



CTC North Hampshire

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1 Officer's Reports

1.1 Chairman (Frank Pote)

Once more a year has passed so I have taken the opportunity to reflect on what CTC North Hampshire has achieved during this period. I am therefore pleased to report that we have continued to actively promote a strong cycling presence in our local area.

However, I must first thank all the committee members for their enduring support, hard work and dedication over the last year. I know this is a now almost a worn record, but it is due to their continued efforts that enables us to continue as a Member Group. Therefore I would like to propose that a formal vote of thanks be recorded in recognition of their work. This year has also seen Basingstoke create a campaign group 'Cycle Basingstoke' affiliated to the CTC, with Heather as a driving force, so watch this space! This could be the start of a major drive to actively engage in trying to ensure that cycling is made safer and easier in one of our largest busy towns, perhaps a sometimes thankless task at times but one that is so very important.

We still continue to run regular (weekly or monthly) road rides across our area and while we have unfortunately seen one of our rides decline most are flourishing. I would like to thank all our ride coordinators for organising them and the ride-leaders who volunteer to lead them.

Once again a special thanks needs to go to Dan for organising the Phil Hampton memorial ride and his helpers for their hard work and giving up the huge amount of time that makes this event a success.

Socially we held a skittles evening last November and the annual BBQ in late August. Both of these events provided an opportunity for members and old friends to spend time off their bikes and catch up on all things cycling or not. I would like to thank Janice for organising the skittles and also to all those who helped to make the BBQ a success. We had 42 hungry cyclists converging once more at Newton Valance on a very warm and sunny day. Once again they were all were fed and watered due to the superb efforts of Brian with his 'fire breathing machine' but also thanks to those who kindly made puddings and helped out with the logistics, again producing an excellent feast.

Once again I have enjoyed another year as your Chairman and am happy to offer myself for re-election again and I hope that you will continue to support me in the future.

1.2 Secretary (Andy Watson)

My main secretarial activities over the year have been:

- Annual submissions associated with the AGM.
- Contributing to the committee meetings
- Responding to campaigning requests
- Replying to new riders contacts and advising them on what we have on offer and then following up
- Interfacing with HQ – seeking clarification on new policies, filtering and redistributing information, answering directly or by proxy requests for help.
- Registration of ride leaders

I would like to thank all the members who have contributed to the successful running of CTC North Hampshire events and rides.

1.3 Treasurer (Mark Beauchamp)

The year ended with the accounts in a healthy state. Our allocation from CTC HQ was large this year due to our high membership. There is a choice between two amounts that we can apply for next year and we will apply for the higher amount as we did in 2014.

The amount of interest paid on the deposit account is the same as last year's amount.

The Phil Hampton Ride raised £594 for the Cyclists' Defence Fund which is a record amount. Thank-you Dan and Janice for running this event.

The social events were well attended. The skittles evening was cost neutral and we subsidised the barbeque by £78.50. Thank-you to Janice and Frank and Dina and Brian for organising these events.

The pace-judging and freewheeling event was well supported and was enjoyed by those who took part.

No clothing items were sold this year.

In previous reports I have stated that we have money available for cycle campaign work. Heather Rainbow has started a new campaign group to promote leisure cycling and improve cycling facilities in the borough of Basingstoke. This year we have donated money to Cycle Basingstoke and have agreed to pay the annual CTC affiliation fee.

I thank all of the organisers for sending me detailed accounts and I will be asking Robin Poulter to audit the accounts before the AGM.

1.4 Publicity Officer (Web: Bob Bending)

I have maintained CTC North Hampshire web site during the year and ensured that up to date material is provided.

Our web site has received an average of about 45 unique visitors per day throughout the year.

1.5 Membership Secretary (Andy Watson)

This year membership information has been provided regularly. The October 2015 membership list, which excludes all lapsed members (temporarily or otherwise) records 803 fully paid up members within our primary postcode area. This compares with 1121 in October 2014. The reduction is accounted for by the allocation of some postcodes to Fleet Cycling.

