

VSCC E-BIKE POLICY

- E-Bikes are welcome on C and Social rides only, at the ride leader's discretion.
 - Our ride leaders are volunteers, there is no expectation that anyone be required to lead mixed E-Bike and conventional bike groups if they are not comfortable in doing so.
 - E-Bike riders must check with ride leader in advance that it's OK to join a ride (unless ride is already marked as E-Bike friendly)
 - Where incompatibilities in riding styles arise between e-riders and conventional riders in group rides, the needs of conventional (i.e. non-powered) riders should take precedence.
- E-Bikes must be compliant with current UK law (as must conventional bikes).
 - Bikes sold after January 1st, 2016, have a maximum motor power of 250W and 15.5 mph power cut-off (versus 200W and 15.0 mph previously). Older bikes are legal (even if they have a "twist throttle" to enable the rider to get up to speed without pedalling; in post 2016 bikes such throttles cannot work above 6 kph (c. 4 mph).
- E-Bikes must be in good state of maintenance (as must conventional bikes), and with sufficient charge to comfortably last for the whole length of the planned ride.
- E-Bikes riders must be prepared to arrange their own recovery in the event of breakdown (the same applies to mechanical issues with conventional bikes).

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