



Cycle Seahaven

Minutes of the 9th Annual General Meeting Newhaven and Seaford Sailing Club 6th February 2018

1. **Committee Members present:** Guy Reynolds, Tony Rowswell, Ricky Carver, Kate Carver, Denis Bass, Lou Pye, Rod Lambert
 - a. **Apologies** were received from the following Committee Member: Helen Blaber, and 4 other members.
 - b. 70 members were present.
2. **Welcome** The Chairman, Guy Reynolds, welcomed those attending and explained the procedure.
3. **Presentation by Pete Tattam on *Cycling Without Age*.**
 - a. Pete explained that the concept of taking elderly or disabled for rides on an e-powered cycle trishaw had originated in Denmark and subsequently spread widely. Locally, there was a Chapter operating in Brighton and another forming in Eastbourne.
 - b. The intention was to form a Chapter in Seaford as a franchise from the main body but it would have to be totally autonomous financially.
 - c. Each trishaw cost around £6k all in and fund raising was the current priority to purchase one trishaw.
 - d. The service would be free to clients and the “pilots” would be volunteers.
 - e. He then left the meeting.
4. **Annual Reports – Slide presentation copies of which may be found on Cycle Seahaven website**
 - a. **Chairman’s Report:** Guy stated that 2017 had been a very successful year and briefly outlined the actions the Committee had taken on fulfilling the Members’ Priorities.
 - i. He emphasized the hard work of the Committee completing 68 actions.
 - ii. He also paid tribute to other members who had volunteered their services to assist in producing or revising Child Protection, Shirt Design, and First Aid.
 - iii. The Big Park offered great potential in opportunities for outreach and funding with the possibility of a cycle centre there.
 - iv. Seeking sponsorship was essential in view of our low Membership Fees and this had been fairly successful with contributions from Harvey’s Brewery, Everett Tiles, and individual members.
 - v. He drew attention to the commitment shown by Ride Leaders and noted that the process of identifying and selecting them had changed in the light of increasing expectations of the increased membership. Training in First Aid, puncture repair and route planning would be made available.
 - vi. The trailer had proved to be valuable for a number of major events but there was great potential for more use.
 - vii. Negotiations on sponsorship of new Club shirts was proceeding and if successfully concluded would enable us to market them close last year’s price.
 - b. **Treasurer and Membership Report** Denis Bass presented the Independently Audited Accounts;
 - i. Income had been £5,248.54, Expenditure £7,755.06, and there remained a balance of £3,157.03.
 - ii. Of this, the grant towards the Trailer had come in 2016 and the expenditure in 2017.
 - iii. During the year as our nominated charity, donations and fund raising for KSSAA had amounted to over £1,000.
 - iv. At 31st December 2017 there were 305 paid up members, 94 of whom were female.
 - v. The report was approved unanimously.
 - c. **Events Report** In the absence of Helen, Guy summarized the events shown on the presentation and outlined four event already planned for 2018.
 - d. **Dr Bike Report** Ricki Carver enthused over the achievements in 2017 with over 100 bikes fixed, 20 members gained and over £200 received in charity donations.
 - e. **Media Report** Kate Carver presented striking figures for the depth and breadth of coverage of Cycle Seahaven across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Strava and the website.
 - f. **Website** – Tony Rowswell outlined the need for revision to provide a simpler and easier to use site. This would be happening in the near future.
 - g. **Rides and Ride Leaders** – Ricki emphasized that 493 rides had been posted last year at a wide range of levels, distances and types. He particularly thanked existing and the 6 new Ride Leaders and hope for more new Leaders this year.
 - h. **Campaigns** Tony Rowswell noted that there had not been one person in overall charge but that at least four had been concerned in responding to consultations, planning applications and supporting funding applications.
5. **Result of Elections to the Committee** Guy announced the result of the online and postal ballot. There were 13 nominations

and the following were elected: Dave Sutton, Clive Aberdour, Tony Rowswell, Jon Younghusband, Tim Venables, Ricki Carver, Sarah Winser, Tracey Martin, Jo Barlow, Denis Bass, Guy Reynolds, Mike Winser.

6. **Proposal for Club Charity** Guy presented the Committee's recommendation for Club Charity for the next two years as Cycling Without Age. The proposal was agreed *nem con* with three abstentions.
7. **Ride Leader Awards** – Guy announced the following achievers selected by Ride Leaders:
 - a. Male Road Gary Lenny;
 - b. Female Road Diane Norman;
 - c. Male MTB Mike Winser;
 - d. Female MTB Claire Bennett
8. **Committee Awards** for outstanding contribution to the Club:
 - a. Male Paul Sandles;
 - b. Female Sarah Winser
9. **Fun Awards** Tracey Martin announced:
 - a. Dirtiest Rider James Hill
 - b. Best Bike Porn Wendy Wells
 - c. Most Dedicated Bike Doctor Dave Sutton
10. Guy closed the meeting with thanks to the members of the Committee, Ride Leaders and Members for their dedication and support. Ricki Carver responded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman which was carried by acclamation.
11. The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.