

# Cycle Seahaven

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

*Shakespeare Hall  
7<sup>th</sup> February 2014*

### Chairman's Report

#### ***Club rides***

2013 seems to have gone by very quickly but as it turns we were as a Club very busy, with 120 planned rides through 2013 our club goes from strength to strength, I would like to send a big thank you to our marvellous ride leaders for giving up their time and helping to make the club the success it is.

We are always open to feedback as it is crucial to the forward movement of our club, so if you feel one sort of ride is missing or maybe there are not enough of another sort please let us know. We have 20 ride leaders now but we need direction on what rides to run and when.

I again managed to do quite a few club rides, mainly the ever popular Friday night ride, but to my horror I only led one, this I hope to rectify in 2014. This was due mainly to a very busy year at South East Mountain Biking, with many club riders and non-club riders coming along for training it was time well spent.

During 2013 I spent a lot of time in the forest and out on the roads and it was so fantastic to see the increasing number of cyclists out there enjoying their bikes and our beautiful country side that we have on our door steps.

2013 again saw many family rides and level 1/2 rides run, these are aimed at the newer and less experienced cyclists these were a great success with large numbers taking part.

#### ***Events***

Looking at the 2013 events calendar there were a number of club events that were great successes: Our free first aid courses in March and May.

Everybody that took in these had a fantastic day and we hope to run some more next year if Chris is available.

Maintenance courses in April & Sept. Free bike workshop co-op in November.

On the 21st of July, Seaford Fun day was held on the Downs Leisure Centre lawns. We had a very successful and busy day; the sun shone, the ice cream melted and our two tents with flags flying were fully manned. We were kept very busy all day long, with lots of memberships being signed up. Dr Bike was busy as always and so was the Frome Zoom competition.

Sat 10th August charity ride to raise funds for OVCN. The BBQ and two rides (Family & MTB) went down a storm; another next year is a must I think.

On Sept 13th Norman Baker opened the new Lewes to Kingston Cycle path, many schools rode along with Norman, several club members and Bike IT officer Lucy who organised all the children. With most of the committee turning out for this event the club was well represented, we ran two Dr Bike tents, both with long queues and over two hours were spent working on a variety of cycles scooter and prams (don't ask!)

### ***Campaigns***

With regards to Campaigns we've had a number of successes with new routes: NCN2 alternative for MTBs at Exceat; dedicated cycle routes along and around The Drove in Newhaven; Kingston to Lewes cycle way opened in September and Bishopstone bridge now usable.

### ***Website***

The website is our main outlet to get information for members and prospective members too. Our online calendar is regularly updated with not just club rides but also info on non-club rides, and local cycle events such as consultation meetings. Members are urged to let us know of any local events they think should be in the calendar. The Club blog is kept up to date with ride reports, and is now searchable by level of ride, and some have videos too. Anyone who fancies a ride can get a good feel for what's happening.

The site has 29 Subscribers at the moment; the Google group has 70 members. The Forum, which is ready to go, just needs an administrator and a membership drive to get people using it. This can then be used for many things, such as organising last minute rides, events and general bike related chat.

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### ***Committee***

The committee has been very busy again this year behind the scenes with many projects in progress, we held 12 meetings throughout the year to discuss various items to keep the club running smoothly. And I would like to thank all your committee on behalf of the club members for their services and fantastic efforts over the year.

A number of changes to the committee have occurred: Standing down our esteemed Secretary Jill Spencer who carried on for another year, after I begged her last year, Sally Hardy (Publicity) due to pressures of work, and we have Roger White back on board again after a short sabbatical.

We are missing a few positions such as Social media, Publicity and Website; it would be nice to fill these positions to help the club move forward.  
But we do need a Secretary to run smoothly if you feel the need to help your Club.

The loss of Lewis Coleman was a very sad period during the year, Lewis was a regular Club rider both on road and off and will be greatly missed, he sadly passed away in August 2013 and on behalf of all the committee and members our deepest sympathy's go out to Elizabeth and Family.

On behalf of the Club we made a donation dedicated to the Angus Rowland fundraising, which was the wish of Lewis's family.

### ***Looking forward into 2014***

I personally will enjoy this year a great deal, according to my crystal ball... "The sun will shine the sky will be blue, and the wind will be light"... well that's what I saw anyway. We have all ready been organising some events for 2014 and there are more in the pipeline. Don't forget your committee are always open to any sane ideas or suggestions, so if you have any please let us know and we will take them on board.

Lastly I wish you all a Happy new year, good weather, no punctures and a comfortable ride.

"Ride Safe"

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