

5 February 2007, Meeting Report

Thanks to all who came to the February meeting, to Germaine for chairing, and to our guest speakers for their contributions. The meeting was very well attended. Apologies for it being a bit of a squeeze. Thanks too for your financial contributions which are essential to making it possible.

Special events

Police Speakers

PC Malcolm Thomson gave an informative talk on how to keep your bike safe. In brief his advice concerned ways to make your bike a tough target, improve the security of home storage, and an outline of security options to help retrieve stolen property. (A more detailed version of his advice may be worth incorporating into the *Articles* section of our website.)

PC Gerard Morgan described the practice and equipment used by Cardiff's cycle police team, including a demonstration of the police bike siren.

Show and Tell

Germaine led a brief discussion of cycle safety and security equipment. Highlights included glowing vests, wind-up lights, trouser clips, and mini-lights. If anyone has more details of items they brought along, including where we can get them, please send them to Nick at ndcanham@yahoo.co.uk.

Group business

In a sense, we have reached the end of the cycle of events and meetings that we established in November 2006. These have all gone well, and the success of the next round of events will depend on similar planning.

In principle, we have decided to hold a one-off event on the weekend of 25 March with a view to publicizing our activities: provisionally a ride ending in Bute Park with a picnic. Paul Hurley has offered to prepare a simple flyer for the event. However, time didn't really allow for a full discussion. For this reason, I suggest that we return to the launch event idea at the 5 March meeting, and that we also finalize the schedule for the April, May, and June meetings then.

In the meantime, if you have any ideas that you would like to raise before the March meeting, please send them to Nick at ndcanham@yahoo.co.uk. Alternatively, they can be posted to the Cycle Cardiff forum at uk.groups.yahoo.com/group/cyclecardiff.

NEXT MEETING: Bike Week and event planning, 5 March, Chapter Arts

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