

CTC North Hampshire
Minutes of Annual General Meeting
2nd November 2014
Upton Grey Village Hall

1 Attendance and Introductions

Position	Name	Present
Chairman & Welfare Officer	Frank Pote	Yes
Treasurer	Mark Beauchamp	Yes
Secretary, Membership Secretary & Alton Sunday Coordinator	Andy Watson	Yes
Web Publicity	Bob Bending	Yes
Alton Saturday Coordinator	Janice Montgomerie	Yes
Fleet Coordinator (in post up to April 2014)	Colin Waters	Yes
Petersfield Coordinator	Stephen Olivant	Yes
RTR Basingstoke	Heather Rainbow	Yes
RTR Hart & Rushmoor	Sarah Wood	Apology received

Apologies were received from a total of 10 members.

A total of 22 CTC members were in attendance thus the meeting was quorate.

2 Minutes of 2013 AGM and Matters Arising

There were no amendments or corrections to the minutes of the 2013 AGM which have been published on CTC North Hampshire's web site and the meeting formally accepted the minutes.

3 Officer's Reports

Reports are published prior to the AGM on CTC North Hampshire's web site: <http://www.nhampshirectc.org.uk> and are not reproduced here. In the report sections that follow, only additional points raised at the AGM are detailed.

3.1 Chairman's Report

Frank summarised his report and thanked the committee and members for their efforts during the year.

Frank noted that the Charlie Halliday had decided to give up the Farnborough coordinator role and that there were no longer organised Farnborough CTC rides.

3.2 Secretary's Report

Andy stated that all actions had been completed. He noted that the Fleet Cycling group was now established and that he had provided assistance to the group during this period. Andy noted that the committee fully supported and welcomed the formation of the group.

Ray Wood asked for information regarding the status of Fleet Cycling. Andy confirmed that it was a formal CTC member group with the same status and obligations as CTC North Hampshire.

3.3 Treasurer's Report

Mark summarised the accounts (attached to the AGM Report) noting that the total assets stood at £2,844.60 at 30 September 2014.

Mark noted that he would submit a membership claim to CTC HQ for the same amount as last year (£345) but that the tapering reduction policy was expected to start next year. Mark clarified these arrangements in response to a question from Ray Wood.

Mark formally thanked our honorary auditor, Robin Poulter, for his efforts.

Mark stated that a record £594 had been raised for the CTC Cyclists Defence Fund by the Phil Hampton Memorial Ride. Heather Rainbow commuted her expenses of £100 to the defence fund. Frank thanked Heather for her generous donation.

All events except the annual BBQ had broken even. A subsidy of £100 had been made for the BBQ. Frank explained that the committee judged this to be acceptable given that the attendance at the BBQ was unpredictable and that it was open to all CTC members and their guests as part of our activities promoting cycling.

Mark noted that, in accordance with a committee decision, funding had been allocated to the recently formed Cycle Basingstoke group to hire meeting rooms each month through to December 2014. Any further funding would require a committee decision based on a submitted case.

3.4 Web Publicity Report

Bob invited questions from the meeting. Ray Wood asked if the CTC North Hampshire web site appears on Google Search if the term "Alton Cycling" is used. In response it was stated that Alton Cycling Club appears first and our web site is third.

3.5 Membership Secretary's Report

Andy noted that membership information was provided regularly by CTC HQ and was used in support of communication with members. There are 1121 members as of September 2014.

Andy stated that he will ask CTC to continue to provide member information with the current postcode coverage. This will include members falling in the catchment area of the newly formed Fleet Cycling group but these will only be used for communications which would be specifically of interest to those members. Colin Waters (Fleet Cycling secretary) agreed with this approach.

3.6 Welfare Report

Frank explained the role of the Welfare Officer and stated that there had been no welfare issues during the year.

4 Ride Coordinator's Reports

4.1 Alton Saturday

Janice noted that leisure rides had been successful this year and hoped that this would continue. Janice said she would like to attract more cyclists to the leisurely rides which may be increased to two per month.

There was a general discussion about the speed of rides and the branding of rides. It was agreed that "leisure ride" was a commonly used term for the slower rides and could be usefully adopted as well as a statement that they "go at the pace of the slowest".

The meeting discussed publicity for rides and a number of suggestions were made including advertising in village magazines, the "What's On" section of newspapers and in local bike shops. All of these can be somewhat "hit and miss". Colin Waters gave a helpful description of the approach taken by Fleet Cycling which has been very successful.

Heather Rainbow agreed to provide Janice and the committee with details of a standard "press release" format. Stephen Olivant requested that the committee discuss publicity at the next

committee meeting.

