

CTC North Hampshire: Minutes of the 2010 AGM

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1. Introduction

1.1 Committee Attendees

Name	Position	Present	Apologies	Absent
Mark Beauchamp	Treasurer	X		
Bob Bending	Web Publicity	X		
Charlie Halliday	Farnborough	X		
Andrew Heaton	Secretary, Off-road & Welfare	X		
Janice Montgomerie	Alton Saturday	X		
Frank Pote	Chairman	X		
Stephen Olivant	Petersfield	X		
Heather Rainbow	RTR Basingstoke	X		
Colin Waters	Fleet	X		
Andrew Watson	Membership & Alton Sunday	X		
Diana Wood	President	X		
Ray Wood	President	X		

1.2 Invited Guests

1.2.1 **Graham Smith (CTC Regional Councillor)**

1.2.2 **Sarah Walker (CTC East Hampshire Cycling Development Officer)**

1.3 Membership Represented

In all, twenty-four CTC North Hampshire members signed in.

Unusually, extra chairs were required.

1.4 Apologies

George & Nora sent their apologies as did Caroline Brodie, Chris King-Smith, Robert Watson, Bonnie Hildred and Chris Cowell.

2. Minutes of the Last AGM

The Minutes were published on the Website last November. No corrections were received and the minutes were submitted to HQ with the rest of our 2009 submission.

2.1 Matters arising (from 2009 AGM)

2.1.1 AGM – Move from Sunday Morning?

This was discussed without any clear consensus at the last AGM. The committee discussed it further and here we are today.

2.1.2 **Saturday Rides**

The popularity of the Saturday rides and the numbers attending had raised safety concerns and how to cover a broad spread of abilities.

A split ride is run on the first Saturday of the month and this is working well but no safety concerns. When the turnout is low the ride merges into a single ride.

3. **Officer's Reports**

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3.1 **Chairman**

The year has been a bit of a mixed bag, some good some bad. Thanks to committee for their support. Thanks to Bob. Thanks to event organisers and the helpers who make these events happen. There has been slightly less on the social side with no New Forest and skittles over the last year. The plan is to up the social scene and we will have a skittles this year coming. The BBQ was successful and everyone was well fed.

There was sadness too with Jackie's sudden death particularly as Jackie was out riding when she died. As well as riding regularly, Jackie's knowledge of the newspaper industry help Jackie get many promotional articles published.

3.2 **Publicity**

Nothing added.

3.3 **Secretary**

Nothing added.

3.4 **Treasurer**

Mark's report didn't get into the published pre-report because it had been miss-classified as spam. A copy has now arrived and it will be added into the updated annual report. Mark read out his report.

Fleet group found a wallet and the owner's reward of £40 was donated to the group.

The cost of running the group this year was mainly down to printing costs for the leaflets.

Thanks to Jeff Gibbs our honorary auditor who is stepping down after 13 years.

3.5 **Membership**

Adrian Lawson has now left CTC HQ but we've not had notification of his replacement. Andy reminded members to keep your email address up to date. This years AGM invites went to 542 members.

3.6 **Welfare**

Nothing added.

4. **Ride Co-ordinators' Reports**

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4.1 Alton – Saturday – Janice

Nothing added.

4.2 Alton – Sunday – Andy

Each Sunday attracts up to fifteen riders from a pool of about twenty. The traditional new-year work-out in terms of the Watership Down ride organised by Sue Coles was cancelled due to the bad weather in January. CTC North Hampshire and Alton CC has reciprocal arrangements for riders and this interchange is working well.

4.3 Off-Road – Andrew

Andrew also mentioned Alice's Off-road Ladies rides which are organised on an ad-hoc basis between registered ladies.

4.4 Fleet – Colin

Thursday rides average seven riders; Sunday rides average five rider though both rides managed a maximum of twelve riders at one point in the year. The two groups mainly separate pools of riders apart from a couple who ride Thursday and Sunday.

Thursday rides mainly in Hampshire as they ride to join the mid-week fellowship; Sunday rides go further a field

4.5 Farnborough – Charlie

Runs are held on Sunday and are easy rides of up to 20 miles with a lunch break. During the summer the group went to Ledbury where Malvern lies to the east and Wales to the west. Charlie is trying to increase the number of ride leaders.

4.6 Petersfield – Stephen

Nothing added.

5. Right to Ride Representative Reports

Heather's compilation of the various right to ride reports is included in the Annual Reports published prior to the AGM on the CTC North Hampshire Website (<http://www.nhampshirectc.org.uk/>) and are not reproduced here.

Heather summarised her report

Sarah (on behalf of the Fleet/Rushmoor RtR group) sent in submissions to LTP3 for both Hart and Rushmoor, the Fleet Town Access Plan and the Rushmoor town access plan. Sarah is the CTC representative on the Rushmoor cycle forum that Charlie Halliday chairs as an independent cyclist.

Aldershot is about to have a large re-development of one of the garrisons but the forum has not had any visibility of the plans. It is thought that about 2000 houses are to be built in small sections. Such incremental developments often lack coherence and this results in discontinuous cycle paths.

Graham used to teach architecture and design at Oxford Brookes University. Guidance in 1970 was roads are for going somewhere, houses are in small cul-de-sacs. Manual for Streets came a few years ago and recently Manual for Streets 2 has been published. This acknowledges that the guidance of the 1970s was a failure and says people should come first. However, most of the road engineers in post are steeped in the previous guidance.

HCC have signed up to the manual for streets and have issued guidance to their officers. For more details see <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hampshire-manual-for-streets.htm>

Heather stated that often her comments go unanswered. Graham thought that it is illegal for councils not to respond to objections.

