

**CTC North Hampshire DA  
Minutes of Annual General Meeting 5 November 2006**

**1. Minutes of the previous AGM**

Minutes of last meeting approved by AGM.

**2. Matters arising**

All actions completed or implemented during the year.

**3. Officers' reports**

**a. Chairman (Andy Watson)**

Report attached. Particularly highlighted that a number of people were retiring from posts this year (Alastair, Diana, Irvine and Andrew stepping down from Basingstoke road rides). Chair proposed a formal vote of thanks for all the work that these members had contributed over the years.

**b. Secretary (Alastair Campbell)**

Report attached. Would welcome members input into the website content and design – e.g. links to other websites, photos etc.. Highlighted importance of the Right to Ride co-ordinator in promoting cycling at local level – and hoped that someone would volunteer for this role.

**c. Treasurer (Mark Beauchamp)**

Small surplus made this year, and at year end our accounts are in a healthy position – noted particularly the contribution of our Audax rides and the Wiggle contribution. No accounts have been received from Davie Mackenzie (18 months after the event) or Ken Robson (although in this case – it is understood that this is cash neutral for the club as any surplus is donated to charity). Still many badges available for sale.

Questions:

Are DA events subsidised. The Treasurer clarified that all DA events other than the Barbeque (net cost £95) and AGM (£155) make a positive contribution.

The detail of the barbeque in the accounts was questioned – as this was not obvious from the summarised accounts. The Treasurer clarified that this was netted off and included in the Income and Expenditure Statement.

Are members claiming expenditures? Treasurer said he had only received costs from three members and that they were probably not sending in the cost of all consumables. Ray suggested that all members should claim expenses.

**d. Publicity (Jacky Billington)**

Locally, publicity ticks over as normal. Replaced posters around the town (library, community centre, etc.). Regular trickle of newcomers on Saturday rides implies interested people do manage to find us – most seem to do so through the Herald's What's on of website. Resolved to have a push on publicity for Basingstoke rides in the coming season – via. Bas Gazette and freebies.

Nationally we're not doing so well. Cycling Weekly has decided to become less parochial. Hence nothing in print about Phil Hampton ride as far as I could see, but Cycling Plus did put a piece on their website.

Barbeque – successful despite threat of rain. About 50 present, most food consumed. Have compiled detailed list of requirements/suggestions for future events. Thanks to all who helped.

**Questions**

The Chairman confirmed that all members can attend the Barbeque – there had been a suggestion that member from Basingstoke could not attend which was not correct. A note would be added to the newsletter to reiterate that all members of the North Hants DA could attend all events – regardless of which section they belonged to.

**Action: Andy to insert note re all events open to all members in the next magazine**

**e. Membership**

Increase in the number of members over the last year – although we are still not receiving email addresses which makes it difficult to communicate with them.

**Question**

What is the age profile of the membership – this is not known from the CTC statistics but we had some older local data that suggested that the age profile was not changing very much.

Concern expressed about the age gap in the membership in the age range from late 20s to 40s – and whether this could be addressed. General view was that this was difficult to address.

Were there any leaflets available that could be handed out to people who were interested. Very difficult to get hold of from CTC – and generally we gave people the website contact details rather than leaflets.

Cards to be produced by committee to be available to give to potential new members.

**Action: Caroline to source cards to be give to potential new joiners.**

**4. Ride co-ordinators' reports**

**a. Alton Saturday (Janice Montgomerie)**

Report attached.

**b. Alton Sunday (Caroline Brodie)**

A small reduction in the number of Sunday riders – but increasing links between Alton CC and the CTC. Continue to offer fast and medium paced rides.

Suggestions for new cycling friendly cafe stops welcome – note to remind people that there is a good tool on the website with locations and details of cafe stops.

**c. Basingstoke (Andrew Heaton)**

Report attached.

Questions: Do we know why people didn't ride again after the spring mail shot. Not clear, could be because there is only one ride a month. Heather suggested that we put notes in the local village magazine – although this had been done in the past it was agreed that this would be tried again.

**d. Off-road (Andrew Heaton)**

Have a single off road co-ordinator for the whole of Northern Hampshire. Has been a bigger mix of riders in 2006. As skills and stamina of the off-road riders has improved – the rides are no longer suitable for beginners. It is hoped that the off-road ride tasters will help bring new off-roaders up to the fitness level needed to participate in the regular rides.

**e. Farnborough (Adrian Ashurst)**

No report – but rides well attended.

**f. Petersfield (Stephen Olivant)**

Note that Owen's cycles have moved from the centre of Petersfield to Steep – near the Cricketers off Stoner Hill. It was noted that members are entitled to a 10% discount at Owen's.

