

Cycle Seahaven



8th Annual General Meeting

Baptist Church, Seaford
22nd February 2017

Chairman's Report

The club has been co-chaired by Ricki Carver and Roger Lambert during 2016-17. The principal challenge faced by the committee has been to keep up with the pace of growth and development of Cycle Seahaven and the organisational effort that this has required. Committee has managed to consolidate and build on the finances and administration needed to run a growing and active club, work which will continue through 2017-18. The future looks very bright! We now have a trailer that will enable group rides far beyond our usual boundaries, club jerseys to identify us and a freshly minted Grading System for our rides - these are a few, but key, examples of achievements to build on for the future.

The main points to emphasise are these;

1.a. The number of rides posted on the calendar this year has been in excess of 500, and David Barlow has been appointed as Rides Co-ordinator. On behalf of the club we wish to convey our thanks to our wonderful Ride Leaders. What has characterized the 2nd half of the year in particular has been the evolution of the road and trail Beginners' and Improvers' rides. As well as providing a doorway to the club these rides go a long way to promote the principle of inclusivity which is so important to us all.

b. Special thanks are owed to Tony Rowsell for shepherding the new Rides Grading System through its many stages of revision to completion and implementation.

2. It has been a busy year and '17-'18 will be busier. As a growing club we have had to become more adept at our administration and have introduced a Representations and Complaints procedure as part of this process. Without wishing to prejudge new appointments to the committee it is important to remember that appointees must be prepared to roll up their sleeves to get the work done. We do have a simple model of 'lead' committee members working with, and getting support from, small, one-off working groups. Work outstanding includes the ongoing review of the club's Constitution.

3. Committee reviewed the fees structure earlier this year and our treasurer will confirm how that has been approached.

4. In the latter part of 2016 we co-opted a club member to the committee to assist with and further develop club activities through '17-'18. This role epitomises how we are now identifying individuals to lead key developments, and in this case to acknowledge how we can ensure the club uses its resources to the full.

5. A committee member, Kate Carver, has also taken on the now regular release of information about the club and its rides to local media.
6. Andy Lock coordinated a 2-day, certificated Outdoor First Aid course for Ride Leaders & members with Seajay Training in 2016, which will be repeated in March this year and which reflects the club's commitment to the highest quality of support to its members.
7. A group effort, and assistance with colour choices from Lou Pye, helped us to obtain 100 club jerseys at a significant reduction in costs, with sponsorship very gratefully received from Newberry Tully Estate Agents, Chandlers Building Supplies, Mr Cycles and UK Cycle Labs.
8. The committee once again gratefully acknowledge the continuing support of Maria and Rod Lambert of Mr Cycles.
9. The committee, also once again, thank Sharon and Denis bass for preparing the AGM food.
10. A club member on a MTB ride was badly injured in 2016. Without the prompt and careful assistance of James Hill, Chris Girder, John Simcock and Paul Sandles, and her own first aid training, her injuries might well have been far worse. **The Cycle Seahaven committee wish to formally commend and thank these individuals for the support they provided.**
11. The new club trailer will be on display in the Baptist Church car park, during the AGM. A joint effort involving especially Denis bass, David Barlow and Andy Lock helped to realize this project, not least the submission for financial assistance to Sport England by David. The use and maintenance of the trailer will be monitored and managed by Denis. It is early days but the opportunities this presents are huge.

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