Cycle Seahaven

16th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 7th May 2025 – Commencing 7.30pm – Seaford Baptist Church

Members attending

Denis Bass, Sharon Bass, Roger Case, Yvonne Knight, Gill Peissel, Jamie Simmons, Mike Godwin, Chris Gore, Martyn Billing, Jane Wilton, David Wilton, Tony Stilwell, Dave Geering, Clive Aberdour, Ian Waterman, Tony Rowswell, Kate Carver, Ricki Carver, Anne Gasnola, Bob Phillips, Emma York, Dorinda Dodd, Steve Westwood.
The meeting was quorate.

The Business of the meeting was contained in a PowerPoint presentation with club photos inbetween. Should anyone wish for copy of the presentation please contact the club Secretary.

1. **Chairman's welcome**
   The Chairman welcomed everyone to the club's 16th AGM and explained that the AGM is simply to go through the business of the club to ensure that we are conforming to our rules, update members on the work of the club and use the opportunity to meet up with each other in an enjoyable environment.

2. **Apologies for absence**
   Roger White, Terry Jones, Noel West, Jane West, Andrew Stephenson, Mike Winser, Laurence Venus, Kildare Clapham, David Tyler, Sarah Winser, Ian Cairns, Nigel Harwood, Sally Hardy, Michelle Baldwin.

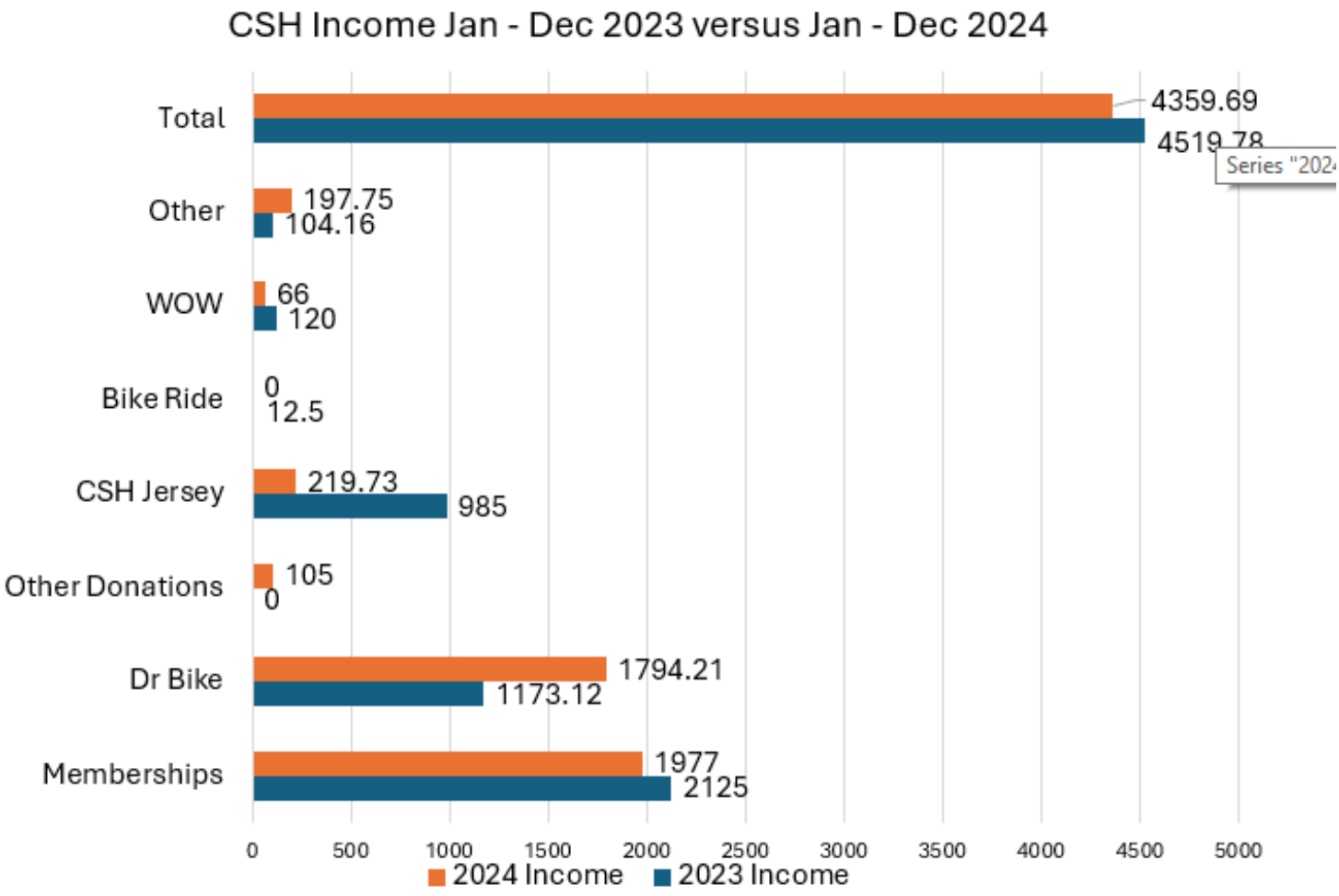
3. **Approval of AGM Minutes for May 2024**
   Approval of the minutes from the 2024 AGM was proposed, seconded and approved by a show of hands from the floor.

