



Cycle Seahaven

6th Annual General Meeting
Shakespeare Hall, Newhaven 11th February 2015

Minutes

1. **Committee Members present:** Andy Lock, Jamie Lynch (Chair), Tony Rowswell, Mark Woodgate, Eddie Collict, Dave Geering, Roger White
 - a. **Apologies** were received from the following Committee Member: Denis Bass, and eight other members.
 - b. 34 members were present.
2. **Welcome** The Chairman, Jamie Lynch (JL) welcomed those attending and introduced current members of the Committee who were present.
3. **Minutes** of the 2014 AGM were agreed and signed.
4. **Chairman's Report** JL presented his report (copy attached).
 - a. He emphasized that 2013 had been a very successful year in rides, events and campaigns and briefly reviewed the key highlights.
 - b. He thanked the Committee for all the hard work which had made this success possible.
5. **Treasurer and Membership Report** JL presented this report in Denis Bass' absence (copy attached).
 - a. Income had been £2,053.25, Expenditure £1,383.42, and there remained a balance of £1,823.97.
 - b. Of this, the production and sale of jerseys accounted for an expenditure of £797.20 against an income of £724.40. Five jerseys remain available for sale.
 - c. At 18th January 2015 there were 162 paid up members.
 - d. The report was approved unanimously.
6. **Rides and Events Co-ordinator's Report** (copy attached) Dave Geering detailed the highlights of his report.
 - a. There were 300 rides on the calendar showing the extent of the commitment and enthusiasm of ride leaders.
 - b. An "intermediate" level of road rides had been introduced permitting 3 levels of road rides and one MTB on a Sunday.
 - c. A new Thursday MTB "pub" ride had been introduced and had proved very popular, developing 2 new ride leaders.
 - d. The Friday MTB now had 2 levels and Sunday and Family MTBs were developing.
 - e. DG thanked all ride leaders and supporters who had assisted him during his tenure as Rides and Events Co-ordinator.
7. **Campaigns Report**
 - a. Andy Lock stated that he continued to attend consultations and scrutinize and respond to planning notices. There had been many successes during the year:
 - i. Exceat Hill is now an official permissive bypass and we will now focus attention on the Exceat Causeway.
 - ii. Cycling along Seaford Promenade is now permanent.
 - iii. Work is continuing to achieve a cycle route on Newhaven Hill and through

Newhaven town.

- iv. Two sections of the Egrets Way had been completed.
 - v. Two proposed developments had very poor cycle provision (Parker Pen site and Drove Transport Hub) and representations had been made to the authorities.
 - vi. A new Facebook group had been set up, Accessible Transport Seaford, which would take a holistic approach to community needs. Cycle Seahaven will play its part in this.
- b. Eddie Collict noted that during the forthcoming election, members should take the opportunity to question canvassers on party attitudes to cycling. Details of issues could be found on the websites of CTC and British Cycling. In particular road justice and safety were key issues.

8. Election of Committee

- a. Existing Committee Members willing to start for re-election were:
- i. Denis Bass – Treasurer and Membership;
 - ii. Andy Lock – Campaigns;
 - iii. Eddie Collict – Secretary and Campaigns;
 - iv. Tony Rowsell – Maps and Minute Secretary;
 - v. Rod Lambert;
 - vi. Mark Woodgate.
- b. Roger Lambert was proposed as Chair by JL, seconded by TR.
- c. Ricky Carver was proposed as Vice-Chair by AL and seconded by Debbie McDermott.
- d. Kate Carver and Debbie McDermott were also proposed as Committee Members.
- e. The list of Committee Members was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.
- f. Roger White and Dave Geering have stood down from the Committee. The Chairman expressed thanks for the work they had put into their roles.

9. **Nominated Charity** It was agreed that Ouse Valley Cycle Network would remain as our designated charity for a further year.

10. **Club Jerseys** After 18 months discussion, they had finally been produced and distributed before Christmas. Five remain available, 2 XL green and 3 XXL blue. Thanks were expressed to UK Cycle Labs, Newhaven, for their sponsorship.

11. Any Other Business

- a. **Junior Members** AL presented the matter which had been much discussed in Committee.
- i. At the moment only 18 years and older could be members. The suggestion had been made that 13 to 18 years could be members with parental consent. The problem arose whether they should be allowed to ride with parents accompanying, unaccompanied, and only with ride leaders' consent.
 - ii. In discussion the following points were made: that many 13-18 y.o. want to cycle, that we should encourage them to cycle, older riders might not be comfortable with 13-18 y.o. in the group, whether they could ride with nominated members, whether a young people's ride could be organised.
 - iii. The following proposal was adopted with one abstention: that this meeting instructs the Committee to investigate the matter of Junior Members with a view to bringing concrete proposals to a future meeting.
- b. **E-bikes** AL noted that we had been offered the loan of 2 or 3 e-bikes, hybrid and MTB to try out. A show of hands indicated strong interest from members.
- c. **Cycling Insurance** It was noted that as we are affiliated to CTC, members could get 3rd Party Insurance at a reduced rate of £16.
- d. **Is off road cycling environmentally viable?** The consensus was that cycling did no more damage than walkers and horse riders to bridle ways, and Friston MTB had been set up to work with the Forest Authority with conservation in mind.

12. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

13. **Egrets Way** Neville Harrison, Chair of Ouse Valley Cycle Network, then showed a video of the project and gave an update on current progress.

Pending approval at the next AGM