



Cycle Seahaven

14th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 11st February 2023 – Commencing at 7pm – Seaford Baptist Church

Members Present

Denis Bass,	Lindsay Stirton,	Vivienne McLachlan	Gill Peissel,
Gwydion Jones	Clive Aberdour	Sharon Bass	Roger Case
Tina Chambler	Dorinda Dodd	Anne Gasnola	Dave Geering
Chris Gore	Barry Hague	Sally Hardy	Charlie Ireland
Roger Lambert	Carolyn Lambert	Jane Mitchell	Brian Peissel
Tony Rowswell	Sarah Sands	Jamie Simmons	Dave Sutton
Donna Turner	Lee Turner	David Tyler	Robin Weaver
Sarah Webb	David Wilton	Jane Wilton	Mike Winser

Sarah Winser

At this time of the AGM there were 312 fully paid-up members. Total number of members present at the AGM was 33 this being 11.4% of the 288 members with full voting rights (the remaining 24 being youths). The Cycle Seahaven constitution requires a quorum of 10% of members with full voting rights to be present for an AGM to be held, and therefore we surpassed this requirement.

1. Chair's welcome

The Committee Chair (Denis Bass (DCB)) opened the meeting and welcomed CSH members.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from the following CSH members:

Hillary Beresford
Neville Harrison (Chair, Egret's Way Project)
Diana Norman
Neal Richardson
Paul Sandles
Andrew Stephenson
Laurence Venus
Roger White
Martin Wilyman

3. To approve the Minutes from 2022 AGM held on 21st February 2022

DCB asked the meeting to approve the minutes of the AGM. These were approved, subject to amendment, by a show of hands. The minutes will now be held as a record on our club website.

4. 2022 Chairman's report

DCB delivered the report of the Chairman. He began by pointing to some of the challenges of the last year to the committee. We are a small committee and had worked hard to deliver for Cycle Seahaven. Much has happened over the last year. DCB thanked the committee members as well as those members who had taken on responsibility for particular tasks. In particular:

1. Clive Aberdour, Sarah Winser, and Gill Peissel had completed the task of creating a new website, which was now live.
2. Clive Aberdour had continued production of the Club Newsletter. DCB reminded club members that the Newsletter depends for its success on a continued flow of articles from members.
3. Dave Sutton and Roger Lambert had rewritten the Club constitution, and this had been checked for accuracy by Sally Hardy.
4. Sarah Winser had managed the rollout of the new Club Jerseys.
5. Jamie Simmons and Sarah Winser had overseen the management and development of the Club Dr Bike activities.

DCB paid tribute to Dave Sutton, who had been a stalwart of the club for many years, founding Dr Bike, serving on the committee, and who has been an active ride leader. Dave is immanently moving closer to his family in Wales.

The Chairman then put out a plea to members for help in the work of the club. For example, if anyone would be prepared to write an article for Seaford Scene or for the Peacehaven Directory, then please get in touch.

For the coming year, we have a lot of work to do to ensure the club remains focused on putting on cycle rides of various types to suit all members. We have many ride leaders, and DCB asked that they increase the number of rides, and this will be our main focus for 2023.

5. CSH Chosen Charity 2022–23

As shown in the Treasurer's Report, in 2022–3 we have raised £682.90 for Newhaven Baptist Church Food Bank. By a show of hands, it was agreed that we would continue to support the Food Bank for another year.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

Gill Peissel gave an overview of the 2022 Membership situation, set in the context of the recent history of the club. A summary of the key issues are presented in Figure 1, below.