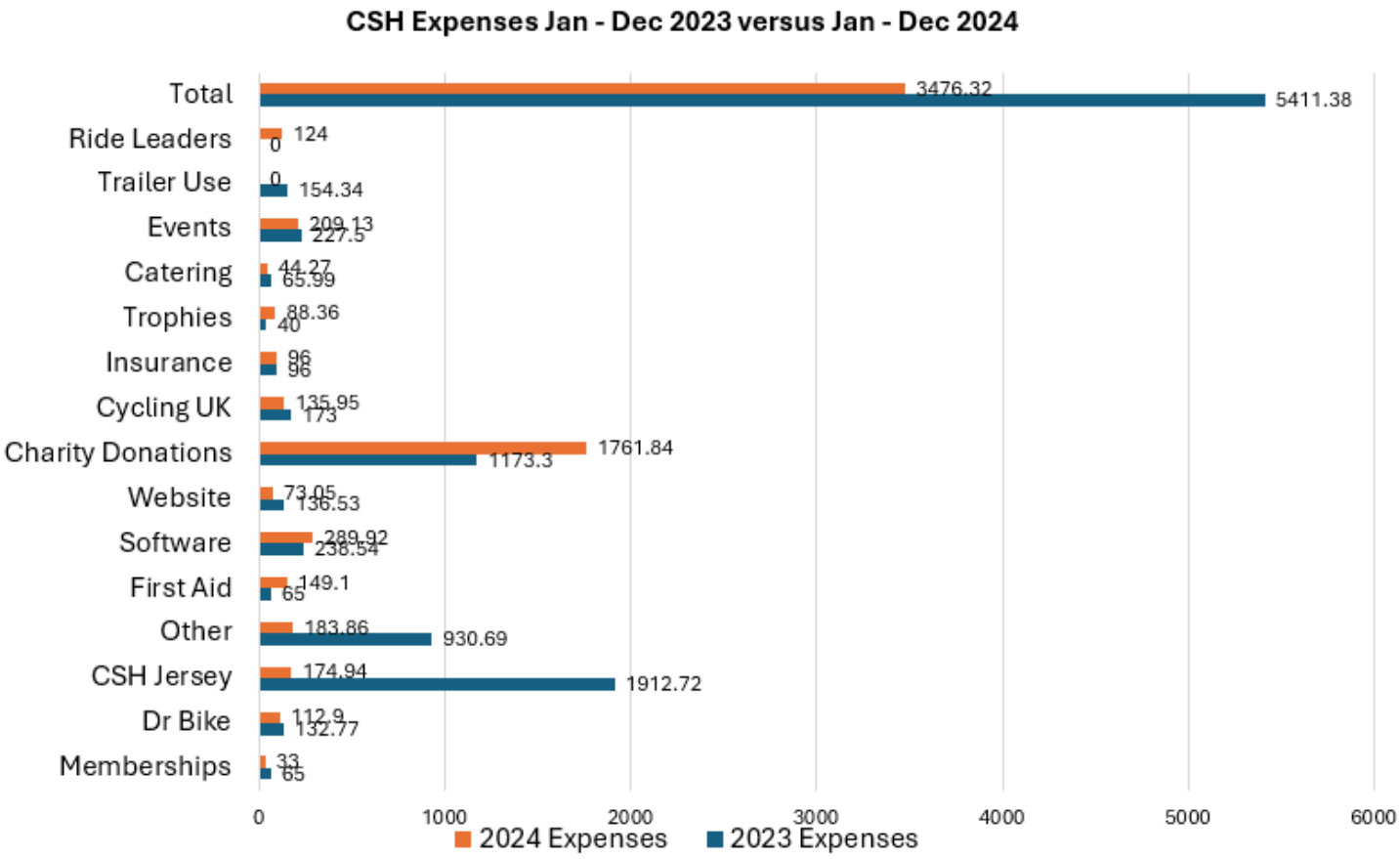
4. **Chairman's report**
   The chairman delivered the following report;
   2024 has once again been an interesting year for us, during the year we saw some changes to the committee, however we have risen to the challenge and progressed with a smaller core committee. Today we are managing our club with a committee of three, subject to a vote later we have me continuing as Chairman, Roger Case as club secretary and Yvonne as treasurer. But more importantly with a group of nine subcommittee members who each do a superb job assisting us to manage the club, without their commitment and professionalism we wouldn't be able to operate to the level we do today, and so, in no particular order these are our team.
   Gill Peissel – Membership Secretary and Club administrator
   Clive Aberdour – Website Coordinator and Newsletter editor
   Jamie Simmons – Dr Bike Lead
   Sally Hardy – external contact with Seaford Scene & Peacehaven Directory
   Sarah Winser – Well Being Team Lead
   Mike Godwin – RL Meeting coordinator
   Mike Winser – Club Rides & statistics coordinator
   Paul Sandles – First Aid Kit Coordinator
   Ian Cairns – Local Liaison officer.

