

Cycle Seahaven



3rd Annual General Meeting

Seaford Baptist Church

11 February 2012

Minutes

Committee members present:

Andy Lock (Chairman), Clive Aberdour, Denis Bass, Ian Cairns, David Hester-Lock, Jacqueline King, Rod Lambert, John Reeve, Tony Rowsell, Jill Spencer

Apologies from committee members: Roger White, Eddie Collicot.

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chairman (AL) welcomed everyone and thanked all 40 members present for attending, especially on such a cold night. He introduced the current members of the committee (see above).

2. Apologies

See appendix 1

3. Minutes of AGM 19 January 2011

No amendments were noted.

4. Matters arising

No matters arising from the notes of the AGM 2011 were noted.

5. Treasurer's report

Denis Bass (DB) presented the Treasurer's report – see attached. DB explained that the committee had agreed that paying by PayPal should be an option, despite the fact that the club received only £4.63, and not £5, when subscribers used this method. DB also clarified that the membership year runs from 1 April – 31 March and so if members renewed at the moment their subscription would run until end March 2013. The Club's bank balance at 16.12.2011 was £1,029.89, which DB regarded as a healthy balance for a club of this size – currently holding 131 members.

ACTION 1 : All Members to contact Denis to renew their subscription before it expires on 31 March 2012.

6. Adoption of accounts

Tony Rowsell proposed adopting the club's accounts and Chris Sparks seconded this, on the basis that the full report would be attached to the minutes of the AGM.

7. Web Site

AL announced that Ian Cairns (IC), who has been the Club's Webmaster since day 1, was standing down and invited him to present his report on the significant developments to the web site in 2011. IC explained that the web site had been overhauled using Wordpress, and mailing lists had been moved

into a new mail management system so that mail shots look much more professional. The site gets some 40-100 hits a day and the calendar system was working well.

There was general agreement that the site looked great and worked really well, and AL thanked IC for all his hard work in introducing the improvements. IC outlined the following areas for further development:

ACTION 2:

- 1) Making the site generally more accessible to members and ride leaders. To do this, it would be necessary to decide on who has permissions to edit content;
- 2) Get the Forum up and running to enable members to add to discussion threads;
- 3) Clear up and close the Club's three original and now defunct Facebook pages, and then link the blog to a new Facebook page;
- 4) Create a system for enabling members to advise ride leaders if they plan to attend a ride. Dave Geering (DG) highlighted the problem that ride leaders can face when they go to great lengths to arrange a ride and no-one turns up. DG suggested using Facebook to send out invitations which people could accept or decline. However, some members were not in favour of Facebook and thought Twitter/ SMS/ a facility on the web site for people to log in and register their interest in a ride could be considered as an alternative.

All agreed that the web site was the Club's main presence and that IC had done a stunning job in getting it so well developed.

8. Rides

The Chairman (AL) was delighted to report that in 2011 the Club had organised an amazing 130 led rides. He reminded the members that they should be receiving a weekly e-mail drawing their attention to rides coming up, with a link to the on-line calendar, and asked members to e-mail info@cycleseahaven.co.uk if they were not receiving this.

AL invited members to comment on the way rides are organised. In reply, Mark Smoker queried if rides at weekends could start earlier, especially in the summertime. He also suggested rides combining two levels and two distances, with fitter people starting earlier and picking up the slower riders half way through the ride. Jo Homan requested mid-week rides for level 2 – 3 in the early evening for people getting in from work. Jill Spencer agreed to work with Jo in moving this idea forward, via Dave Geering.

ACTION 3: JS to liaise with Dave Geering re arranging mid week level 2 rides

Tony Rowswell floated the idea of organising transport further afield to enable members to do sections of distance trails such as the Forest Way and Downs Link. This idea was welcomed, particularly as it would be attractive for family rides.

ACTION 4: Committee to plan a ride to include transport to do a distance trail.

