



Cycle Seahaven

Minutes of the 7th Annual General Meeting Seaford Baptist Church 10th February 2016

1. **Committee Members present:** Andy Lock, Tony Rowswell, Mark Woodgate, , Ricky Carver (Chair), Kate Carver, Debbie McDermott, Denis Bass, Roger Lambert, Rod Lambert
 - a. **Apologies** were received from the following Committee Member: Eddie Collict, and 44 other members.
 - b. 41 members were present.
2. **Welcome** The Chairman, Ricky Carver (RC) welcomed those attending and introduced current members of the Committee who were present.
3. **Minutes** of the 2015 AGM were agreed and signed.
4. **Chairman's Report** RC presented his report:
 - a. He emphasized that 2015 had been a very successful year in rides, events and campaigns and briefly reviewed the key highlights.
 - b. He paid tribute to the website which gave so much up to date information to members and non-members.
 - c. He particularly appreciated the new Club Gazebo and Table covering which had blazed Cycle Seahaven's presence at a number of events this year and would continue to do so into the future.
 - d. He thanked all who had made the Dr Bike events possible and facilitated many to continue cycling safely.
 - e. He thanked the Committee for all the hard work which had made this success possible.
5. **Treasurer and Membership Report** Denis Bass (DB) presented his report (copy attached).
 - a. Income had been £1,628.03, Expenditure £1,147.69, and there remained a balance of £1,460.41.
 - b. Of this, the main expense was the purchase of the Gazebo at £694.80.
 - c. During the year, £120 had been donated to OVCN.
 - d. At 12th January 2016 there were 204 paid up members, an increase of 42 over this time last year.
 - e. The report was approved unanimously.
6. **Rides and Events Co-ordinator's Report** (copy attached) Andy Lock detailed the highlights of his report.
 - a. Ten new Ride Leaders had volunteered during 2015: Debbie McDermott, Lesley Reed, Roger Lambert, Ricki Carver, Ray Deacon, Joanne Barlow, Paul Sandles, Tony Rowswell, Dave Barlow and Dave Sutton.
 - b. There were 383 rides on the calendar, only 56 were cancelled due to bad weather.
 - c. Thanks to the increase in Ride Leaders, multiple rides were often advertised on the same day offering greater choice.
 - d. The club organized virtually one event a month in 2015, several at Centenary Park, a hugely successful Family Easter Egg Hunt and the charity Santa Ride.
 - e. AL thanked all ride leaders and supporters who had assisted during the year.
7. **Campaigns Report** (copy attached)
 - a. Andy Lock stated that he and Eddie Collict 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 off-road route designated NCN(2) and we are pressing for improved surface in several places.
 - ii. Cycling along Seaford Promenade now has permanent signage.
 - iii. The Valley Road route through Newhaven has been well used by the club, it still has not been given official sanction.
 - iv. The cycle route on Newhaven Hill from the Fairway has been completed.
 - v. A further section of the Egrets Way had been completed but not opened between Southease and Dean's Farm.
 - vi. Alfriston to Berwick – there has been no progress in linking the existing cycle way with Alfriston.
 - vii. Newhaven Development – Drove Transport Hub has been very disappointing and now cyclists have to cross four roads to get from the station to the bridge.
 - viii. Improved cycle facilities at railway stations are planned and we shall continue to ensure these are delivered not forgotten.
8. **Youth Membership Report** Mark Woodgate presented the report.
 - a. This is the first year that there had been a Junior membership section and there were 15 in the 13 – 17 age group, ten of them actively involved.

- b. The aim was to enable youngsters to get out and see and enjoy the countryside
- c. Apart from specific Junior Rides, club policy was clearly set out so that Ride Leaders were not under pressure to take Junior Riders. If they wished, then the ride should be marked as suitable for Juniors, there should be 2 Ride Leaders on the ride and Juniors wishing to take part should contact the Ride Leader in advance.

9. Election of Committee

- a. Existing Committee Members willing to stand for re-election were:
 - i. Denis Bass – Treasurer and Membership;
 - ii. Andy Lock – Campaigns;
 - iii. Eddie Collicot – Secretary and Campaigns;
 - iv. Tony Rowswell – Maps and Minute Secretary;
 - v. Rod Lambert;
 - vi. Mark Woodgate – Junior Members.
 - vii. Ricky Carver - Chair,
 - viii. Kate Carver,
 - ix. Debbie McDermott,
 - x. Roger Lambert
- b. Sam Hart, David Barlow and Lesley Reed were also proposed as Committee Members.
- c. The list of Committee Members was put to the vote and agreed unanimously.
- d. Roy Francomb has stood down from the Committee. The Chairman expressed thanks for the work he had put into his roles.

10. Nominated Charity

The Committee recommended that Kent Air Ambulance should be the nominated charity for the next two years.

- a. One other suggestion from the floor was considered – the Special Olympics. After discussion, it was found there were complications with this and it was withdrawn.
- b. It was agreed that the Kent, Sussex and Surrey Air Ambulance Trust should be our designated Charity for the next two years.

11. Club Jerseys

After considerable discussion, it was agreed that the Committee should, with some urgency, seek the provision of club jerseys, if possible with the following constraints:

- a. A road colour (blue), off road (green) and ladies (?);
- b. long and short sleeves,
- c. possibly different weight of material,
- d. obtain samples for sizing.
- e. A substantial part of the money should be required with the order.
- f. DB and Louise Pye would consult on some of these matters.

12. Any Other Business

- a. A question from the floor as to why we are losing members. DB suggested there was no single reason but questionnaire on the matter yielded little response. He made a plea to members to pay subs as close to April 1st as possible, preferably by Standing Order, so he is not working at them throughout the year.
- b. A question from the floor re: Cycle Workshops. AL responded that the response had been very poor, it was difficult to get people to commit their time.
- c. Roger Lambert pointed out that in addition to our designated charity, members had been involved with many charity rides during the year, especially the London – Brighton 75 mile offroad, and must have raised hundreds if not thousands of pounds for charity.
- d. Gratings of rides – it was noted that MTB grades were vague and could be clarified. It was agreed to look into this.
- e. Should the club have an Honorary President? Discussion ensued on various sides. It was agreed to refer this to the committee for clarification of the role and possible benefits/costs.

13. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.10 pm.