General questions: Commented on a story that a non cyclist had been asked to write about a Sustrans route – who commented that the joy of cycling was that he could stop and look at things. Perhaps this was a reason why the runs were not always well supported. Chair said that people were welcome to propose to lead a ride to such venues and put them on the rides list.

Noted that the most successful family ride was to the Cheriton beer festival.

## 5. **Right to ride representatives reports**

### a. **East Hampshire (Diana Wood)**

Report attached. Noted that there were less meetings of the forum than in the past.

Question: Tunnel at Hindhead – it is still possible to make proposals for the scheme. Dave Moxon noted that the CTC had lobbied hard to keep the road open for cyclists. This has been rejected and an application for Judicial Review of the decision may be made.

### b. **Basingstoke (Heather Rainbow)**

Report attached. Proposal to redraw boundaries in Basingstoke from 60 wards to 30 wards – therefore increasing the amount of work needed from individual councillors. This may reduce the number of independent councillors and favour the well-off or retired.

Would welcome more right to ride volunteers for the areas not covered.

Question Do we know what is happening to Merton Rise (between Sherborne St John and Popley) – will there be a cycle way. In principle there will be a grid of four cycle routes through the new estate – although this will be necessarily be delivered.

## 6. **Election of Officers**

Thanks given to officers who are standing down – and as a small token maps with their homes centred on them will be presented to each.

### a. **Chairman, Treasurer, Auditor, Publicity, Membership, Ride co-ordinators (exception of Basingstoke), Right to ride representative Basingstoke**

Chairman noted that he will stand down next year. The chairman and the above committee members were duly elected.

### b. **Secretary**

Andrew Heaton proposed by Ray and seconded by Arthur agreed by the meeting.

### c. **Right to ride representative – East Hampshire and Basingstoke ride co-ordinator**

No volunteers for either post. Heather will try to do a job description for the right to ride co-ordinator and we will then publicise both

posts accordingly. The right to right award can be split into Alton and Petersfield – Stephen Olivant kindly agreed to seek a volunteer for Petersfield.

## 7. National update from David Moxon

- David will step down from the council this year - all three south-east representatives will step down at the same time and three new members will join – Richard Bates, Barry Jordan and John Meudell.
- CTC started as a service for cycle tourists - now expanded to represent all cyclists. Establishing the CTC as a charitable trust supporting all cyclists gave CTC more access to funding sources.
- Film under production with Defra to promote cycling in the context of climate change. Lead to increasing badging of cycling as an environmental organisation.
- Increasing number of members – and increased cycle campaigning. Good central office team.
- Working at committee level on strategic document on what CTC should be focussing on over the next three years. Out for consultation earlier this year and comments welcome.
- Off-road cyclists have access to 22% of rights of way with walkers – would like to have more access – but this is a very slow process. Ultimate goal would be as in Scotland – where there is no distinction made between users. In addition the existing rights of way are not joined up.
- Although stepping down will continue to be involved in cycle matters.

Questions Do we know where the mapping of green roads stands. There is an exercise ongoing of mapping – we had been asked to respond to a tender to undertake this work but had decided not to given the work required and liability implications of the work (which needed a full time professional firm). The Chair noted that there would be links to these routes from the club website once this exercise was completed. Sue Coles is responsible for co-ordinating the Hampshire off-road routes .

CTC representatives on television – concerns that Robin Giffin not very effective. Dave Moxon replied that he is considered to provide a balanced view that does not “frighten” the horses.

Off-road routes – concern about upgrading the off-road routes is that it will open the countryside to motorcyclists and that this makes them reluctant to make any changes.

**8. Awards****a. Charlie Dearne – Andy Watson and Diana Wood****b. Mike Wilson Tankard – Richard Brown****c. John McGiven trophy – Mark Beauchamp****9. AOB**

Climate change protests on 4<sup>th</sup> November: Coalition of number of groups including churches, sustrans etc. No CTC presence – but was a huge parade of cyclists as part of the protest – which was a shame. Proposes that:

- North Hants CTC joins the National Coalition ; and
- that North Hants write to National CTC HQ to ask them to sign-up to the Coalition.

David Moxon noted that this is being discussed at CTC HQ level – cost is £1000 to join – he is happy to lobby CTC to become a part of the campaign.

Agreed that it is too expensive for us to join on a section basis – but would support David in his lobbying..

Test Audax series next year will be on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2007.

George and Nora will be organising a bike ride for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Four Marks. This initiative was welcomed by the meeting and volunteers should get in direct touch with George.

AWE in Tadley is encouraging employees to cycle or walk to work – would it be worth someone to make contact with AWE. Heather possibly together with Karen will make an initial contact with them.

**10. Date and time of next year's AGM**

10 for 1030 Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007