9. Ride Leaders

AL reported that the Club now has 16 ride leaders and three more awaiting approval. Anyone who is a member with experience and has ridden a fair bit can apply to be a ride leader. Several members asked for more information about how to become a ride leader

ACTION 5: AL to post information about the process for becoming a ride leader on the web site

It was agreed that:

- a) a system was needed to allow members to accept or decline invitations to join rides as ride leaders were sometimes disappointed with no-shows;

- b) it was important for ride leaders to get feedback on their rides other than via the Google group;
- c) First Aid training would be organised this year for ride leaders and they would carry a first aid kit, to be provided by the Club. Chris Sparks offered to provide First Aid Training and will attend the next committee meeting to discuss.

ACTION 6: AL to ensure that Chris Sparks is invited to the next CS committee meeting

10. Events in 2012

(a) Exceat Path clearance

In 2011 the Club had organised a working party to clear the overgrown path down the lower section of Exceat Hill. Great support had been offered by the local landowner, and the path was made safer and wider for cyclists and walkers. DB announced that a working party would be organised before April 2012 to clear the path again, and asked for volunteers to join in the fun.

ACTION 7: Members to contact DB to volunteer for path clearance working party by the end of February 2012

(b) Cycle Festival 2012

Cycle Seahaven is organising a Cycle Festival on **10th June 2012, from 10am to 4pm**, to take place at the Salts Recreation Ground in Seaford. Rod Lambert (RL) is co-ordinating the event, which will be free entry and outlined the activities that are planned which include:

- Reliability trials (a timed road ride over 60miles and 20miles)
- Various Rides led by CS ride leaders
- Cycle Seahaven information stand and Trade stands
- Cycle jumble/bootsale
- Junior skills course
- Bike tune-ups
- BMX competition
- BBQ and band

Many volunteers are needed to act as marshals for road rides at various locations in Sussex and on the gate at the Salts; to man the Club stand (JS); bike tune ups (AL); man the junior skills course; organise the cycle jumble sale; lead rides; organise the BBQ . RL asked members to contact him ASAP if they are available on the day to help.

ACTION 8: Members to contact Rod to volunteer to help with Bike Festival 10/6/12

ACTION 9: AL to send out e-mail calling for volunteers to help with the festival to contact Rod

(c) Bike maintenance workshops

AL offered to arrange more bike maintenance workshops to show members how to mend punctures and do essential basic maintenance. Many members expressed interest in these.

ACTION 10: AL to organise bike maintenance workshops

11. Nominated charity

The Club's current nominated charity is the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA). As the Club had not raised funds for MNDA last year, AL suggested that MNDA remain as the Club's nominated charity in 2012. No objections were made to this suggestion. The proposal for MNDA to remain as Cycle Seahaven's nominated charity for 2012 was made by Jacqueline King (JK) and seconded by Sam Cornford (SC).

The following suggestions were received for the Club's nominated charity in 2013: Headway (Alison Philbey ; Seaford Downs Syndrome and Special needs (Ian Cairns); Alzheimers Society (Sam Cornford).

ACTION 11: JS to publicise suggestions for nominated charity in advance of the 2013 AGM when a vote will be taken.

12. Election of officers

AL announced that a number of committee members had decided to stand down, as follows:

- **Chairman:** Andy said he had really enjoyed the role, but felt that it was time to let someone else have the opportunity to be Chairman. He proposed Jamie Lynch, who has a wealth of cycling experience, as the new Chairman, seconded by Rod Lambert.

Ian Cairns proposed a massive vote of thanks to the outgoing Chairman for all his hard work in developing the Club, and AL received a warm round of applause. DB proposed the creation of a new committee role as Campaigns Officer and proposed Andy for this role, seconded by Sam Cornford.

- **Rides & Events:** Clive Aberdour, who was the Club's first Secretary and who has played a significant role in getting the club up and running, is standing down. Clive proposed Dave Geering as his replacement, seconded by Denis Bass. AL gave Clive a warm vote of thanks for all his input and members applauded.
- **Web master:** Ian Cairns, who has been web master from day 1, is standing down having done a very professional revamp of the web site. Two members offered to take on the role: Rod Lambert, proposed by Paul Cornford, seconded by Sam Cornford, and Eliza Ratusniak, proposed by Ian Cairns, seconded by Chris Sparks. AL thanked Ian for stunning work on the web site and all applauded as a vote of thanks. Ian offered to stay on the committee and was proposed as committee member without portfolio by Victoria Townsend seconded by Sharon Bass.
- **Older people's representative:** John Reeve is standing down
- **Member without portfolio:** Roger White had offered to stand down if anyone wished to replace him, and thus the second member without portfolio effectively becomes Ian Cairns.

