

# **Leisure Commission**

## **2020 Overview**

The Cycling Ireland Leisure Commission continues to make progress having been re-established in February 2018. It remains comprised of a core group of members, representing each of the provinces. It is vital that Cycling Ireland hears from the leisure members through the Commission. In 2020 the Leisure Commission have had a number of virtual meetings, where the interests of the leisure community are discussed. In 2020 this was mainly to discuss health and safety issues as a result of Covid-19 and HSE regulations and guidelines, as much of our 2020 plans were disrupted. The Commission provided assistance to Cycling Ireland in identifying issues and putting forward numerous proposals with regard to the safety of members and event organisers due to the pandemic. Members of the L.C. made themselves directly available to some event organisers during the different stages of government restrictions.

## **Strategic objectives for 2021**

- ESO's to attend a minimum of 30 leisure events to include all disciplines
- Create a greater presence on the ground at events.
- Update Event Approval Stamp for 2021.
- Continue the Rate My Event survey.
- Develop a greater presence on social media to represent the membership.
- Manage the Leisure calendar.
- Promote the new Membership and Events system introduced by Cycling Ireland in July 2020. The new system will give us much needed access to membership and event numbers. We will provide assistance and training to organisers in utilising the system.
- Promote Safe Cycling by devising and implementing Initiatives.
- Continued support for AXA Community Bike Rides.
- Promoting courses to train members as ride leaders.
- Build communication with schools and promote cycling as a healthy activity for both physical and mental well-being.
- Promote cycling as an environmentally friendly activity and an alternative means of transport for short journeys.
- Build communication with local County Councils with a view to having an input regarding cycling infrastructure at the planning stage.
- Promote and grow the leisure membership of Cycling Ireland and promote membership of cycling clubs.
- Creation of a Leisure specific Safety Statement and Risk assessment documents to assist promoters.

- Create a minimum standard of training for marshals and volunteers.
- To work closely with other Commissions and Cycling Ireland with regard to health and safety regulations as a result of Covid-19. The Commission is somewhat understrength at the moment and it is hoped to recruit more volunteers in the near future. The L.C wish to thank Cycling Ireland for their continued support and take this opportunity to wish all commissions and the membership a safe end to 2020, with hope that 2021 will return to some degree of normality both on and off the bike.
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I would like to commend Enda Flynn and other previous members of the L. C for their work with the Commission.

Thank you.

Chairperson