**CTC North Yorkshire**

**CTCNY AGM 30/04/23 - Cyclists Rights and Planning Report**.

The CTC is a Statutory Consultee for changes to Public Rights of Way, but HQ rarely respond to these Consultations or send them out to local Membership Groups.

Our Area is technically the whole of North Yorkshire Council Area. It is an impossible task for us to keep abreast of all proposed changes to PROW, the Road Network and planning proposals affecting cyclists.

We try to take some appropriate action if we become aware of any issues, sometimes involving contact with other Member Groups and similar Groups.

We really need more members to help with this work. Perhaps other Local Member Groups could look out for relevant consultations in their Areas.

I have become an official Cycling UK Representative, but I have not yet contacted other Representatives in our Area to find out their interests,

The published proposals to dual York’s Outer Ring Road incorporated some of our suggestions for design improvements for cyclists. We did not object to the entire scheme, but we did seek some design changes. We now wait to see how they will deal with all the various Objections they received. There may be a Public Inquiry, which will further delay the scheme which was first considered when the original road was being built.

You may recall the Inspector approved the closure of part of Leeman Road by the NRM but said the Walkway Agreement through the NRM presented at the Inquiry was not fit for purpose. The Inspector also agreed that improvements to the Riverside Route to improve flood resilience were desirable.

The NRM revised their plans for the closure, retaining more of the current road for disabled access, but refuse to publish the details of their new Walkway Agreement.

Ward Councilors are still seeking to be involved with the details of the Agreement but are being rebuffed.

A Consultation on the Riverside Route received over 400 responses, but the limited money available suggested some improved lighting and CCTV in places, but no flood resilience measures unless they can source further funds.

Any progress on possibly dualling the A64 between Barton Hill & the Hopgrove roundabout has been pushed back at least another 5 years, but there may be work behind the scenes, following last year’s consultation on the various schemes on offer.

The Trans Pennine Trail Selby Link has been mainly resurfaced and the removal of some trees will improve drainage and reduce damage from tree roots.

In York the condition of Stockton Lane and many other routes are still deteriorating, creating dangers for cyclists. It needs a determined effort to report potholes and problems with the edges of the carriageway by the York Cycle Campaign and all cyclists. We attended the launch of their ’42 ways to transform York’ in January.

David Nunns - CTC NY Rights and Planning Officer

**Events Secretary’s Report to 2023 AGM**

For simplicity, this report covers the events during the calendar year of 2022. The awards lunch in February 2022 was attended by 39 people, and our guests were Cat Dixon and Rachel Marsden (Tandem WoW) who told us all about their record breaking round the world tandem ride. We were able to run a full calendar of events, after the disruption of the two previous years due to the coronavirus pandemic.

2022 was the 43nd year of the awards scheme (I have not counted 2020). We had a total of 195 different riders taking part in our events, completing a total of 310 rides. 15 events were organised, which included multiple rides on the same day. The most popular day was again for the Stamford Bridge rides on 13th August, with a total of 70 completing the rides. The biggest number on any one event was 47 on the 150km Audax ride on 13th August from Stamford Bridge to Flamborough Head.

The total number of riders was higher than recent years, and we had 27 people who completed 3 or more events, earning them an award. This is the highest number since 2015. 10 of them earned a medal for the first time. We had a new name on the Peter Rowntree Trophy, which was won by Graeme Matthew from Helmsley, with 9 qualifying rides.

After poor attendances in recent years, Paul Marr has decided not to organise the Scarborough ride in 2023, and this has been dropped from the programme. However, a new 200km event has been added from Stamford Bridge.

The scheme can only operate through the efforts of the Audax and Standard Rides organisers, and thanks are due to Keith Benton, Nick Folkard, Don Low, Paul Marr, Bryan Stanton and Andrew Richardson.

The other events which ran during the year include the Annual Coxwold service, again capably organised by Judy Webb. This was back to it’s usual date on the 2nd Sunday in May, after postponements due to the pandemic in the last 2 years. This has now been running continuously for 96 years, and includes a great spread of food, provided by the local villagers. This is widely supported by cyclists from East and West Yorkshire and Teesside as well as North Yorkshire. Judy was grateful for help received from Teesside CTC members, and hopefully this cooperation will continue in future years. Please do come along in 2023. This is one of only 2 remaining cyclists services to commemorate those cyclists who have contributed to the efforts in two world wars, and other conflicts. We also held the Celebration of Christmas at Tockwith, organised by Keith Benton and Tom Beever. New caterers, recruited by Nick Folkard, put on a lovely spread for us for lunch in the village hall, followed by the service in the church. Thanks to all those involved in organising the event, and to the soloist, Cathy White and organist, Peter Main. There was a good turnout of cyclists from North Yorkshire and from other CTC groups and affiliated clubs.

50 people attended the Awards Lunch in February 2023, which was the highest for a number of years. Our guest speaker was Brian Deegan, Director of Inspections at Active Travel England.

Thank you to all of the riders who have participated in events during 2022. I look forward to seeing even more in 2023. Andrew Richardson

**CTC Thirsk Ladies Annual Report to North Yorkshire CTC AGM 30th April 2023**

Our cycling year began with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions, providing opportunities, at last, to see friends and family, and travel. At first there seemed little time to cycle. We had a ride out lunch in December and an evening meal in January and despite what seemed like constantly wet Tuesdays, the loss of Cafes that were open on Tuesdays, members sickness and injuries; as a group we have developed and now have 15 members who are all on email.

Currently we have four registered ride leaders and two prospective ones together with a BC member who leads rides under supervision.

We re-evaluated what we wanted at the same time as some riders from the folded Tootlers group and from this, a new mixed group has arisen in Thirsk, under the flag of Sowerby Sunday Club. Meeting on Sundays for a day's ride, at a regular speed of 12.5 miles per hour has enabled some Thirsk Ladies to ride with their husbands.

Jacqueline Mountford-Green