response with some blockers. - Possible alternative route available – need to spend money on feasibility study – EC to approach Greenham Common Trust. 	EC
9.	<p>Bike Count Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not all results back yet – will report at next meeting. <p>Dr Bike Feedback</p>	WP
10.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Disappointing - very few customers on the day, despite promotion. <p>Blind Tandem Appeal</p>	
11.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ JK spoke to Berkshire Blind Society and volunteered to help if needed. <p>AOB</p>	
12.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Member communications: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was agreed that we need to process the feedback from the member survey before making changes. ▪ Meeting Schedule for 2018: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Agreed to have a trial of meeting in the same venue each month. - Will try King Charles Tavern for January to March – update website. ▪ Social Bike Rides: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Low attendance on this year’s rides. - Could be due to competition with Paul Hendry and Banjo rides. - Facebook events could offer better promotion than Let’s Ride. - Are titles descriptive enough on Let’s Ride. - Need to review distance – 20-30 miles in between PH / Banjo. - Ride leaders need to be more sociable at start and on ride. ▪ Use of Spokes lock-up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Martha has asked if community apple pressers can store their equipment in the Spokes lock-up. - There was some concern about third parties having access. - Also quite damp, so mould is a problem. - On balance it was felt that the space should not be shared. 	GO

Next meeting: 03 January 2018 @ 7.00pm

Venue: King Charles Tavern, Cheap Street, Newbury