Cycle Seahaven

15th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday 24th May 2024 – Commencing 7.30pm – Seaford Baptist Church

Members Present

Denis Bass	Yvonne knight	Gill Peissel	Sarah Winser
Mike Winser	Jamie Simmons	Clive Aberdour	Sharon Bass
Roger Case	Kate Carver	Ricki Carver	Mike Godwin
Anne Gasnola	Dave Geering	Sally Hardy	Charlie Ireland
Tony Rowswell	Donna Turner	Lee Turner	David Tyler
David Ray	David Wilton	Jane Wilton	Andrew Stephenson
Tina Chambler	Steve Westwood		

At present there are 296 fully paid-up Cycle Seahaven members with voting rights, of which 26 attended this AGM, this being 8.8% of the total membership. The Cycle Seahaven constitution requires a quorum of 5% 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 at 7.30pm by welcoming and thanking all those attending, and introducing Yvonne Knight, our co-opted Treasurer.

2. Apologies For Absence

Apologies were received from the following CSH members:

Roger White
Martin Billing
Roger & Carolyn Lambert
Diana Norman
Paul Sandles
Kate Parkinson

3. Approval of 11th February 2023 AGM minutes

These minutes were approved, proposed by Roger Case and seconded by Mike Godwin.

4. Chairman's Report

DCB delivered his report stating the years committee changes had proved very progressive and the small core was now well supported by the commitment and professionalism of the following subcommittee members:

Clive Aberdour – Website Administrator/Newsletter Editor
Jamie Simmons – Dr Bike Lead/Loan Bike Coordinator
Sarah Winser – Jersey Coordinator/Wellbeing Team Lead/First Aid Training Coordinator
Mike Godwin – Ride Leaders Meeting Coordinator
Mike Winser – Rides Statistics Coordinator
Roger Lambert – Ride Leader Assessor Coordinator
Paul Sandles – First Aid Kit & Radio Monitor
Ian Cairns – Local Liaisons Officer

DCB thanked the committee and subcommittee and then reminded members of the (sub) committee vacancies if anyone could offer help, and the need for ride leaders interested in taking slower and less technical rides.

5. CSH Chosen Charity for 2024-2026

DCB confirmed a whopping total of £2,218.04 had been raised for the Newhaven Baptist Church Foodbank over the 2year + period, and thanked the main contributors, Dr Bike Team for their efforts. CI asked for a total breakdown that identified the total raised by Dr Bike and donations that came through the club from various other means. These figures haven't previously been presented but easily established from the Treasurers Reports and JS's figures so could be included in next year's report.

There were 5 nominations for the club's new adopted charity, and Newhaven RNLI was voted by a show of hands as the charity to receive all raised donations over the coming 2year period. CI said he would have preferred a local charity as opposed to a national, and SW asked if the club could adopt two charities. CI suggested the AGM's low members attendance could not be a true representation of the club as a whole, to which DCB responded all fully paid-up members had received an AGM invitation and so a chance to vote for their preferred charity. LT suggested voting should be conducted only by the Dr Bike Team who had raised the majority of the donated monies. N.B. The Dr Bike Team Lead (Jamie Simmons) present at the AGM had proposed the RNLI. It has to be accepted this was a fair decision on all aspects of the voting process.

Following this discussion it was agreed a review must take place in respect of existing practice concerning the choosing of the clubs adopted charity, which was proposed by Sally Hardy and seconded by Charlie Ireland. The review would be conducted by the committee and brought for agreement at the 2025 AGM, in time for the 2026 AGM when a new charity would again be adopted.

6. Membership Secretary's Report

GP reported on a large percentage of inactive members, many of whom have said they are happy to continue their annual standing order payments to support a great community initiative. However, membership is lower this year at 296, and GP said this could be natural reduction or because a reminder to members to keep their club data updated could have resulted in some cancelling a forgotten CSH standing order. She said the membership payments due every January were adhered to by the majority and over 93% members now had standing orders.GP said in addition there was 29 youths within household memberships whom were considered 'inactive members' because none had a completed parental consent form in spite of GP emailing it to all parents. This matter has not been pushed because the club doesn't presently have a ride leader with an interest in family orientated rides.

