

As a member of Cycle Seahaven you are invited to attend the club's 1st Annual General Meeting at the Wellington Pub in Seaford on Wednesday, 20th January at 8.00pm.

AGENDA

- 1 Welcome
- 2 Apologies for Absence
- 3 Chairman's Report
- 4 Treasurer's Report
- 5 Committee Nominations
- 6 Election of the Committee
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Membership Secretary
 - Website Manager
 - Three Committee Members for 'Campaigning Issues'
 - 'Women in Cycling' member
 - 'Schools Liaison' member
 - Events/Rides Co-ordinator
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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Cycle Seahaven has had an encouraging start since the suggestion to set up as a formal club earlier this year. The initial meeting was arranged by Eddie Collicot and Ian Cairns for 13th January and was well attended, indicating a need for a local cycling club. Now that demand had been established a second meeting was held on 24th February to formalise the club. By this time we had a name, a website, some eager participants and a very broad remit. On March 10th we held a committee meeting to adopt formal rules and a constitution, become affiliated to the CTC, and opened a Building Society account.

This is my first appointment to a committee, let alone as Chairman, so it's been a steep learning curve. Fortunately I had the support of a great committee from day one, including Clive (Secretary), Ian (Webmaster) and Rod, our local bike guru and Publicity & Recruitment officer. Their experience and drive have been instrumental in the continued success of the club. David also jumped into the unknown by volunteering to be club Treasurer. Despite his efforts to avoid it, Eddie joined the committee soon after and has been a valuable source of drive and knowledge. Sue Turner and Gill Tait are recent additions to our committee for Women in Cycling and Schools Liaison, and their support and insight has been a very welcome addition. Also new to us are Denis, Jamie and Mark, three very capable cyclists who have volunteered to be ride leaders.

Due to the efforts of the committee, Cycle Seahaven is formally recognised by both East Sussex council and Seaford Town Council. We have already had several meetings with both town and county officials, and we have put forward our ideas in creating a cycle friendly infrastructure for all to enjoy – thanks to all who gave us feedback and ideas. As a local cycling club we will be consulted on local transport issues. This is amazing progress for our club and the way has been paved for us to help define the local transport plan and push for better cycling facilities. Congratulations to all involved.

We have a great relationship with the Seaford Gazette, too. Reporter Joanne Smith joined the club on an off-road ride and we received great publicity with a full colour article. Joanne continues to show an interest in Cycle Seahaven and regularly publishes news and article for us.

We have run many road and off-road rides of varying length and difficulty. As a club our aim is to help increase cycling for all abilities. Cycling can be enjoyed by everyone and, being a fully inclusive club, we have found it difficult to meet everyone's expectations. Our mid-year survey received a huge response and we gained a valuable insight into the cycling needs of our members. The committee responded with more rides over more days and more ride leaders. Despite this many of our rides remain poorly attended. To help make things simpler to understand we have introduced a grading system and a fixed layout for ride notifications. We will be looking to our members for further feedback and suggestions to help develop our club into 2010, including cycling for women.

Clive Aberdour will be stepping down as club secretary so that he can concentrate on organising rides. Clive has done a fantastic job as Secretary, for which I owe him a huge debt of gratitude, and I'm sure he will be as equally successful in organising rides. Next year's rides fixtures will be more comprehensive and planned much further in advance. We also have some major events in the pipeline including charity and long-distance rides.

Now that the groundwork has been laid we can concentrate on more rides and fully meeting your expectations as club members. We welcome your comments and feedback and look forward to further improving Cycle Seahaven.

Many thanks to the committee and ride leaders for their continued work and support. 2010 is shaping up to be a great year for our club.

Andy Lock

Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

David Hester-Lock will present a report to the AGM.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE

The Club's Constitution requires that members will elect a committee to serve until the next AGM. The current Committee members, apart from Clive Aberdour (Secretary) and Rod Lambert (Publicity & Recruitment Officer), will be offering themselves for re-election in their existing roles.

Andy Lock (Chairman)
David Hestor-Lock (Treasurer)
Ian Cairns (Website Manager)
Sue Turner (Committee Member for 'Women in Cycling')
Eddie Collicot (Committee Member for 'Campaigning Issues')

The post of Membership Secretary, previously known as Publicity & Recruitment Officer, is currently vacant.

The post of Events/Rides Co-ordinator is also vacant. Clive Aberdour is offering himself for election to this post.

Three new posts are being created:

Campaigning issues: two further members are required to work with Eddie on this subject.
Schools Liaison: Gillian Tait is offering herself for election to this post.

Nominations for all posts will be invited from members at the AGM. All voting will be at the AGM.

WEEKLY RIDE PROGRAMME FOR 2010

The intention is to have a programme of regular bike rides every week during 2010 as follows:

Tuesday evenings:	Club night for those using road bikes.
Thursday evenings:	Club night for those using off-road bikes.
Saturday mornings:	Off-road bike ride
Sunday mornings:	On-road bike ride.

The club night rides will resume in March and the rides at weekends may resume earlier, depending on weather conditions.

The club caters for a wide range of cycling abilities so a grading system is being introduced for rides so that members will know in advance whether a ride is suitable for them.

EVENTS FOR 2010

Some 'events' are being planned for 2010. Events, as distinct from rides, are different in that they will not be held on a regular basis, will usually be special in some way and may be open to the general public as well as members.

1 A 4-day charity event along the South Downs Way, from Winchester to Eastbourne is being planned for Friday 28 May to Monday 31 May inclusive. It will be a fund-raising event for the East Sussex Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

2 It's intended to run four events during National Bike week during June. These will be:

Adult Beginner (Sat 12th June) An 'on-road' ride from the Martello Tower in Seaford to The Hope Inn at Newhaven. It will probably be in the morning with the aim of reaching the Hope Inn by 11.00am for coffee. The total distance will be about 10 miles which, for an adult beginner, would be a real achievement to complete.

Parent and children ride (Sun 13th June) This will be a ride from the Martello Tower, along the promenade to the lay-by opposite Edinburgh Rd and continue along the cycle path to the Yacht Club. Then, return along the same route. It will be a round trip of about 4 miles. Dispensation will be sought to cycle along the promenade for safety reasons.

Adult Beginner (Sat 19th June) This will be a short 'off-road' ride in Friston Forest and may finish with a drink in The Plough & Harrow or The Golden Galleon.

Workshop plus Picnic/BBQ (Sun 20th June) This event will be for families who may also like to learn some tips on bike maintenance and get their bikes fixed.

National Bike Week event dates are provisional at this stage.

3 It's intended to run a one or two 'Weekenders' in Dieppe. These will involve a ferry trips between Newhaven and Dieppe, staying overnight in Dieppe for one or two nights and cycling in the Seine-Maritime area of France.

CAMPAIGNS FOR 2010

There has been much activity on the campaigning front over the past few months, especially by Eddie Collicot, Andy Lock and Ian Cairns. Cycle Seahaven is now recognised by both East Sussex and Seaford councils and was recently invited to provide input to the Local Transport Plan as regards cycling facilities.

The priority issues which Cycle Seahaven will be pursuing in 2010 are:

- 1 Completion of the Avenue Verte which includes the route from Exceat, the seafront in Seaford and the Bishopstone bridge section of the route.
- 2 Safe routes to schools.
- 3 An alternative to the C7 for cyclists, ie from Newhaven to Lewes.