

# Spokes Monthly Meeting



**Date:** 7 February 2018                      **Venue:** The Lion, Newbury

**Present:** Ron Brown, Josh Kerry, Caroline Lane, Gordon Oliver, William Pitt, Tony Vickers

Ref	Item	Action
1.	<b>Membership Secretary Role</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>RB was unanimously voted in as membership secretary by those present.</li><li>GO to set RB up with a Spokes email and arrange a formal handover from Graham.</li><li>There were a number of suggestions for future membership activities, including a mailshot to local businesses and engaging cyclists on the street and asking them to sign up via a tablet.</li></ul>	<b>GO</b>
2.	<b>Bank Account</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>JK highlighted that in order to allow Metro Bank to transfer the bank account, both needed to be registered to the same address. JK to get the form – GO &amp; WP to sign.</li></ul>	<b>JK, GO, WP</b>
3.	<b>February Cycle Count</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The next count is scheduled for week beginning 19 Feb, which is just after half-term.</li><li>The count is undertaken between Tuesday and Thursday.</li><li>WP to send out an email to members asking for volunteers to help.</li></ul>	<b>WP</b>
4.	<b>Social Rides</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>WP has prepared a full schedule starting in March.</li><li>GO to prepare leaflet, put on the website and promote via social media.</li><li>WP to print out copies of the programme to distribute to people on request.</li></ul>	<b>GO</b> <b>WP</b>
5.	<b>Bike Maintenance Training</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Spokes has received some requests to run bike maintenance classes. Although our insurance limits us to carrying out adjustments rather than repairs on other people's bikes, there is no reason why we can't show people how to carry out routine tasks such as mending a puncture, tuning gears, or adjusting brakes.</li><li>It was suggested that a Saturday in April would be a good time.</li><li>TV to check availability with Ace Space.</li></ul>	<b>TV</b>

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6.	<b>Jerseys</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JK to place order: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 5 small</li> <li>– 12 medium</li> <li>– 13 large</li> <li>– 5 extra large</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7.	<b>General Data Protection Regulation</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CL circulated a version prepared by TABS – GO to review and amend the Spokes version as necessary.</li> </ul>	<b>GO</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All to review draft document and provide feedback to GO.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
8.	<b>Towpath</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Cycle Forum had met with the Canal and River Trust – it was a very positive meeting, but the scale of the works needed is huge.</li> <li>▪ S106 from the racecourse development is available for the Newbury to Thatcham section.</li> <li>▪ Spokes has been asked to nominate priority sections. It was agreed that any localised sections of severe erosion should be addressed as a matter of urgency, with the section between Marsh Benham, and Bridge 66 be the priority for widening and resurfacing.</li> <li>▪ West Berks Public Rights of Way Team had nominated a section in Kintbury, but this is not a cycle route, so it is not a priority for Spokes.</li> </ul>	
9.	<b>NCN422 / WBC Cycling Capital Programme</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JK highlighted problems at Martingale Chase and Skylings where the gas pipeline was not buried sufficiently deeply to be able to create an on-carriageway cycle lane, so a hybrid cycle route was proposed, which would be at an intermediate level between carriageway and footway. This was agreed to be a pragmatic solution.</li> <li>▪ JK provided an update on Hampstead Norreys to Hermitage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Highways England has done the safety audit</li> <li>– Detailed design work is complete</li> <li>– Spokes to write to WBC requesting a policy to safeguard the rest of the Newbury to Didcot line within West Berks from future development.</li> <li>– BT is diverting telegraph poles.</li> <li>– The route is scheduled to open summer 2019.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ The issue of the link between New Greenham Business Park and Greenham</li> </ul>	<b>CL</b>

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	Common was highlighted – there is gravel and no dropped kerb. CL to talk to Chris Bolton to see if he can improve it.	<b>CL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ JK mentioned that the path through City Park between Andover Road and Rectory Close would be converted to a cycle track shortly.</li> </ul>	
<b>9.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CL mentioned that Falkland Primary School want to start an after-school cycling club and that balance bike sessions were being run for reception pupils in primary schools.</li> <li>▪ JK indicated that WBC was working with several schools to provide cycle parking, making use of available developer contributions.</li> <li>▪ TV said that he had objected to a planning application for the primary school proposed near Newbury College – it would serve the whole of Newbury and Thatcham, but cycle links were poor. Also, the applicant was appealing for the Burghfield Lakes development – TV felt that the developer should pay for cycle improvements to be carried out on links to Theale.</li> </ul>	

**Next meeting: 07 March 2018 @ 7.00pm**

**Venue: The Lion PH, West Street, Newbury, RG14 1BD**