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1 Officer's Reports

1.1 Chairman (Frank Pote)

The time of year for the AGM has arrived and once more offers the opportunity to reflect on what Cycling UK North Hampshire has been doing over the last twelve months. I am pleased to report that we continue to actively promote a strong cycling presence in our local area in a number of ways. This is through weekly rides, campaigning and social events.

However, I must first say a big thank you to all the committee members for their enduring support, hard work and dedication over the last year. I know I repeat myself every year, but it is their continued input that enables us to continue as a Member Group. So I would like to propose that a formal vote of thanks be recorded in recognition of their hard and sometimes thankless efforts.

We still continue to run regular (weekly or monthly) road rides across The North Hampshire area and most are well supported, notwithstanding the weather. I would like to thank our ride coordinator for organising them and also 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 the helpers for their hard work and giving up the huge amount of time that makes this event a success, it was particularly well supported this year and raised £525 for the Cyclists' Defence Fund.

Socially we held a skittles evening last November and the annual BBQ in late August. Both of these events provided an opportunity for our members 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 which everyone enjoyed immensely. While the numbers were down (26 this year) at the BBQ it was largely successful, although for once slightly marred by indifferent weather, however it only rained for a few minutes. The efforts of both Richard for the cooking and Dina for preparing most of the food meant that there was an excellent choice and my thanks also to Kaye, Dave and others for helping out on the day. In addition late June saw fourteen of us basing ourselves in the Cotswolds for a long weekend of varied cycling, that offered a change of scenery and some new challenges (hills) for those who went.

Once again I have enjoyed the past year as your Chairman (apart from the bit when I fell off my bike and ended up being hospitalised! but that's another story) 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 (Richard Care)

My secretarial activities over the year have been:

- Annual submissions associated with the AGM
- Contributing to the committee meetings
- Responding to campaigning requests
- Interfacing with HQ – seeking clarification on new policies, filtering and redistributing information.

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

1.3 Treasurer (Mark Beauchamp)

The year ended with the accounts in a healthy state.

Our allocation from the CTC was £345.23 but next year it will be £200.

£1000 will be transferred from the current account to the deposit account.

The Phil Hampton ride raised £525 for the Cyclists' Defence Fund and I thank Dan Montgomerie for organising it.

The pace-judging and free-wheeling event was not very well attended and no entry fees were collected. However, the social events were quite well attended overall. The lunch was cost neutral, the skittles evening made a small loss and we subsidised the barbecue by £127. I thank Dan and Janice Montgomerie and Frank and Dina Pote for all their hard work with the events this year.

We donated £100 to Cycle Basingstoke to support their splendid campaigning work.

I thank all the organisers for sending me detailed accounts and I thank Robin Poulter for auditing the accounts.

1.4 Publicity Officer (Web: Bob Bending)

I have maintained CTC North Hampshire web site during the year and ensured, when possible, that up to date material is posted quickly. Upon the 'rebranding' of the CTC to Cycling UK, I was able to adapt the site quickly, to reflect the changes in title and look.

There have been a couple of delays in my posting of new material and this is largely down to me being away from home and unable to process content until I return, however, I can still access the site through my smartphone but can only make simple changes when away.

I would like to thank Janice Montgomerie for helping in the day-to-day running of the site. She is able to log-in and update content and has saved me time by being able to add new posts – so much so that it's really only the tricky bits I am left with.

You will see from the site stats below that the daily average number of visitors is now 31, down on last year by about 25%. Also interesting to note is that the website is visited least on Mondays and most on Fridays, suggesting people are using the site to check what rides are planned for the weekend.

Finally, I am happy to continue in my role of managing the website, unless, of course, some young whippersnapper wishes to usurp me!

1.5 Membership Secretary (Andy Watson)

This year membership information has been provided regularly. The October 2016 membership list, which excludes all lapsed members (temporarily or otherwise) records 542 fully paid up members within Alton, Basingstoke and Petersfield areas and a total of 1046 in our wider postcode catchment area. This compares with 1121 in October 2015.

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

The membership data has been used to inform our members about our activities. We continue to hold and use the membership information in accordance with UK data protection legislation and Cycling UK policy.

1.6 Welfare (Dina Pote)

I am pleased to report that there have been no issues this year that have required any formal welfare response.

2 Ride Co-ordinators' Reports

2.1 Alton: (Janice Montgomerie)

The Alton section has continued to be well-supported during the past year, with at least a dozen out on most Saturday afternoons. A small group also rides out on Thursday mornings for coffee at various cafés, sometimes meeting the Fleet cycling group.

We still have a moderately-paced ride every Saturday afternoon, with a faster and a slower option once a month. In addition, we have run leisurely-paced rides during the summer for the past three years. These have been reasonably well-supported but mostly by existing club members, and leaders for these are not so easily found. It may be time to rethink the names and details of some of the rides we offer next year, perhaps by merging the leisurely rides with the existing slower-paced rides.

I would like to thank all those who have led rides this year, and I look forward to the Alton group continuing to prosper in 2017.