The size of groups taking part in rides was discussed and it was agreed that for reasons of safety a maximum of 15 was desirable. Various methods of achieving this aim were discussed, including staggered start times and more ride groups catering for differing paces.

4.2 Petersfield

Stephen reported that the Petersfield rides were successful and that a number of different formats had been established including a “leisurely / no-one gets left behind” ride. Publicity was mainly through local bike shops. A local Facebook page for all Petersfield cycling was being investigated. Stephen was hoping to use the cross over between off and on-road cycling to further promote his activities.

Stephen observed that CTC branding was not attractive or engaging and that his posters only mentioned that the rides were supported by CTC. The branding was “Petersfield Cyclists”. Colin Waters supported this observation based on his experience with Fleet Cycling.

5 Fleet Cycling Member Group

Frank welcomed Colin Waters, secretary of Fleet Cycling Member Group and invited him to tell the meeting about the group. Colin responded by thanking the committee for all their help and support whilst the group was being set up.

Colin outlined the reasons for setting up the group, initially due to the refusal of CTC HQ to list Fleet Cycling on their web site whilst it was a section of CTC North Hampshire. Options to become an affiliate group or a member group were explored and after lengthy discussions with CTC HQ the group was formally constituted and named “Fleet Cycling” without CTC appearing in the name. Colin noted that the CTC brand identification was unpopular and inhibited initial joiners.

Fleet Cycling has been sponsored by Hart Leisure Centre which is used as start point for rides. This provides visible publicity and has attracted new members. The group now offers a ride almost every day of the week. This programme all includes Ladies’ Rides. Off-road riding is now being explored.

The group is supported by HCC “Pedal Together”, a community initiative. An affiliate group structure is used for rides under this initiative.

Colin outlined his use of online media to publicise the group including Twitter and Facebook groups which he observed were highly effective.

Colin concluded by observing that the group was now up and running effectively and was achieving its aims.

The meeting congratulated Colin on being South East Regional Volunteer of the Year and runner-up nationally.

6 Right To Ride Representative’s Reports

6.1 Basingstoke Right to Ride Report

Heather referred the meeting to her comprehensive written report.

Heather described her work in setting up the “Cycle Basingstoke” initiative. She reported that they had now established a small group of people who were starting to work together to define their aims and methods of working. A strap line “Helping People Cycle in the Borough” had been agreed.

The group was now defining infrastructure objectives and looking at how to identify and work with key “influencers” in the borough. Heather explained that they were considering whether CTC affiliate status would be appropriate and helpful. Heather concluded by remarking that “now” is a real moment of opportunity for this group.

6.2 Hart and Rushmoor Right to Ride Report

Nothing to add to written report.

7 Election of Officers

All officers offered themselves for re-election. Diana Wood proposed that all officers be re-elected and Karon Bending seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by the meeting.

The CTC North Hampshire Officers for 2014 / 2015 are as noted below.

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8 Awards

8.1 Mike Wilson Tankard – Pace Judging and Freewheeling

The Mike Wilson Tankard was won by Mark Beauchamp.

8.2 John McGivern Trophy – DATC Champion

Frank Pote presented the John McGivern trophy to Mark Beauchamp.

9 AOB

9.1 Proposal: CTC Hampshire “Services to Cycling Award”

Heather Rainbow proposed that CTC North Hampshire make an annual award for services to cycling. This would take the form of a certificate and would be open to all, including non-members.

The meeting discussed the proposal and it was noted that publicity opportunities should be coordinated and maximised, a web based nomination process should be open to all members and that the committee should define and agree a process for managing and making the award.

There was agreement that this was a good proposal and the committee was tasked to discuss and put in place the necessary actions to create the award. It is anticipated that the first award will be made in the forthcoming year.

Action: Committee to define and implement award process

9.2 Proposal: Commence Saturday Alton Rides at Midday during Winter Months

Freja Halliday proposed that Saturday rides from Alton Community Centre start at the earlier time of midday during winter months. Freja outlined that she was concerned for the safety of riders on completion of the ride who still have a distance to cycle home. In the winter months the light fails early and it would be much safer to be able to return in daylight.

The meeting discussed this proposal and it was agreed that rides should start at midday and aim to complete by 3:30pm at latest during the winter months. Janice undertook to arrange for the update the web site and to communicate with ride leaders.

Action: Janice to make changes to implement midday starts

Post meeting note: Dates for CTC North Hampshire activities are as follows:

- 21st March 2015: Phil Hampton event
- 8th August 2015: Off-road event
- 22nd August 2015: BBQ
- 12th September 2015: Pace Judging and Freewheeling event

10 Next AGM

The next AGM was fixed for 10:30am Sunday 1st November 2015 at Upton Grey Village Hall.