

CTC Cornwall Annual Report 2008

For presentation to Annual General Meeting 11am 16th November 2008

History

Cornwall has not had an active DA for some years. Early this year the CTC National Office arranged and publicised a meeting to bring members together to consider if there was a need for something in this area. The meeting at Wheal Martyn on 2nd March formed a single Cornwall Member Group - the new term used for DAs. A committee was elected for the period up to the Annual General Meeting.

The committee formed at Wheal Martyn had to be reorganised after a few weeks to fill the Secretary post and appoint a new Publicity Officer and Webmaster. The committee was strengthened with an area representative for the Launceston area where regular rides had begun.

Communications

A lot of progress has been made in providing communication facilities for the committee and for members.

Online

Initially a closed Yahoo forum was set up for committee business and this has been successful as a repository for contact details, minutes and similar information and to allow discussion outside the regular meetings.

Our Webmaster had a simple "notice" website up very quickly and brought a full website into use on 7th October. This was enhanced on 12th November with a Forum facility. You are strongly encouraged to register with the Forum and to make regular visits.

Meetings

The committee held meetings in April, May, June and October.

Mailing

The basic notice required for this meeting is a listing in the Cycle magazine. In addition we have had a mention in the CTC electronic newsletter and every member received a letter at the start of this month. The final printing and mailing of the letter was carried out by National Office without any impact on our funds. In addition to giving additional notice of this meeting we used this mailing to encourage members to update their email addresses at National Office and to publicise our website.

Other communications

Our contact details have been listed in Cycle and on the website since the spring. This has resulted a small number of direct contacts.

The Secretary had communications with Audax Kernow about DATC points and listing

of their rides in Cycle.

There were a number of emails exchanged with Falmouth Wheelers members just before the Penzance ride - raising the question of advance notice to clubs about proposed rides.

Publicity

We have distributed printed publicity from National Office to cycle shops and to interested cyclists who have made contact.

Rides

There have been regular rides from Launceston since 13th April. Over the summer there were Thursday evening rides as well as the regular Sunday rides.

In September we ran a Sunday ride from Penzance station to St Just with some participants going along the coast towards St Ives. This was ride was well enjoyed and we hope to run further rides of this sort in the area.

We ran a successful first off-road ride from Elm Farm Portreath to Devoran and back at the start of this month.

Future directions

CTC Cornwall organised rides

There is a regular ongoing program in the Launceston area. If regular rides are wanted in other areas, ride leaders are needed.

Working with other clubs

Coordination with Audax Kernow and other clubs would be sensible and advantageous all round. The CTC Cornwall website has links to other clubs so the web-literate cyclist should have no difficulty finding out what is going on. In addition Cycle carries contact details in every issue. There might be an advantage in having a closed Yahoo group for nominated contacts or provided some other framework for cooperation.

Right to ride

The Secretary has made initial contacts with National Office about Right to Ride activity in Cornwall. It is essentially separate from the Member Group but there is an intention that the Member Group should be aware of the activities of the Right to Ride representatives. This needs to be followed up in the coming months.