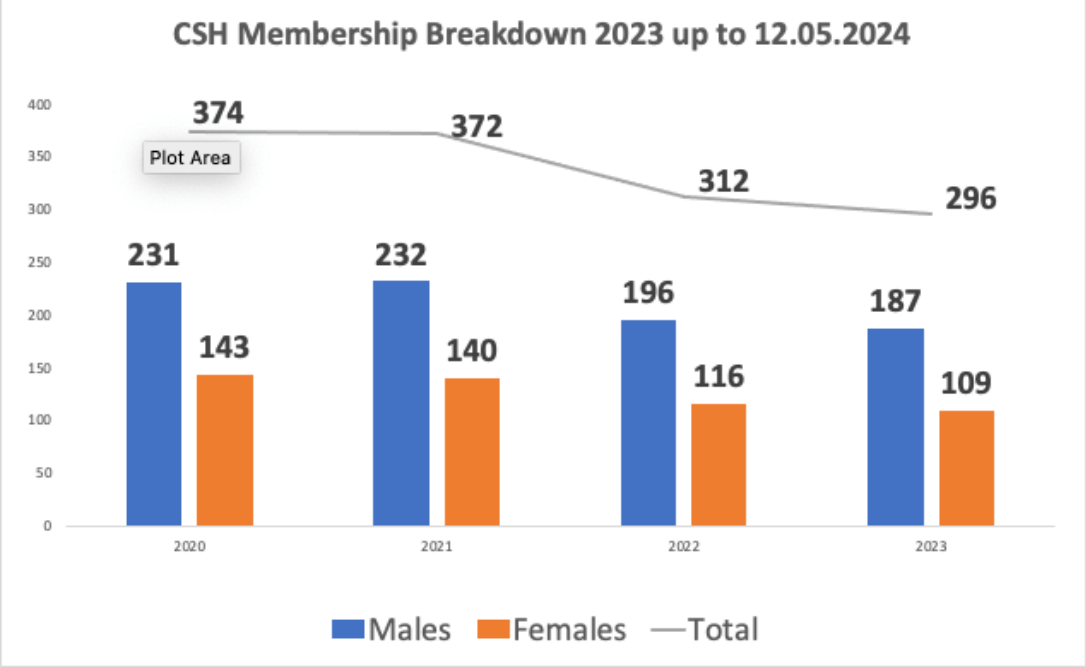

Fig 1: Total Membership & Male-Female Ratio

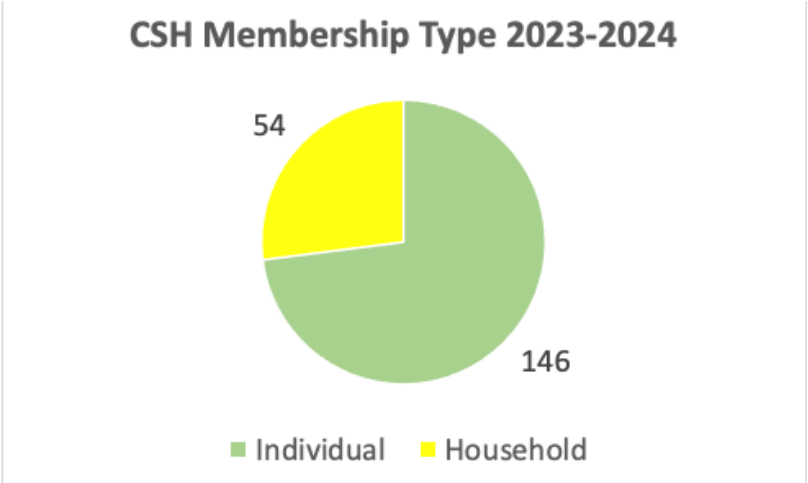

Fig 2: Individual & Household Membership

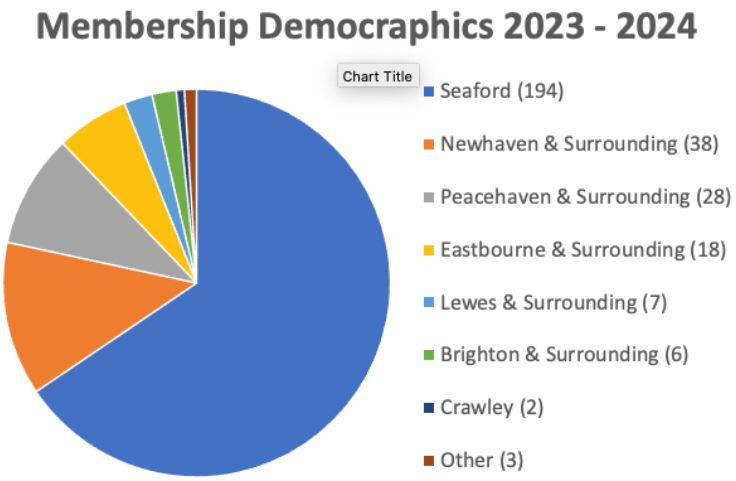

Fig 3: Membership Demographics

7. Treasurers Report

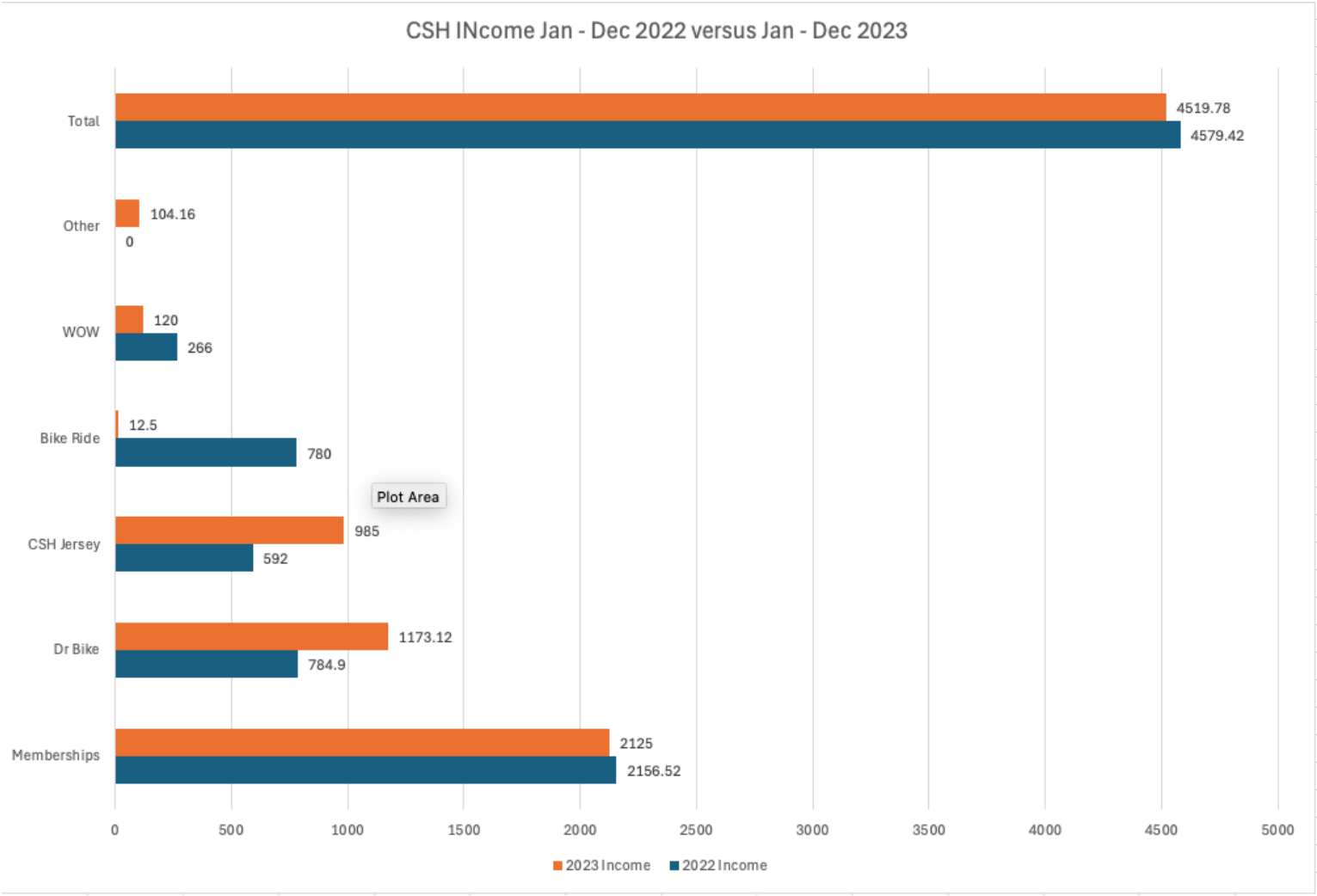

Fig 4: CSH Income Jan to Dec 2022 and 2023

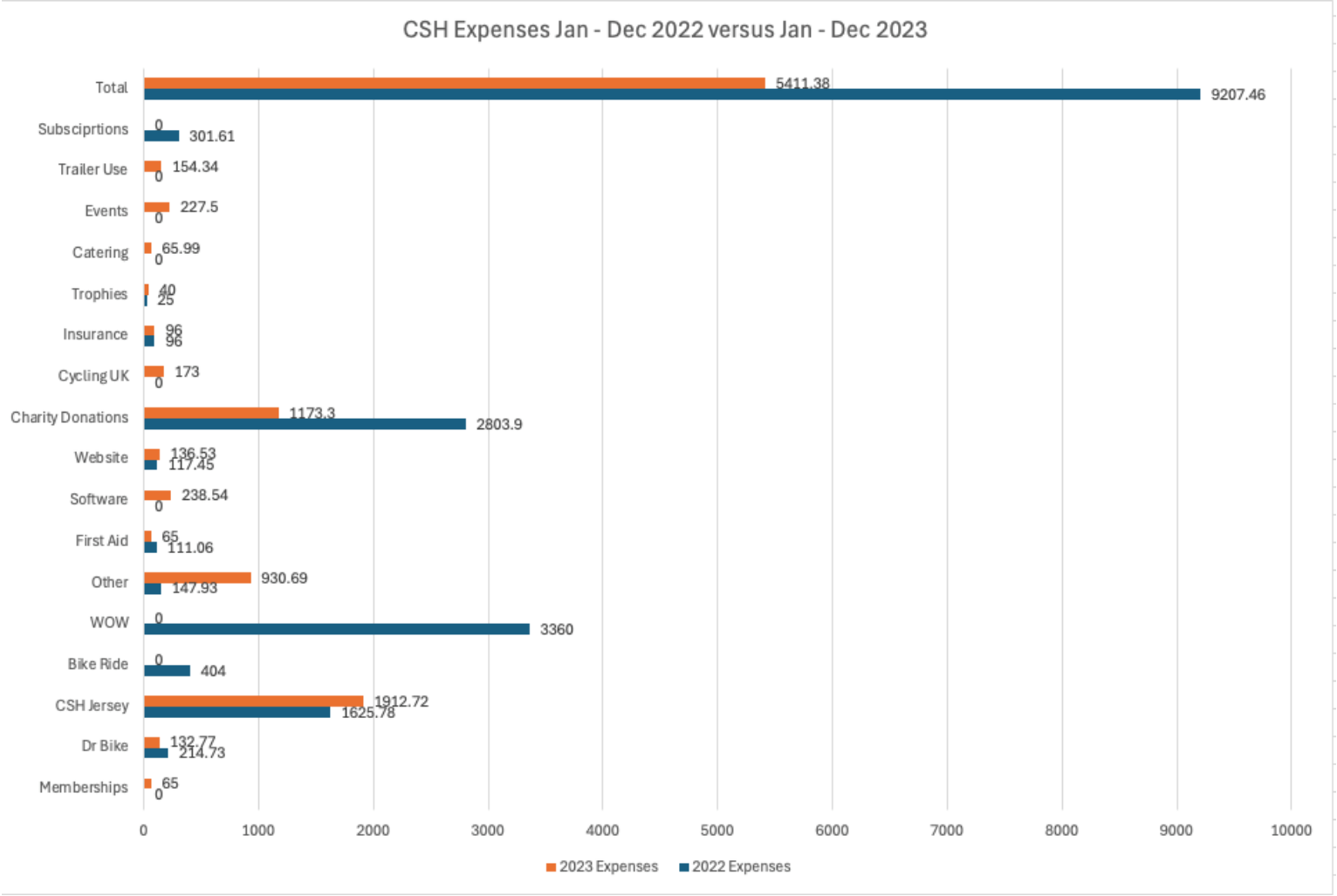

Fig 5: CSH Expenses Jan to Dec 2022 and 2023

For 2024 treasury figures please see this year's committee meeting minutes.

8. Ride Leaders Coordinators Report and the Future of RWGPS.

DCB reported although the number of rides was lower, there still remained a 'healthy' amount. MG said different ideas to promote ride numbers had been discussed and a gap in the grade 1 and 2 rides identified, but no ride leaders had come forward to fill this role. CA said this issue only applied to MTB rides and not the tourers. RC said the high numbers seen during COVID had dwindled and ride numbers would be expected to fall. He suggested reintroducing rides to and around Peacehaven for the novice rider, and DT said it had been this that had given her the confidence to progress onto the higher level she now rides. She said she would also like to see the return of Peacehaven used as a ride starting or pick-up point, and even rides from Dr Bike around the Big Park for those new members starting out.