In recognition of all the work that our team does please join me by giving them all a round of applause. We are always keen to develop the Club and if anyone present or perhaps you know someone who would like to join either the core committee or maybe our subcommittee then please let anyone of us know, if you are interested, please chat after the meeting finishes.
This leads us nicely to the forthcoming year; we will continue to focus our attention on cycle rides to suit the many different groups within our club. We have many Ride leaders, but we need active ride leaders to increase the number of rides on the calendar.
Thank you everyone.

5. **Membership Secretary's report**
Membership Secretary Gill Peissel reported the current membership to be 262.
There were no questions from the floor.

6. **Treasurer's report**
The following Treasurers report was presented by the Yvonne Knight;





FY25 Income & Expenses YTD

	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25
Opening Bank Balance	£4,056.47	£5,621.47	£5,658.47
Memberships	£1,565.00	£37.00	£44.00
Web Hosting			-£71.86
Bank Charges			-£4.25
Closing Bank Balance	£5,621.47	£5,658.47	£5,626.36

<u>Questions from the floor</u>

Please clarify if the trailer has been used in the last year?

Denis Bass reported that it had not but ideas to encourage its use are being discussed.

7. Ride Leaders coordinators' reports

Mike Winser, who was unable to attend the meeting provided the ride statistics as shown below;

CSH Ride Stats 08.05.2024-31.03.2025

Posted		Cancelled	Ridden
Road	187	40	147
MTB	121	8	113
Total	**308**	**48**	**260**

Mike Godwin gave an encouraging summary of the work of Ride Leaders and the upward trend in recruiting new Ride Leaders.

8. Dr Bike report

Jamie Simmons presented the Dr Bike report preceded by the following comments;

Dr Bike had a very strong season through 2024 which of course is only possible due to the continued support and dedication of the whole team. As Dr Bike Lead, Jamie, would like to record his thanks to the team for their commitment and enthusiasm.

It is truly a great project and everyone involved gets a lot of joy out of the work we do and the feedback we receive from members of the public visiting us.

The results for the year are incredibly pleasing not only in terms of the numbers of bikes attended to but the funds we have been able to raise for our chosen charity on behalf of the club. an incredible £1,794.19.

The Dr Bike expenses breakdown for 2024 is;

Cycling UK Grant funds

£540.48 opening balance

£160.85 expenditure on parts and equipment

£379.63 retained Grant carried forward to 2025

CycleSeahaven budget for refreshments expenses

£200.00 budget agreed with committee for the season, of which, £ 44.27 was utilised.

