Big Apple Bike Ride 2010

"It's never rained on the Big Apple Bike Ride", organiser Bella Johnson assured me. And so it proved again, in the ninth consecutive year, as over 40 cyclists (yea, some from as far as Stourbridge) gathered around Ledbury Market House for the start of the Big Apple Ride 2010.



Bella (far left) assigned marshals to accompany four groups: the fast group, two medium groups and the coyly-named "relaxed" group.



Steve Glennie-Smith (centre left) and I (centre right) were assigned as marshals to the "relaxed" group. Anticipating "issues", between us we had packed enough kit to rebuild a bicycle from scratch, should the need arise.



As it turned out, there was nothing "relaxed" about the relaxed group and I had to work quite hard to keep up at times. *Oi, you lot! Wait for the marshal!* Even better, everyone's bike was in good order and there were no mechanical problems for Steve and me to deal with.

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If you missed it this year, look out for the next Big Apple Bike Ride!