

MAD BIKES OF WAITSFIELD

2011 Report of the Community Bike Project

The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield, a free, community bike program, is now four years old. An assortment of bikes are dispersed seasonally throughout Waitsfield and stored inside for the winter. The bikes are free for anyone to ride, located at racks throughout town. The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield mission:

“Mad Bikes of Waitsfield aims to provide a fun alternative source of transportation through a free bike sharing program. This program provides bike education, along with promoting the health of individuals, the community and the environment.”

Hurricane Irene left her mark on the Mad Bikes. Until the flood, the unused bikes, parts, and tools were stored under a barn on a dirt floor. In the wake of the flood, the owner asked that the bikes be relocated and are now stored at the Kingsbury Farm barn. Some tools were lost in the flooding and marginal bikes were scraped in the process of relocating.

The Mad Bikes project continues to be a work-in-progress with moderate activity during 2011. The project relies solely on volunteer efforts to maintain and manage the bikes and as such, the strength of project varies according to time available to provide upkeep. We encourage anyone wanting to help with this work to join us.

The project's success to date is largely due to the important partnerships with other organizations and businesses. Most importantly, the Waitsfield Selectboard brought the project under the auspices of the Town, allowing for liability coverage. Additionally, The Mad Bikes of Waitsfield has received funding from the Mad River Valley Rec District.



VYCC and Mad Bikes

(Photo: L. Brines)

Aside from its primary service of providing bikes to those who choose to use them within Waitsfield, the project seeks to enhance Waitsfield as a

bike-friendly community and set the stage for further development of bicycle-oriented projects and infrastructure.

If you have an adult bike to donate to this community bike program please drop it off at the Village Grocery. If you have a child's bike, you can sell it at the Family Bike Swap.

Thank you.

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