Officers who were not standing down were re-elected unopposed, and thus the complete list of officers for 2012 is as follows:

Chairman – Jamie Lynch

Secretary- Jill Spencer

Treasurer & Membership Secretary – Denis Bass

Campaigns co-ordinator – Andy Lock

Campaigns – Eddie Collicot

Rides & Events Co-ordinator – Dave Geering

Webmasters – Rod Lambert and Eliza Ratusniak

PR & Marketing – Jacqueline King

Seahaven Route Maps – Tony Rowsell

Members without portfolio: David Hester-Lock, Ian Cairns.

13. Any other business

- DB announced that progress is being made on developing a cycle track down Exceat Hill. This is the result of joint working between East Sussex County Council, Sustrans, Cycle Seahaven and the National Trust and the route is likely to run behind the Golden Galleon. Full details will be on the web site in due course.

Jo Homan suggested that the Club should make more efforts to publicise such news as Club Members, and the local population generally, are unaware of the behind the scenes work and successes of the Club.

ACTION 12: AL to place regular snippets about campaigns on the blog.

- Paul Cornford queried whether the Club is organising insurance for Ride Leaders via the Cycle Touring Club.

ACTION 13: JS to look into CTC insurance for Ride Leaders and arrange.

- Several members mentioned that ***The Times*** newspaper is running a campaign in support of cyclists. Clive Aberdour confirmed that members could write to their MP Norman Baker by clicking on the link on the Cycle Seahaven home page;
- AL announced that Tony Rowswell has done a great job in producing a route map and encouraged Members to have a look at it on the web site;
- Rod Lambert confirmed that he will sponsor rides starting at 9am on Saturdays for off-road rides and Sundays for road rides, the start point alternating between the Seaford and the Shoreham shops. These will be led by Jamie Lynch. Contact Mr Cycles for more details;
- Rod and Maria Lambert have extended the 10% discount to Cycle Seahaven members. The 10% discount off accessories now extends to servicing, repairs, clothing and bikes. AL expressed his thanks to Mr Cycles for their continued support of the Club.

The outgoing Chairman closed the meeting with warm votes of thanks to all the committee, and ride leaders, for their hard work behind the scenes, and invited all present to enjoy a supper in the hall, lovingly prepared by David Hester-Lock.

Appendix 1

Apologies received for Cycle Seahaven AGM 11 February 2012

David & Cecilia Low

David and Jane Wilton

Eon Matthews

Roger White

Sally Hardy

Rosemary & Eddie collic

Chris Hartard

Chris Bunn

Kathryn McDonald

Sue Bish

Geoff Evans

Gavin Nettle

Phil Read

Huw Millington

Kate Houghton

Jamie Simmons

Maudy

Stephen Allcorn

Mark Woodgate

Mandy Dean

Colin Mitchell

Daksha Patel

Kate Parkinson

Ally Preece

Graham Lane

Jayne Spencer

Chris Mitchell

Martyn Harris

Darren Kilner

Peter Gosling

Alan Farley

Mark Fisher

Martin May

Dickie Green

Sophie Anns



Cycle Seahaven

Chairman's Report for 2011

Club rides

2011 saw over 130 rides published on our on-line calendar – and that's not including the ones that had to be cancelled due to dangerous or miserable weather conditions. Every week we send out a reminder for the forthcoming rides. If you are not getting these then sign up by clicking on the email icon on our homepage



Our rides are graded between 1 (easy) and 5. Levels 3 and 4 are by far the most popular of our rides, so we've been concentrating on these. Level 1 & 2 rides are often poorly attended, but we're not sure why. As a club we are very keen to offer easier rides for beginners and improvers – it's one of the reasons why we started. If you feel that we are not providing suitable rides then please get in touch with the committee at info@cycleseahaven.org.uk

We now have 16 ride leaders, and there are three more willing to become ride leaders, pending our approvals process. If any of our club members wants to lead rides then please get in touch with the committee.