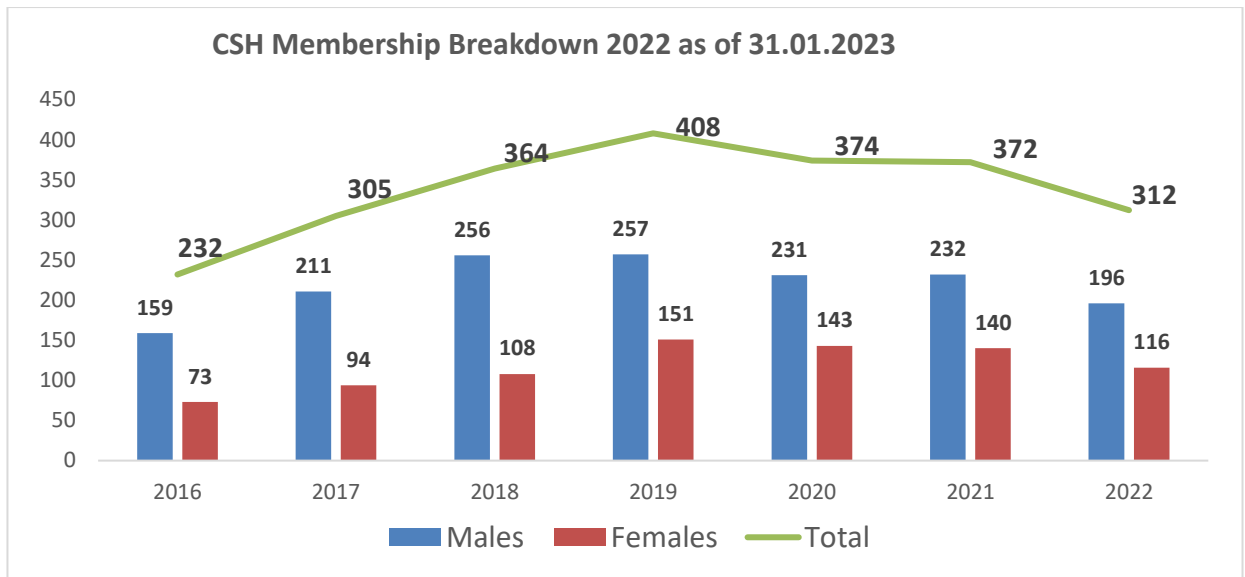


Figure 1: CSH Membership 2016–2022

7. CSH Jerseys

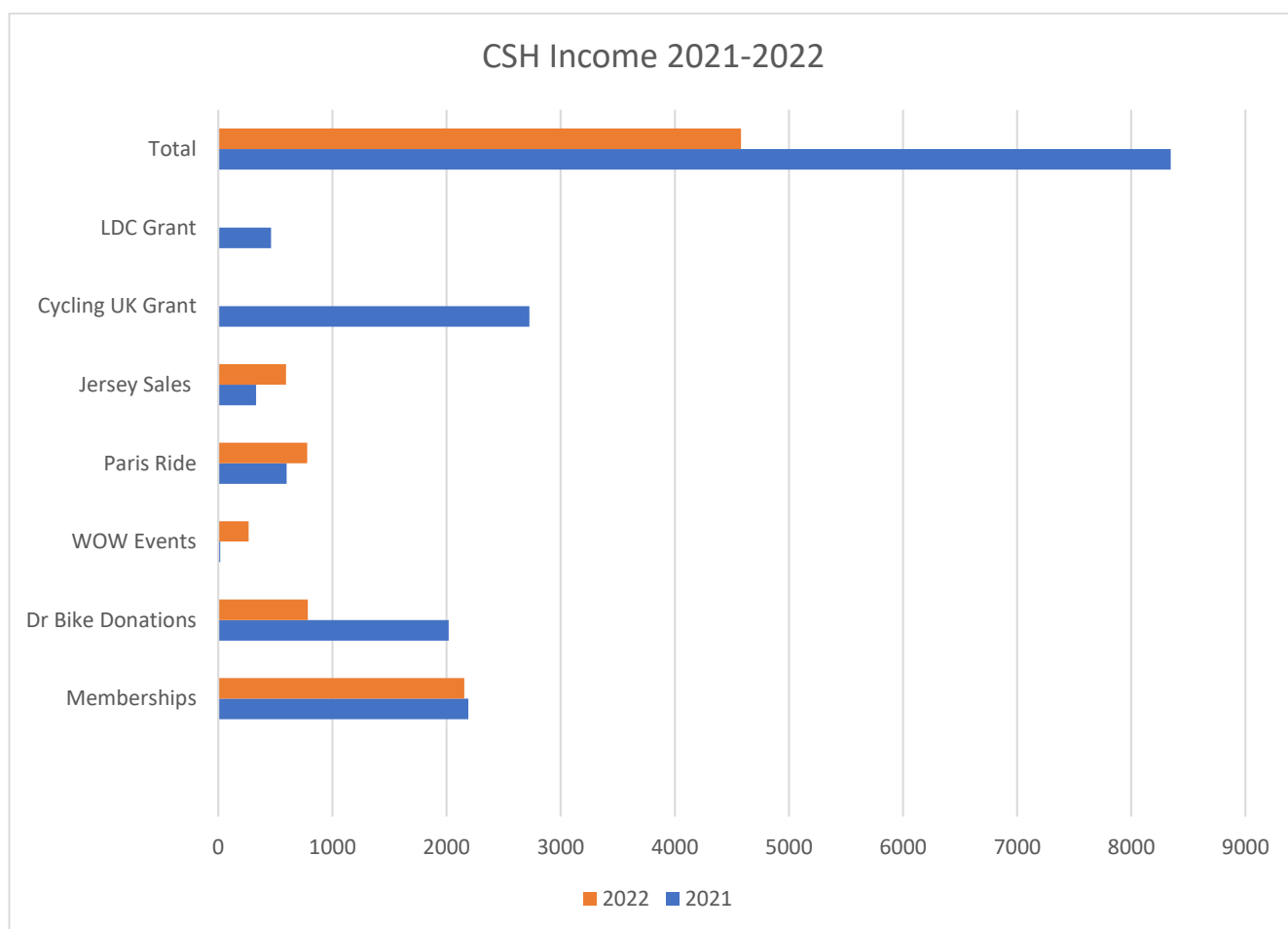
DCB and Sarah Winser reported on the CSH Jersey Project. 2022 has been a year for focussing on our new range of Jerseys. For the first time in our 13-year history we have self-funded the sale of Jerseys. We spent a lot of time consulting with members, which began back in 2021. The committee at that time approved a sum of £2000 that we should use from our club funds to subsidise the sale of Jerseys to our members. We found a new UK supplier and started doing business with them at the beginning of the year. Sarah Winser agreed to manage the project and has worked throughout the year to promote these Jerseys. Ride Leaders were reminded to claim their free Jersey if they hadn't already done so. As you can see from the Figure 2 we have come in on target with a saving of just over £500 and a current stock holding of Jerseys for sale to members at the 2022 prices.