Graham also stated that the population density of England is now greater than that of the Netherlands. He suggested that (given a similar distribution of population relative to destinations) as many if not more English journeys could be by bike. Often statements from road engineers in planning submission are simply statements and are not supported by evidence.

6. Election of Officers

6.1 Those Standing Again

- Chairman: Frank Pote
- Treasurer: Mark Beauchamp
- Registration: Andy Watson
- Promotions: Webmaster: Bob Bending
- Welfare: Andrew Heaton
- Ride co-ordinator: Off-road: Andrew Heaton
- Ride co-ordinator: On-road, Alton (Saturday): Janice Montgomerie
- Ride co-ordinator: On-road, Alton (Sunday): Andy Watson
- Ride co-ordinator: On-road, Farnborough: Charlie Halliday
- Ride co-ordinator: On-road, Fleet: Colin Waters
- Right to Ride: Basingstoke: Heather Rainbow
- Right to Ride: East Hampshire – Alton – Remains vacant
- Right to Ride: East Hampshire – Petersfield: ~~Stephen Olivant~~

The motion for sitting unchallenged members was proposed by Bob Bending and seconded by Richard Brown. The motion was carried unanimously.

6.2 Those Standing Down

For three roles, the current holders stepped down at the AGM. No-one was prepared to stand for these roles and hence the following roles are vacant:

- Secretary
- Ride co-ordinator: On-road, Petersfield
- Right to Ride: East Hampshire – Petersfield

7. Awards

Awards were presented by Graham Smith.

7.1 Mike Wilson Tankard

The award for the highest place CTC North Hampshire rider in the freewheeling and pace-judging completion was won by Janice Montgomerie

7.2 John McGivern trophy DATC Champion

It is with sadness we remember that John McGivern died in May this year.

The trophy for the highest placed North Hampshire participant in the national DATC.

Mark Beauchamp once again commands an unassailable lead within the North Hampshire riders who take part in this national competition. Final notional results are awaiting the final few events to declare.

7.3 Charlie Dearne Shield

This trophy has a long history but recently hasn't been contested. It has been proposed that the trophy be presented to Frank Allen who was the first winner of the trophy and for Frank to hold the trophy on behalf of CTC North Hampshire.

8. Invited Guests

8.1 Graham Smith

Graham stood as a CTC councillor to contribute his professional (Architecture & Design) experience to the CTC but lately, HQ has been more focussed on the Charity question. Graham rode as a boy, went to London and stopped riding and then started riding again as a forty year-old. He was dismayed that Oxfordshire County Council's focus on promoting safe cycling ended up discouraging cycling as any road regarded as dangerous had its encouragement withdrawn and hence the scope of "safe" cycling diminished.

Graham did some research that found that for everyday cyclists they have an incident about once every ten days where the cyclist needed to take evasive action. Also, most incidents were with bike and motor vehicle going straight ahead rather than head-on or turning. E.g. overtaking parked cars, avoiding pot-holes.

Keep complaining and objecting.

Graham doesn't see any major problem with changing to a charitable status. He doesn't think that it will change much at the group level.

8.2 Sarah Walker

Sarah works as part of the champions project and is funded through lottery funding. Sarah is embedded in EHDC but also works with the forestry commission particular at Alice Holt. Sarah's mission is to get more people cycling.

Sarah is employed by the trust and most of Sarah's work is to benefit everyone member and non-member alike.

e.g. working with parents in Petersfield to get more children cycling

Sarah's now been in post for 18 months as part of the champions project and her mission is to get new people on bikes. Sarah can now cover all of Hampshire rather than being constrained to East Hampshire.

Alice Holt is now regarded as a centre of excellence for support disabled or injured people back on to bikes.

Sarah now feels established and finds that many people come to her rather than Sarah having to go out and look for them. Sarah now has two fleets of mountain bikes that are used to support cycling in schools.

Sarah would love it if we came to see work at Alice Holt and Queen Elizabeth Country Park. Come and see the work and understand the reasons why CTC fund this.

The purchase of the bikes for the project has been through Lottery funding plus partner organisations such as HCC and the Forestry Commission.

Cycling for older people has been very difficult to get enough interested participants. Sarah has found she gets a better response by approaching existing organisations such as WI rather than advertising courses for individuals as the group already exist as a functioning network and hence support between members is much stronger.

9. Other Business

9.1 Annual Lunch

Janice confirmed the annual lunch will be held on Sunday 23rd January 2011.

9.2 Phil Hampton

Ron questioned whether the routes should be changed? Also some concern was expressed about the condition of the roads in March. It was felt that the routes are part of the character of the ride and were chosen to reflect Phil Hampton's taste in riding. It was decided with regard to the road conditions, a warning would be added to one location within the route sheet. The tradition is the 3rd Saturday in March (19th) from Four Marks.

As a committee we need to get Ron some support.

9.3 Taste of the Test

Mark is not planning to run the Taste of the Test rides in 2011 as he's unable to commit the time to the ride. One option is to delay the event to later in the year.

Action: publish on the web-site to ask for an organiser.

Mark was thanked for running the event for the past few years and before that in his support to Robert Watson in running the rides.

9.4 Magazine Replacement

Bob and Andy are discussion how best to present the on-line replacement for the magazine.

9.5 Skittles Night

The AGM provided the last chance to register for the skittles night.

9.6 Social Events

There will be a weekend away in the Cotswolds centred on Moreton-in-Marsh on 11th or 18th of June

The BBQ will be held on the 27th August

Freewheeling 10th September

New Forest Weekend will be the 3rd or 17th September; probably the 17th.

10. Next meeting:

Proposed date: Sunday 6th November 2011 subject to review.