DCB drew attention to the Club's paid membership of RWGPS that cost approximately £200 annually. Jamie said RWGPS was initially subscribed to by the club so members could share routes and maps but this idea had never taken off and only very few remained using it. When DCB put forward a vote to cancel the RWGPS subscription, members voted unanimously. CA said personal RWGPS accounts are free and routes from the club account can be downloaded to a personal account. DG said he would investigate this procedure over the next few months before the club account terminated in January 2025.

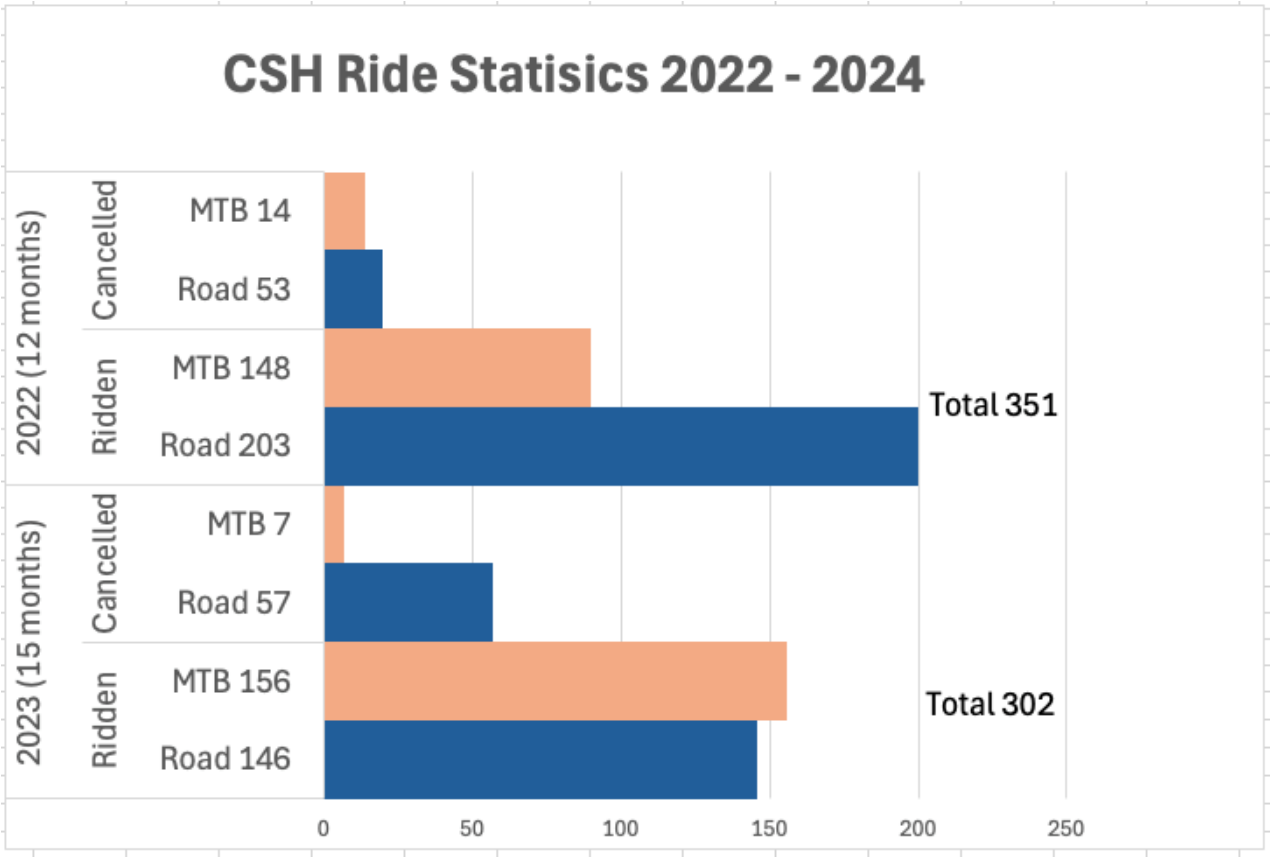

Fig 6: Ride Statistics

9. Dr Bike Report

JS started by thanking the dedication and commitment of the Dr Bike Team. He then presented to the members a report detailing the results of the 2023 season, a summary of which is included here in Fig 7. JS reported the first four Dr Bike sessions for the 2024 season have been completed with 30 bikes worked on, and £363.00 in donations already raised. They have received several donated bikes to be checked over, worked on and sold. The Dr Bike Team will be visiting The Sustainability Fair at Seaford Head Lower School on 1st June 2024, and The RNLI Newhaven Summer Spectacular celebrating RNLI's 200th Anniversary on Saturday 6th July 2024.

