

# Wellesborne Wheelers

Cycling in and around Wellesbourne, Warwickshire



## Inaugural Meeting

*1930 Wednesday 20 January 2016 - held at The Stag's Head*

### AGENDA

Introduction and Welcome  
Club Formation  
Website & Members' Forum  
CycleRoute Warks Shop  
Emergency Communication/Publicity  
New Kit  
Summary and Close

**Gary Gristwood**  
**John Sulley**  
**Rob Gullen**  
**Chris Steele**  
**Trevor Shaw**  
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### MINUTES

#### Background

At an earlier meeting in the same venue on 28 October 2015, it was decided to change the "casual status" (of what was to become Wellesborne Wheelers CC) into a fully affiliated cycle club. This concept had been publicised in two main ways:

- via emails from Gary to all regular riders and guests
- through local advertising and publicity

Regular riders had expressed enthusiasm for the idea and this was evident from the large turnout on 20 January 2016. It was felt that becoming a fully fledged cycling club with its own website would encourage more new members.

Consequently a "pre-meeting" meeting had been convened by Gary on 6 January 2016 to discuss the general principles and to make some key proposals such as forming a committee, annual fees etc (*See minutes of 6 January 2016*). A key decision was the need for insurance cover for members and this was debated at length. This consideration & proposals were then be discussed at the meeting of 20 January 2016

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## **Inaugural Meeting 20 January 2016**

**Attendees :** Gary Gristwood, Trevor Shaw, John Sulley, Rob Gullen, Tim Fenton, Mike Wallace, Steve Bates, Gordon Wood, Peter Wallis, Martin Le Tocq, Andy Spink, Daniel Risher, Les Oakeshott, Paul Barnett, Andy Skyte, Simon Smith-Hamilton, Ollie Cannon, Graham Band, Helen Muir, Philip Muir, Anthony Pipe, Audrey Sibert, Chris Steele (Cycle Route Works, Guest Speaker)

### **1 Welcome and Introduction – Gary**

Gary welcomed existing riders and several potential new members (Identified as NTC (New To Club)). He explained in detail the thinking behind formation of the club and the necessity to have its first committee. This committee had been formed with a membership as follows

Gary Gristwood – Chairman  
Trevor Shaw - Club Secretary  
Rob Gullen -Webmaster  
John Sulley -Treasurer  
Wendy Skyte - Women's Section Leader

There were no suggested changes or additions to the agenda which had been circulated prior to the inaugural meeting and which are covered below

All the above roles would be subject to an annual re-election, and for the Chairman as a 3 years before a new election is needed

### **2 Club Formation – John**

John outlined the pros and cons of various types of affiliation and that CTC affiliation had been selected as being the best for WWCC. In particular the need for adequate insurance to protect Ride Leaders and others. It was emphasised that Individuals still needed their own Third Party Liability insurance. Most Household insurance policies would normally cover the type of riding envisaged for WWCC members. John strongly advised all existing members need to check their own Household policies as this cover was a pre-condition to joining WWCC

### **3 Website and Members Forum – Rob**

Rob provided an on-line demonstration of the WWCC website which was now fully operational. The new website provided a wealth of information and most importantly it enabled riders to instantly check out the main questions i.e. Is the ride on this week? Where is the ride going? Where and at what time are we meeting? etc

Rob explained the main features of the website such as the ride library, events, forum, maintenance, and enquiry form. The website had been developed to an advanced stage and members were shown that they could also join on-line through a secure payment application (and were reminded to join ASAP!). The final “icing on the cake” was the weather forecast for Wellesbourne area which was streamed from the airfield.

Rob's great work in developing a comprehensive WWCC website in such a short timescale was appreciated by everyone who had been involved. Therefore he was presented with a small memento by Trevor on behalf of the committee at the end of his presentation

During a Q & A session before the break the only query was raised by Peter Wallis regarding the number of guest rides before deciding whether to join WWCC. Peter felt that allowing a guest rider just one ride before making a decision to join (or not) was insufficient. Gary explained that a long discussion had taken place before the decision was made. It was felt the low joining fee of £5 was not a crucial factor for new potential members about deciding after just one ride.

*[However his point was taken on board and discussed afterwards by the committee. As a result the number of guest rides was increased to two]*

#### **4 Cycle Routes Shop - Chris Steele**

Chris, the manager at the newly opened cycle shop outlined the background to opening the shop in Wellesbourne. It was felt that Wellesbourne area already had a large number of local riders and this would only grow further. He outlined the range of bikes for sale, the 10% discount for WWCC members, and finally the range of in-house services such as bike repairs

#### **5 Emergency Communication / Publicity – Trevor**

Trevor explained the need to address the (hopefully infrequent) need to get in touch with riders in case of emergency. Many riders carried mobiles but there was always a potential risk of a mobile being left behind or out of charge. So in future all ride leaders would carry the “WWCC” mobile whose number would be published on the new website

Trevor also distributed quantities of the new WWCC flyer which had just been printed. Its format and small size made it perfect for public display e.g. in Libraries or other public organizations. Members were encouraged to circulate these flyers to friends and others who may be interested, and there are a lot in stock.

#### **6 New WWCC Kit – Mike and Wendy**

Mike and Wendy bravely volunteered to showcase the new cycle kit sponsored by John’s Warwick Energy company. They both looked magnificent – what else can we say! Kits were then handed out to all Thursday riders who attended, anything unclaimed was put back into stock. Although the kit was supplied FOC to members the Committee felt that a modest donation to charity would be a good way for members to show their appreciation. Envelopes for these donations were included with the new kit which and should be returned to Gary.

#### **7 Summary and Close**

Gary thanked everyone for attending and the wish to see the club grow and prosper particularly it was hoped within the ladies section

#### **8 Date of next meeting**

No immediate date previewed, will be advised in due course

Trevor Shaw  
Club Secretary WWCC  
26 January 2016