We still receive membership information for all of Fleet Cycling and part of CTC Winchester postcode areas which we can use if appropriate, e.g. to publicise events of wider interest.

1.6 Welfare (Frank Pote)

This is a formal welfare role required by HQ. There have been no issues this year that have required any formal welfare response.

2 Ride Co-ordinators' Reports

2.1 Alton: (Janice Montgomerie)

Our weekly rides from Alton have been well-supported during the past year, and we are lucky to have a good number of ride leaders, although we could always do with more! Every week there is a moderately-paced ride with an average speed of 11-12mph. In addition there is a faster ride once a month and leisurely rides are organised twice a month between the spring and autumn. We could increase this provision further if there were more leaders.

Alton Saturday riders have supported CTC North Hampshire events during the year, namely the Phil Hampton Memorial ride and the Pace-Judging and Freewheeling Competition, as well as enjoying the barbecue and the skittles evening.

I would like to thank all those who have led rides this year, and I trust our section will continue to thrive in 2016.

2.2 Petersfield (Stephen Olivant)

Another enjoyable year of easy-paced and faster-paced rides organised / publicised for the last Sunday of every month. This monthly programme is supplemented by informally arranged rides most weekends. In addition, some group members had extensive European cycling trips including one who rode from Palermo to Portsmouth and also completed the Paris-Brest-Paris event.

The numbers of riders on the programmed 'end of the month' rides have remained roughly constant (taking account of the normal ebb and flow of fine-weather cyclists during the summer). Encouragingly, we now seem to have a regular number of women members. As an experiment, we reduced the number of rides starting from Petersfield in order to introduce more variety to the routes. However, we found that some of the more distant starts (eg New Forest and Salisbury) posed difficulties for those riders who could not spare the extra time to travel there and back.

3 Basingstoke Right to Ride Representative Report (Heather Rainbow)

3.1 CTC Hampshire Cycling

Sue Coles and Mike Ashton amalgamated comments in order to reply to the draft HCC cycle strategy July 2015. It was pleasing that the potential for cycling was recognised, but that there were no proposals to improved infrastructure design standards, provide infrastructure or to make cycling part of all traffic schemes. Instead the stress was on what partners would do. As a result targets were un-ambitious and monitoring methods not robust.

Sue Coles has worked hard to get improvements for cycling out of Winchester across the junction 9 M3 to Easton, but both HCC and HA considered that it was unnecessary to cater for cycling despite support from the local MP, local county councillor and it being on the NCN route!

Various other issues have been raised from time to time by members.

3.2 Basingstoke Right to Ride – Cycle Basingstoke

Heather has extended her role as R2R rep by starting a local cycle campaign in order to gain a wider support base, especially non CTC members and local business. The first general meeting was during Green Week September 2014 and attracted 20 people. Since then there have been monthly meetings to devise strategies and action plans.

Heather has replied to many planning applications and consultations as usual, but with a lot of input from campaign members. There have been many more meetings with the borough council and the local MP.

A wide range of consultations have been carried out covering local and national cycle plans, HCC cycle strategy, Basingstoke cycle map and strategy cycle infrastructure proposals and traffic management plans. Comments have been made on many local planning applications.

Networking and liaison has taken place with Maria Miller MP, Cllr Paul Harvey MP candidate, Basingstoke Transition Network, Colin Carre and Susan Keywood CTC cycle development officers for Hampshire, various cycle clubs and campaigning groups as well as CTC local and national bodies.

Key achievements for the Cycle Basingstoke campaign group for the year include:

- The cycle campaign group has now chosen a name – Cycle Basingstoke. It has a constitution, a website, a bank account, a logo (designed by Bob Bending) and publicity materials (banners, posters, business cards).
- Cycle Basingstoke and CTC are providing cycle rides for Green Week and an advice centre in Festival place.
- In May we became a member of BVA.
- In August we became an affiliate group of CTC. The first AGM was on 23rd September
- As well as continuing support from local Labour councillors we now have support from conservative councillors Mark Ruffell (cabinet member for planning and infrastructure) and Cathy Ossleton (cabinet member for partnerships incl. transport policy and planning) - essential if we are to get a good cycle map and cycle strategy.
- More cycle racks have been added to the cycle parks outside Marks and Spencers and the library in Basingstoke. None provided in Top of Town. There have been cycle racks in obscure locations off New Road. We have not obtained permission for cycling in Top of Town, although this is supported by Sustrans who were commissioned to provide the cycle map and strategy.
- Sustrans conducted the largest ever cycle map consultation of its kind. Over 2,000 responses. Key issues were places to avoid, busy junctions, barriers, lack of signage, lack of crossings.
- We have developed a good working relationship with borough officers

3.3 National campaigns on infrastructure standards

CTC Right to Ride and Cycle Basingstoke have been affected by:

- Space for Cycling <http://spaceforcycling.org/uk/> has been adopted by many cycle campaign groups in the lead up to the elections. Cycle Basingstoke has given out illustrated guides to local councillors and new members of Cycle Basingstoke. <http://www.ctc.org.uk/sites/default/files/1404-space-for-cycling-guide-local-decision-makers.pdf>. London Cycle campaign produced their own illustrated version http://s3.amazonaws.com/lcc_production_bucket/files/9134/original.pdf?1434446759
- Cyclenation (a federation of all the local cycle campaigns) has produced making space for cycling www.makingspaceforcycling.org.
- Sustrans has also published a document on this theme http://www.sustrans.org.uk/sites/default/files/file_content_type/sustrans_handbook_f_or_cycle-friendly_design_11_04_14.pdf
- The blue superhighways were dismissed by the media until a campaigner demonstrated corporate approval from big business and blue chip companies in the city. This support is not surprising when you consider that many of their employees are high earners and cycle to work.

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- City of London is consulting on its second London Cycle Design Standards which are a big advance on those advocated in LTNs used by local authorities. Welsh Active travel Act has also introduced higher design standards.
 - Heather replied to the consultation on The Cycling Delivery Plan (October 2014)

3.4 Future plans

We will continue to lobby for better infrastructure, better map and better cycle strategy.

We will continue to liaise and network as widely as possible. In particular we wish to attract corporate sponsorship. It would be good to educate business in the benefits of cycling to business: it would provide good publicity and also help our funding.

We need to:

- find a project to promote cycling and consider a cycle hub to provide cycle maintenance training based at BCOT, the local technical college
- promote Cycle Basingstoke and increase our membership
- expand and improve our website
- get local cycle clubs to participate/become affiliate members

3.5 Thanks

Thanks are due to Cycle Basingstoke members for their dedication and hard work , CTC North Hampshire for financial and practical support, CTC HQ financial and practical support and advice, Basingstoke and Deane Borough council (both Local councillors and officers and sponsorship of cycle events in Green week), BCOT for provision of rooms for meetings and Brookvale Residents Association (reduced rate room hire).

4 CTC North Hampshire Accounts

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB NORTH HAMPSHIRE GROUP ACCOUNTS			2014/2015	
	Income/profit	Expenditure/loss	Income	Expenditure
(i) deposit account	£0.80		£0.80	
Events				
Pace-judging and freewheeling competition	£10.00	£10.00		
Skittles	£388.50	£388.50		
Barbeque	£210.00	£288.50		
Sub-totals	£608.50	£687.00		
Overall loss on events				£78.50
Running costs				
Hall hire, refreshments		£66.43		
Members' expenses		£103.73		
Total running costs				£170.16
Allocation from CTC HQ	£345.23		£345.23	
Totals			£346.03	£248.66
Profit for the year				£97.37
TOTAL ASSETS				
Petty cash			£1.77	
Current account			£1,954.88	
Deposit account			£1,119.05	
Less liabilities (unpresented cheques)			£133.73	
Total assets at 30 Sept. 2015			£2,941.97	
Total assets at 30 Sept. 2014				£2,844.60
Add profit for year				£97.37
Totals			£2,941.97	£2,941.97
Treasurer's name and signature	M.J.E.BEAUCHAMP			DATE
Auditor's name and signature	R.POULTER			DATE