



MTB workgroup meetings since the last board meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> April, and informal meeting to discuss Lee Quarry session details.

#### Regional MTB Sessions

Good progress has been made with the Regional sessions.

Two of the planned MTB sessions took place, plus additional sessions at Delamere:

**Delamere Forest** has issues of overuse following its popularity during lockdown and Forestry England's reluctance to sanction riding away from the non-technical gravel tracks shared with walkers. We decided not to start the sessions with Delamere but aim to use the forest later in the year. – Now run 2 holiday camps there after gaining permissions from Forestry England. These were run by Matt Funnell and John Wych along the exact same lines as the other 2 sessions.

Separate to this, Forestry England are working in Delamere Forest to deliver Breeze into the forest. We hoping to link Breeze into the Forest with FunMBL (Fundamental Mountain Bike Leadership), a new very basic course run by BC.

Matt Funnell and his team will be incorporating the FunMBL with Breeze into the Forest and their current activities. This bring all aspects pf activity together. Thanks to John for facilitating this.

**Lee Quarry** used for the 1<sup>st</sup> session on **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**. Hosted by Adrian and was the 1<sup>st</sup> event. Sold out, was really successful and Adrian is happy to lead more. We've left it until the autumn as the summer is packed with events and races.

**Rivington / Healey Nab** used for the 2<sup>nd</sup> on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June**. Meeting at the Rivington Barn (Go Ape) car park another great success and a sell-out. Parents brought bikes and followed the sessions riding and helping or taking part as needed.

These events were fun and loved by children and parents. We'll repeat these in the autumn and hope they can become self-sustaining. The money goes to the organiser's clubs to cover any costs and start a fun to pay for coaching qualifications or volunteers travel etc.

Thanks to John Wych has been a great help with setting up and delivery of these sessions.

#### MTB Coaching and Ride Leaders

There is a need to look at incentives for new MTB coaches, the proposed sessions are a way to achieve this with opportunities for parents to get involved. Jack Humphreys planned to run a CPD for MTB coaches at Lee Quarry, however it was cancelled due to poor take up.

An identified issue is around requiring ride leader status to move riders between coaching stations. This is being looked at by BC staff.

FUNMBL from BC is now open for participants.

#### Coaching Opportunities

John Wych is liaising with BC Education for Level 1 coaching and L2 MTB specific coach course opportunities.

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