

Fleet Cycling AGM 2023 Minutes

26th April 2023

20:00 to 21:00, Studio 3, Hart Leisure Centre

1.0 Introduction

1.1 John Crossley, as Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1.2 Committee attendees (6)

1.2.1 John Crossley, Chair; Ed Humphrey, Rides Secretary; Lisa Chapman, Publicity Officer; Bryan East, Treasurer; Andrew Perkins, Secretary; Sally Swift, Welfare Officer.

1.2.2 Apologies were recorded from Saty Mukherjee, Webmaster.

1.3 Membership Represented (13)

1.3.1 In no particular order: Robert Humphrey, Richard Somerset, Malcolm Huson, Bob McLeod, Barry Croucher, Mark Brett, Sarah Brett, Trevor Godwin, Pam Jordan, Brian Little, Andy Deeley, Claire Davies, and Alison Nicholls.

1.3.2 Apologies had been received from Debbie Duncalf, Peter Merriman, and Andrea Marnoch

2.0 Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the AGM in April 2022 were accepted *nem con*

3.0 Annual Report 2023 – discussion of points raised

3.1 Robert raised the question of how we should get younger people involved in order to have a succession strategy.

Action: Andrew will check whether the Gearly Beloved Facebook Group is still running – Gearly Beloved was an informal group who rode from Elvetham Heath on Saturday mornings and occasional evenings, with ride durations of around two hours maximum, suitable for adults with children and/or family commitments.

Pam suggested we could talk to the group known as Breeze which is for new cyclists to build their skills and confidence. It seems likely that some of those riders would want to move on to more ambitious rides such as we run.

Sarah suggested we could run faster rides on a Sunday.

Mark suggested surveying our members.

Action: committee to survey numbers members regarding ride requirements.

3.2 Regarding the remaining kit, Robert will contact the committee with details of children's charities who might want the extra-small gilets. Sally said her offer to make backpacks from them (using donor backpacks) also still stands.

4.0 Election of Officers

4.1 The Chair reminded attendees that Ed Humphrey intended to stand down as Rides Secretary at the next AGM, in 2024 – or before if a suitable volunteer to take on the role puts themselves forward.

4.2 All Officers were re-elected *nem con* as follows

John Crossley	Chair
Andrew Perkins	Secretary & Registration Officer
Bryan East	Treasurer
Lisa Chapman	Publicity Officer
Ed Humphrey	Rides Secretary
Sally Swift	Welfare Officer
Saty Mukherjee	Webmaster

4.3 Sarah Brett gave a vote of thanks to the committee members for their work during the year.

5.0 Open discussion

5.1 Re shortage of ride leaders, Ed explained that he admired the Wednesday riders' system, where a number of leaders took on most of the organisation, such as it was. He will contact some of the frequent Tuesday riders with the aim of putting a similar system in place. If that is successful then extending it to Sundays.

5.2 Lisa asked for attendees' views on what are the barriers to taking on a ride leadership role.

Pam responded with the issues of technology, and pace.

Robert felt that Cycling UK is too relaxed about risk assessments and emergency contact lists.

ACTION: committee to consider safety. That would include ride registration and first-aid. Could People put emergency contacts on WhatsApp contact details?

Bob mentioned the SPOND free software used by West Surrey, but a key part of its aim is to limit numbers, which we are not at present doing.

ACTION: Ed will look at Cycling UK's advice on risk assessment, for instance in the ride leader training. He will also determine whether we can have assistant ride leaders, and confirm the maximum size of a group of riders (Malcolm thinks it's 15). He will also review the accident protocol from Cycling UK.

5.3 Social events

The summer party at Sally's house will be on Saturday 5th August. It will be bring-your-own-bottle. Money from our marshalling of the Hart Triathlon on 1st May will fund a barbecue and soft drinks

Lisa asked if members could contact her with their thoughts about the Christmas social event. She'd like to know which of the venues we've used they think is best and why.

Lisa will also arrange Friday afternoon drinks at a pub when the weather is warmer.

5.4 Mark will run another maintenance evening on Wednesday 7th June at 6:15. We should send out a mailchimp invitation as not everybody is on WhatsApp.

5.5 Andy mentioned the Downs Link ride on the 12th of August. There will be three options: There and back (80 miles); To the café halfway there and back (40 miles); There on bike, back on train (about 42 miles, depending on which station is used). It has been added to the planned rides sheet, so will appear on the website when it gets closer.

5.6 Brian Little mentioned etiquette: we should stop in narrow lanes to let traffic by – drivers are often working, while we are not. This was not contested. Andrew added that we should be careful what words we shout after close passes, as we may be submitting camera footage to the police, and they are sadly less inclined to take action if swearwords can be heard on the footage. **ACTION: Committee** to publicise this guidance

6.0 A.O.B

None

7.0 Date of next AGM is to be determined – around the same time next year. **ACTION: Andrew**, as Secretary

8.0 The meeting closed around 21:00