3 Basingstoke Right to Ride Representative Report (Heather Rainbow)

It has been another very busy year. We have campaigned on various issues:

1. Local Plan transport clauses and Neighbourhood plans
2. Cufaude lane closure part of NCN 23
3. Basing View
4. Cheltenham cycle map
5. Parking on cycle lanes
6. Maintenance and signage
7. Cycle routes
8. roundabouts and junctions
9. Cycle strategy
10. Planning applications
11. Major housing sites – Manydown, Marnell Park, Hounsome Fields, Critical Care Unit
12. Liaison and networking

1. Local Plan

Heather represented CB and Cycling UK at various meetings from September to December with the Planning inspector and gained verbal agreement from the Highways Authority for a "Super Cycle Highway" from North Waltham to Brighton Hill Roundabout as well as modification to various clauses on transport and special sites. This also involved a lot of written communications, liaising with other groups and doing a traffic count at Fiveways junction.

2. Cufaude lane closure. There was only a week's advance warning and various members worked together to obtain an alternative route and publish information for cyclists on Cyclescape and Cyclestreets

3. Basing View Business Park on the edge of town centre. Basing View road has been rebuilt and relocated and a new Waitrose store opened. Promised changes to the infrastructure to help cyclists have not materialised. Conditions are even worse than they were before. It is more difficult to get to the station, to join the A33 route, visit Waitrose or go to work. Heather and Martin Biermann approached the council again, but with no result. ? will the feasibility study started July 2016 find solutions

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4. Cycle map. Sustrans were employed to devise the Cycle Strategy. The request for a Cheltenham style map has been sadly ignored. Sustrans used public consultation via an online map (similar to a smaller project in Bristol) and public meetings to identify problems with the present infrastructure Data collected is now owned and used by the Council.
 5. Parking on cycle lanes and pavements is a big problem and there is no enforcement. Jon Pennycook has been assiduous in reporting these problems.
 6. Maintenance and signage. Many cycle signs have been removed – signs through War Memorial Park (good, they were excessive and an eyesore), signage from Worting road to Winklebury Way (why?) Oakley rough surface path has now deteriorated it is a danger for cyclists. CB has tried to find out how to maintain this on a voluntary basis, this was picked up by the feasibility study for the A30 cycle corridor.
 7. cycle routes. We have replied to various proposals through Park Prewett, Winklebury, from Popley to Wade road, crossing of Reading road in Chineham, crossing of A33 near Chineham centre. Proposals for a cycle route to nowhere on the footway beside the A340 funded through the LEP (Local Enterprise Partnership) were adopted by the council despite vigorous protests at the council meeting. It is in the wrong place, connects to nothing and is not cyclable. Proposals for a cycle route at Norn Hill on the A33 route will create problems where none existed before. Cycle routes tend to be discontinuous, have lots of barriers, difficult to get on or off, and lots of end of route signs and few signposts. In August 2016 we met Ellisfield residents who want a cycle route along the old Basingstoke to Alton Light Railway line, they were keen to make it connect to as many neighbouring places as possible, a principle that eludes our planners!
 8. Junctions and roundabouts. There are proposals to increase capacity at various roundabouts. We have registered our comments as infrastructure for cycling was not included on these key junctions. We continue to lobby now via the feasibility study for cycling along the A30 and the A33 as well as round/across the town centre.
 9. The draft cycle strategy devised by Sustrans and officers was passed in September 2015 before it went out to public consultation. CB put in a detailed reply and we are grateful to the council for completely rejigging the Strategy in the light of feedback. It was then fully adopted in March 2016 with £60,000 funding for feasibility studies for key areas– A30 SouthWest corridor, A33 North East corridor and the town centre. Connectivity and permeability are big problems in Basingstoke and this is now emphasised in the Strategy which the Borough intends to implement by identifying funding streams, although we still have to get approval from county.
 10. Planning applications. CB is a registered stakeholder and receives a weekly list of planning applications and specific ones which usually involve Rights of Way. We have now adopted a policy of recording important ones on Cyclescape. Some are overlooked or missed, for example we heard of changes to the NCN23 at Pyotts Hill through the grapevine. We have worked with residents to reject the first planning application in 2015 and a later version in August 2016 when we spoke at the Development Control Committee, it was turned down by 6 – 5 votes. These occasions mean a lot of work, but also help to get us known, create goodwill and recruit support for our work.
 11. Major sites (apart from Manydown) still seem to ignore advice in Manual for Streets and connectivity and permeability is lacking and token measures such as shared use footways prevail. Developers for Hounsome fields attended Local Plan Inquiry meetings and they seem to have adopted ideas which CB emphasised. Other major sites include Park Prewett, North of Popley, Critical Care Unit (an acute emergency

hospital and cancer unit) in the countryside near Junction 7 of the M3. Manydown is nearly 3000 dwellings on farmland owned by the county and the borough. There have been many days of consultation. All these involve time and detailed written replies.

