Biking With Beanzie Survey April 2026

1a - Keep Beanzie: 10 Drop Beanzie: 2

1b - Drastic changes are needed going forward. Reduce number of routes, change the date, scale back the event.
Exploration of funding sources. Promote to families and bike clubs. Integrate new members into the committee.

2a - Stagnation has occurred and a fully functioning committee is needed.
There is a dire need for more community help (scouts, KEY Clubs, 4-H, etc).
A permanent sponsor or co-sponsors is needed. Increase in marketing is a must.
Cut costs: reduce price of ride, cut the amount of food.
Increase the focus on kids and the pathway. Add a short ride for families, ride on pathway.
Date, starting time(s), length of event needs to change. Afternoons seem to be best for a few hours

2b - Only one person said to keep the ride as it is.

3 - Members noted that the ride is recognized throughout the community (26 yrs so far).
A good reputation also. That it is does bring in funds for our charity/scholarship needs and programs such as KEY Club, CKI, etc. Also, is a source of good publicity for Kiwanis.

4 - Fully commit to obtaining sponsorships. All organizations donate to should be contacted.
Find more (younger) help for the event. Definitely need to scale back and maybe change date.
Publicity needs to be ramped up. Jersey sales are questioned.

5 - Physical work is hard for club members due to age and medical problems.
Most can do sedentary tasks. Amount of time runs about 4-5 hours maximum.

6 - Dropping the event would hurt revenue and therefore our ability to support organizations, programs and projects.
It would be hard to replace the event.
Might be able to supplement Beanzie with other fundraisers: wine tasting, etc.
If a new project is started it needs to focus on youth and community services/support.
(what works for Elgin/Div 10, Rockford, etc)
Maybe a community ride only on the pathway.
If we don't have the funds we can't continue to spend like we do now. Cuts in support.

7 - If Beanzie doesn't make money we need to drop it.
Need to recruit young people into Kiwanis, check with Chamber Leadership Academy.
Promote at ALL of our other events: Local Expo, Clergy Day, etc.
Revue signs and supplies, we have a lot we don't use.