End of Season Summary - 2023

Sessions Held	Peacehaven	14
	Newhaven RNLI	1
	Seaford Bike Festival	1
Number of Bikes receiving attention		173
Number of Bikes Security Marked		71
Number of Bikes donated and sold		6
Total raised for our Charity		£1,095.60

Fig 7: Dr Bike End of Season Summary.

10. Election of 2024/2025 Committee

There have been received no new nominations to stand for membership of the committee. The 2023-24 committee were all prepared to stand again for re-election for the coming year. The vote was proposed by Jamie Simmons and seconded by Tony Roswell with a unanimous show of hands.

Existing officers
Chairman: Denis Bass
Secretary: Gill Peissel, also to continue her role as Membership Secretary.
Treasurer: Yvonne Knight

11. CSH Jersey Project

DCB started by bringing attention to a Ukrainian cycling club in Korosten, whom he has identified as being able to make use of old or unwanted cycling jerseys. Members who wished to donate any jerseys were asked to pass them onto SW or any committee member before the end of July.

DCB said he was delighted the present CSH jerseys continued to sell well, and thanked SW for the managing of jersey stock and selling to members. He asked for another budget to be

approved for further subsidies of the jersey cost to members. CI asked how much the subsidies amounted to on each jersey and DCB said future subsidies would be calculated based on how many were sold. DT cautioned against over-saturation given not many new members were joining and active members might have already purchased their quota.

* LT pointed out more riders were needed to buy more jerseys and suggested the money could be better spent on advertising to increase club membership. CI asked the true amount of club funds available. YK explained committed funds such as the Cycling UK grant, charity donations and awarded ride leader grants are itemised as such on each monthly Treasurer's Report. Additionally ongoing expenses such as the website costs for virus protection are accounted for, and as such approximately £2,500 of club funds remained available.

DCB assured high amounts of club funds being tied up was prevented by purchases from the jersey company being dictated by club members orders. However, the ordering protocol meant purchasing 5 at a time but this allowed a basic stock offering opportunity to display at events and members chance to try on for sizing.

CA suggested a different jersey design. SW responded the basic style and colours had now been adopted by the club but the CSH wording and patterns could be reviewed. RC said he thought the quality and price of the club jerseys was very good. Given this discussion a repeat of the previously approved £2000 subsidy was thought excessive and DCS proposed £1000. This was seconded by Dave Tyler and given unanimous approval by a show of hands.

* 28.03.2025 - LT has stated his recorded comments are incorrect and would like it noted '*I actually said that more rides need to be posted and then jersey sales would follow. I didn't say that the money would be better spent on advertising to increase club membership.'*
04.04.2025 – Further amended to remove the previous last sentence*.*

12. Any Other Business **(pre-registered questions only) - none**

13. Award Of CSH Trophies

The awards are given to members for outstanding contribution to the club.
Gill was presented with a huge bunch of flowers in recognition of her "*skills and commitment beyond expectation in keeping the club operating like a well oiled machine.*'
Thank you Gill.

Kate and Ricki Carver were each awarded a trophy for their Team Carver efforts in long-term supporting the club and ongoing dedication in providing rides, particular their Thursday evening jaunts in all weathers and throughout the year. Thank you Kate and Ricki.

Jamie Simmons was awarded a trophy for his commitment to Dr Bike that includes a huge amount of behind the scenes work with ESCC and Sustrans, as well as him demonstrating great leadership skills in keeping the Dr Bike team focussed and motivated in accomplishing such high levels of practice, and the resulting generous donations. Thank you Jamie.

Laurance Venus was awarded a trophy for moving the club forward with his diverse array of rides that include MTB, touring and gravel bikes, promoting varied routes and multiday events. Laurence was unable to attend the AGM as was typically busy leading CSH members along the Cantii Way in Kent ridden over three days, so his trophy was collected on his behalf by Roger Case. Thank you Laurence.

Lastly Gill presented Denis with a bottle of wine to show appreciation of his commitment in chairing the club and leading so well. Denis then thanked everyone again for their attendance and input, and those who had helped in the preparation of the AGM.
The meeting was closed at 9.15pm.