12. Liaison, networking and communications.

We have monthly meetings and a busy email exchange. There is also a website which is being gradually improved and cyclescape. CB has representation on North Hampshire CTC, Basingstoke Transition Network, Sustainable Basingstoke (created by Maria Miller MP in order to listen to activists in her constituency), Basingstoke Transport Partnership, Basingstoke COG and contributes to Green Week. CB is also in close contact with councillors and officers. There have been many protest groups as a result of proposals for housing in the Local Plan so we now have links with Kempshott residents, SWAG (South West Action Group), North Waltham Cycle campaign, Whitchurch cycle campaign, Ellisfield residents, Dummer residents. Other links are the local Breeze network and cycle shops. We need to develop better links with local cycle clubs. We have a cycle promotion stall at Green Week and propose giving away cycle bibs with our name on it. We are grateful to sponsorship from Basingstoke council in order to do this. Hampshire lost its LSTF application, the last meeting took place in Aldershot which was attended by Martin and Heather. We met with Susan Keywood cycle development officer, but she was unable to offer anything for Basingstoke area and Nick Farthing from Sustrans. We visited a project which recycles bikes in Basingstoke and cycle hubs in Winchester and ? Edinburgh.

Other

Membership and finance

Thanks to BCOT , BDBC, N Hampshire CTC, Waitrose (café)

The future

(to be debated and developed at our next meeting(s))

We need to develop our campaigning strategy:

- We need to demonstrate more public support - increase our membership base, liaise with cycle clubs and other bodies,
- Develop the website and cyclescape pageslist sponsors at foot of page.
- Continue with replying to planning applications and consultations
- Lobby on core issues – cycle design standards, implementation of Cycle strategy and S4C
- Complete outstanding actions
- Run a S4C campaign in the lead up to elections next May
- Extend liaison – Hampshire Cycling, Rushmoor; police

4 CTC North Hampshire Accounts

CYCLISTS' TOURING CLUB NORTH HAMPSHIRE GROUP ACCOUNTS

2015/2016

Income Expenditure

(i) deposit account

£0.80

Events

Skittles

£14.63

Annual barbecue

£127.00

Allocation from CTC HQ

£345.23

Donation to Cycle Basingstoke campaign group

£100.00

Totals

£346.03

£241.63

Profit for the year

£104.40

TOTAL ASSETS

Petty cash

£1.77

Current account

£2,051.75

Deposit account

£1,119.85

Less liabilities(unpresented cheques)

£127.00

Total assets at 30 Sept.2016

£3,046.37

Total assets at 30 Sept.2015

£2,941.97

Add profit for year

£104.40

Totals

£3,046.37

£3,046.37

Treasurer's name and signature

M.J.E.BEAUCHAMP

DATE

Auditor's name and signature

R.POULTER

DATE

5 Cycling UK – North Hampshire website statistics

Months and Years

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014									1,013	1,287	1,016	1,104	4,420
2015	1,474	1,099	1,630	1,366	1,847	1,351	1,183	1,303	1,030	870	748	733	14,634
2016	1,079	783	1,147	1,215	907	744	864	847	881	838			9,305

Average per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Overall
2014									46	42	34	36	39
2015	48	39	53	46	60	45	38	42	34	28	25	24	40
2016	35	27	37	41	29	25	28	27	29	29			31

Recent Weeks

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Total	Average	Change
<u>Sep 19</u>	<u>Sep 20</u>	<u>Sep 21</u>	<u>Sep 22</u>	<u>Sep 23</u>	<u>Sep 24</u>	<u>Sep 25</u>			
15	11	35	32	47	27	29	196	28	
<u>Sep 26</u>	<u>Sep 27</u>	<u>Sep 28</u>	<u>Sep 29</u>	<u>Sep 30</u>	<u>Oct 1</u>	<u>Oct 2</u>			
20	45	33	47	39	42	31	257	37	+31.12%
<u>Oct 3</u>	<u>Oct 4</u>	<u>Oct 5</u>	<u>Oct 6</u>	<u>Oct 7</u>	<u>Oct 8</u>	<u>Oct 9</u>			
18	12	61	38	45	32	15	221	32	-14.01%
<u>Oct 10</u>	<u>Oct 11</u>	<u>Oct 12</u>	<u>Oct 13</u>	<u>Oct 14</u>	<u>Oct 15</u>	<u>Oct 16</u>			
23	35	25	36	22	16	22	179	26	-19.00%
<u>Oct 17</u>	<u>Oct 18</u>	<u>Oct 19</u>	<u>Oct 20</u>	<u>Oct 21</u>	<u>Oct 22</u>	<u>Oct 23</u>			
14	37	25	26	49	37	13	201	29	+12.29%
<u>Oct 24</u>	<u>Oct 25</u>	<u>Oct 26</u>	<u>Oct 27</u>	<u>Oct 28</u>	<u>Oct 29</u>	<u>Oct 30</u>			
18	11	22	19	62	24	8	164	26	-9.45%

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun
 18 25 33 33 44 29 34 < Average by day of the week