Membership

Cycle Seahaven continues to attract new members and we welcome member number 200!


It would help us enormously if all members could keep their contact details up to date. An option to 'update membership details' is included at the bottom of all our emails, and a link on the homepage is there for you to also do this under the 'Contact' tab.

Events

Cycle Seahaven were well represented by committee and members at Seaford Family Fun Day and Peacehaven's Lark in the Park. We were busy both days repairing bikes for free and chatting about the club. We very much look forward to more well-supported events like these in 2012.

Website

We had a lot of requests for improvements to our website, so we tasked our webmaster to look into it. I'm very happy to say that, after a lot of development and testing, our new improved website is now available. The new site gives us a lot more flexibility and many more features than our old one, including regular updates and a special layout for those with smartphones. A 'Blog' page allows us to easily post rides updates, campaign issues and general cycling information. More features are planned

for 2012, so watch out for those. You can sign up for website updates by clicking on the  on our homepage.

Maps

Cycle Seahaven's first cycle map is now available to download on our website. I encourage all cyclists to try this map and give us feedback for improvements and suggestion.

Committee

The committee are still plugging away for better cycling facilities for everyone. Seaford Seafront, NCN2, the Avenue Verte and Newhaven to Lewes remain our top priorities.

A number of changes to the committee are proposed: I am stepping down as Chairman, Clive will no longer manage our Rides & Events, Ian is retiring as our webmaster and John has already stepped down. Denis has taken on the role of Membership Secretary from Rod, as this role dovetails nicely with his Treasurers duties. We already have nominations for two of these three vacant positions and I'm excited by this opportunity for the club to have a fresh perspective to continue our success.

Another great year for Cycle Seahaven with bright prospects for our future.

Andy Lock

Chairman

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Treasurers report Cycle Seahaven

AGM - 11th February 2012

Income for period January 30th 2011 - January 30th 2012

New Member subscriptions (40)	£198.15
Membership Renewals 2011 (75)	£368.52
Other Income Jerseys etc	£871.26
Total	£1,437.93

Expenditure for period 30th January 2011 - 30th January 2012

Account transactions	£1,104.23
Total	£1,104.23

Balance reconciled at Bank -

16.12.11 **£1,029.89**

NB. Membership Subscription payment analysis
117 as Cash or Cheque; 9 PayPal; 3 STO; 2 BACS

Dear Cycle Seahaven members,

I'm very sorry that I couldn't be with you for the AGM, especially as I had made it to every previous one.

I have wanted to do something for the Club for a while now; something that would suit my skill set. I didn't have Chairman in mind but, Dennis and Gus: thanks chaps! You twisted my arm, describing the job as 'just sitting in and managing meetings'. We will see.

I hear you all cry "who on earth is Jamie Lynch?"

Here's a short history.

For those of you that don't know me I am from Newhaven, now living in Seaford. I started MTBing back in the 90's on a Muddy Fox Courier steel fully ridged, now I mainly ride a 29er steel ridged single speed – no gears, no suspension, big wheels. ***Is it me or is that a little strange!?***

My main love is riding Cross Country (XC) mountain biking and, as El Capitan of MrCycles Endurance Race team (old farts race team), we do a few events around the country. I am also a ride leader for the Club, joining in club rides when possible such as various Chris Bunn adventures and some superb Friday night rides with Luc this winter. A lot of the time I ride during the week exploring the region finding new trails for my guiding company South East Mountain Biking.

I do ride road too having been on a few club road rides now, but I do most of my road miles during the week mainly for fitness training.

With Andy (Gus) staying on in his special position looking over me, I can only hope that I do a tiny part of the fantastic job he has done. I look forward to working with all my new committee members to continue the success that is Cycle Seahaven

If I can get just a few more people riding, or those that ride already riding more, then I will have done my job and will be happy.

GOOD CYCLING EVERYBODY AND SEE YOU OUT ON THE TRAILS SOON.

Best Wishes

Jamie Lynch