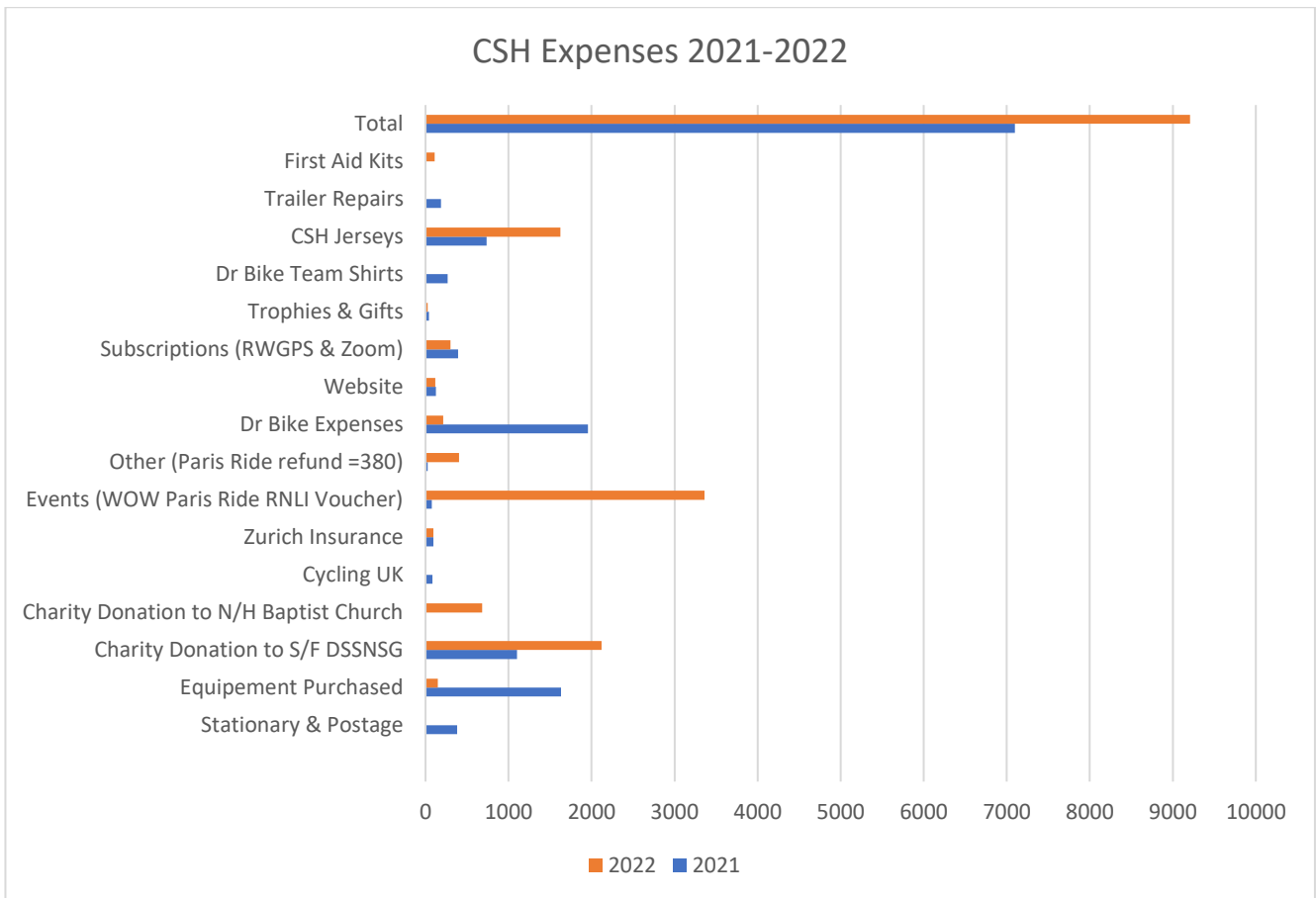


Figure 2: Jersey Finances 2021–2

8. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer read her report, this is attached she explained the income and expenditure. While it appeared at first glance like the funds of the club had declined significantly over 2022–3, there were a number of reasons why this was illusory. For example, CSH held funds that had been paid by members for the Paris ride, or were monies raised for charity. In reality, the club was on a similar state of financial health compared with one year previously. It was pointed out that the committee meeting minutes had said “Full accounts will be published alongside minutes” or words to similar effect. It was agreed that the full Treasurer's report would be included in the minutes from now on and published on CSH website.





9. Webmaster Report

Clive Aberdour gave a report on the new website, which went live on 1st January, though the work was by no means finished. The new site is simpler, and easy to navigate, and maintain.

There was a round of applause for Clive and the web team (Sarah Winser and Gill Peissel).

10. 2022-3 Ride Leaders Report

Gwydion Jones gave a report on the work of the Ride Leader Coordinator over the year 2022–3. Key statistics on ride activity are presented in Figure 3, below. The overall picture was that there had been an increase in CSH rides over the previous year, but we were still behind pre-Covid levels of activity. It would be a priority of the club to increase the number of rides in the coming year.

Sarah Winser proposed a ride leaders subcommittee. This was to be discussed at the next committee meeting.