End of Season Summary - 2024		
Sessions Held	Peacehaven	13
	Newhaven RNLI	1
	Sustainable Seaford	1
Number of Bikes receiving attention		140
Number of Bikes Security Marked		6
Number of Bikes donated and sold		17
Total raised for our Charity		£1,794.19
Note: £361.83 raised for Newhaven Food bank prior to the 2024 AGM and then £1,432.36 allocated to Newhaven RNLI for the remainder of the season.		

9. First Aid training proposal

The Chairman gave the following report.

As many of you will be aware, we have always encouraged Ride Leaders to be First Aid trained, we are now proposing to extend this invitation to all members. The course, which is a one-day course, created by "Medics Choice" based in Hailsham and used by us for training in 2023. Our proposal is to offer this

training first to Ride Leaders, but the offer will be extended to all Club members, paid for by the club. The cost for 12 people will be £540, which amounts to £45 per person for a one-day certified course. The objective would be to have enough to fill each course and if possible, create a waiting list for a future course.
The approval of the report was proposed, seconded and approved by a show of hands from the floor and the meeting agreed for the committee to move forward with the proposal.

10. Election of 2025/26 committee

The Chairman reported the following;
It is our intention to continue to manage the club with a core committee and a group of dedicated members who are sub-committee members who, if they wish, or not, attend committee meetings. Therefore, I have put myself forward as Chairman, we have Roger Case who volunteered himself earlier as club Secretary and Yvonne who has agreed to continue as our Treasurer.
There being no questions the approval of the proposal was proposed, seconded and approved by show of hands from the floor.

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

There being no pre-registered questions the chairman introduced the following;

(1) **The Jersey project** – For many years we have made club jerseys available to members. In recent years, since 2021 we have used our current supplier, and we intend to continue with them. We have a sample of stock Jerseys here and they are available for members to purchase from us tonight. In addition, we are currently working on the 2025 project and that will include an online purchase to improve the efficiency of our supply procedure. As we roll out this project, we will make full details available to all members. The Chairman suggested we move forward with this proposal unless we continued as we are which would require another member volunteer to carry on the Jersey project as we are at present – From the floor, Dave Geering volunteered to accept this role, the room displayed their enthusiasm with a round of applause and acceptance from the Chair.

(2) **Our Club Newsletter** – Clive Aberdour has very kindly and very professionally produced the club Newsletter for almost 15 years, hopefully you will have all seen and in fact replied to the recent survey? We only received 46 replies from our membership of 262 members, which is disappointing to us all. The simple question being asked by Clive and the committee, do you want a Newsletter? Clive commented on his perspective. A discussion ensued and Clive asked for more time to produce an alternative proposal to the committee, this was agreed.

12. Award of CSH trophies and Special Commendations

The Chairman introduced the awards and special commendations as follows;

Finally, I am delighted to present two awards this evening, these are our committee awards, both members have demonstrated to us their outstanding contribution to the development of Cycle Seahaven over the past year. The first award goes to Mike Godwin for his commitment and the development of the Ride Leader meetings, very well done Mike, thank you.
Mike responded.

The second award goes to Sarah Winser, who sadly has a last-minute family commitment, for which she is so proud, it is her grandson's RAF passing out ceremony. Her award is for the continuing support of the WOW team and her development of the A1 rides, for which we are very grateful. Sarah has sent me a message, which I promised to read out, she said, "I feel blessed to receive this award, I am very honoured. I sincerely express my thanks to the members of Cycle Seahaven, all ride leaders and all the team working behind the scenes, it would not have been possible for me to receive this award without their support and help."

Before I close, it would be remiss of me not to mention and ask for your appreciation to show our thanks to the following two members who do such a great job for the club, and each are especially recognised tonight. The first is Laurence Venus for his exceptional commitment to leading so many and various road and MTB rides.
The second person we want to recognize is Jamie Simmons for his exceptional commitment and professionalism to the development of Dr Bike.
Sadly, Laurence was unable to attend the meeting and Bob Phillips offered to pass on the special commendation.

Chairman's closing comments.
The Chairman thanked everyone who attended and looked forward to another successful year for Cycle Seahaven and declared the meeting closed at 20.30