

PENNINE MOUNTAIN BIKE ACTION

Meeting Notes

13 December 2010

1. Introductions

- a. Welcomed Adrian Watts of Rossendale Road Club to the group

2. Membership

- a. Agreed that individual membership at £15 with benefits as outlined (a couple of keen boys joined on the spot!)
- b. Constituent groups of PMBA should become 'founder members' without charge. This is specifically for insurance and access to training organised through PMBA e.g. Healy Nab, Cycle Junkies etc.
- c. Corporate membership – to get momentum will write to companies we already know well asking for a £100 donation to become founder members. Objective being 10 corporate member in first 6 months (Action Andy)
- d. Need to develop membership forms and such like. Could do with someone to get involved with the admin. Andy to detail what needs doing (Action Andy)
- e. A key point was that we can't really launch membership until we have a dedicated website. Jon offered to chat to James and help progress. Key action was to determine the "essential" and "nice to have" elements of the site and timescales for their development. This should enable prioritisation of what should be developed (Action Jon). Was agreed that a simple site with key information should go up as soon as reasonably possible.

3. Insurance

- a. Agreed to take up insurance to provide public liability cover for volunteers groups working on trail maintenance. LCC supporting the cost of this. Inform Ian and get insurance in place. (Action Andy)
- b. This insurance required at least one person in each group to have first aid training. Again LCC supporting the costs. Agreed that we will ask round mailing list and facebook to get list of folk interested. It was agreed that at the same time we would ask about other levels of training inc Trail maintenance and build, MBR leadership and Bike maintenance. TS confirmed that SingletrAction would be keen for its members to be able to attend such training opportunities as well. (Action Andy M)

4. WPM report/Wilderswood

- a. The WPM report has been circulated for comment. All impressed by its look. As to Wilderswood we are awaiting a meet over there and Lesley has offered to help look at funding options. (Action Ian/James)

5. Lee Quarry update and Lee Quarry Trail Group
 - a. Tony gave an update on the plans for Lee and surrounding areas. Basically now the link is done next up is more work in Lee (Tony still thinking through exactly what's needed) then he's looking at the link to Facit Quarry, trails there and then developing Langate and Moss Quarries.
 - b. Once insurance is in place we can get the volunteer trail group going.

6. Events inc proposed launch event
 - a. Tony updated on Shimano Singletrack Weekender (09 & 10 July 2011). Looks good and shows the sponsorship potential.
 - b. Launch event. After membership and website sorted.

7. Communications, Website, wish list and 'stock take'
 - a. Website as mentioned above – wish list and stock take flow from that
 - b. Talked about printed trail maps and looked at the Grizedale pocket map as an example of what can be done. Ultimately would like a set of such map covering the Pennine area. Tony is looking into getting a 'pilot' map funded. (Action Tony)

8. Finance needs, sponsorship and fund raising
 - a. We have identified some funding needs and things should be clear in Feb as we understand what can be supported with existing funding and what we might want to bid for. Aim to submit a Sport England bid then.
 - b. Sponsorship links with the corporate membership donations mentioned above. We have had a couple of donations offered already.
 - c. As to Trail sponsorship Tony is still in discussions as detailed at last meeting.

9. Affiliations and relations with other bodies – SingletrAction, NWMB, IMBA
 - a. Tim reiterated SingletrAction's support and offer of close involvement. The key thing here is that we utilise the strengths of both groups to get more trails across Lancashire and Yorkshire.
 - b. We have had an open offer of support and guidance from North Wales Mountain Bike Association. All agreed that there is great potential for groups like ours to work closely together.
 - c. Awaiting update from IMBA

Attendees: Andy MacNae, Adrian Watts, Bill Oulds, Ronnie Barker, Tony Lund, Tim Sellors, Craig Robertson, Jon Swift