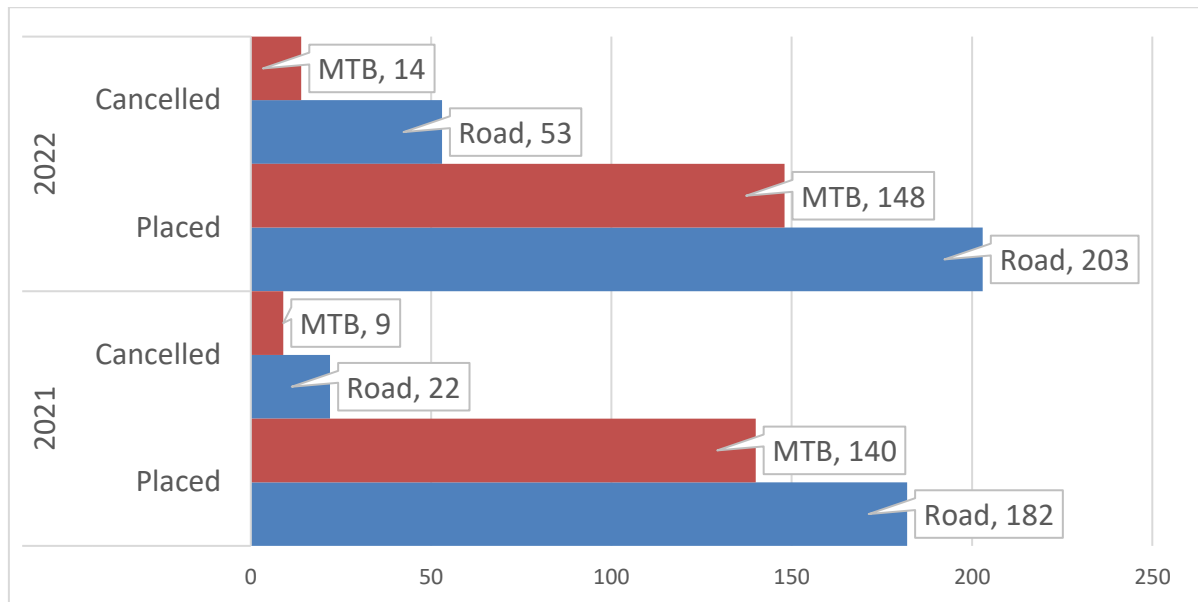


Figure 3: Club Calendar Rides 2022–3

11. Dr Bike report

A report was delivered by Jamie Simmons. Dr Bike was running smoothly:

- 13 Dr Bike sessions had been held in 2022–23. All sessions had been held out of The Hub in Peacehaven. The use of The Hub comes at zero cost to CSH.
- Dr Bike had attended the RNLI Open Day in Newhaven and had raised £76 for RNLI.
- £682.90 had been collected for the Newhaven Baptist Church Food Bank, £275 of which had been raised through the sale of bikes donated to Dr Bike.
- Dr Bike can now take electronic donations.
- Cycling UK support for Dr Bike of £769.12 had been retained by Dr Bike with Cycling UK's approval, for Dr Bike to use.

12. CSH Club Constitution

The new draft constitution was discussed, and it was proposed that the future quorum would be set a 5% of members, this was agreed by a show of hands, subject to the following amendments:

- (a) Insertion of the words "and is a non-profit making club".
- (b) The quorum for the annual general meeting was set at 5 per cent of the members.
- (c) The AGM or EGM could be held either face-to-face or by a videoconference.

13. The election of a committee for 2023–4

We have not received any new nominations to stand for membership of the committee. However, the 2022 committee were all prepared to stand for re-election for the coming year.

By a show of hands, the 2022 committee was re-appointed for another year. These are:

Existing officers
Chairman: Denis Bass

Secretary: Lindsay Stirton
Treasurer: Vivienne McLachlan
Membership Secretary: Gill Peissel
Ride Leader Coordinator: Gwydion Jones

14. Any other business (pre-registered questions only)

15. Committee Awards

These awards are made for members who had in the judgment of the committee made an outstanding contribution to the Club in the previous year. DCB presented the first cup to Sarah Winser for her dedication to the development of the WOW Rides and for her commitment to the jersey project. The second cup was awarded to Clive Aberdour for his effort and expertise in the development of the new website, his professionalism in the production of the Newsletter, and for the many rides he leads with the tourers.