

# Winchester CTC AGM minutes

Held on 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7:30pm

At Baptist Hall, Swan Lane, Winchester SO23 7AA

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## Present (attendees)

John Spiers, Sue Coles, Rosie Gamble, Stephen Harrison, Andy Key, Gordon Best, Graham Demellweer-Pooley, Roy Baker, Huw Francis, Adrian Brown, Tobias Bauer, Kerstin Bonau, Robin Williams, Jim Blackburn, Martyn Wilson, Janet Roberts, Richard Carthew, Jeremy Mortimer, Sarah Merrington (Cycling UK), Vicky Smith, Kate Criswick, Steve Cherry, Paul Howard, Robert Rust, Carrie Carty, Don Anderson, Gary Spring, Gary Dickinson, John Walker Richard Coleman

### 1. Apologies

Sue Reeves, Caroline Maynard, Jackie Weston, Paul Byers, Julie Byers, Jocelyn Jones, Marian Speakman (registration officer), Paul Montgomery, Ian Douglas (promotions officer), Bryce Mansfield (welfare officer), Peter Heap

### 2. Minutes of previous AGM

The minutes of the previous AGM were approved – proposed - Stephen Harrison; seconded by Paul Howard. There were no matters arising.

### 3. Annual report

Highlights from the annual report were presented by Sue Coles. A varied programme is now offered, with rides now split into three paces – easy, medium and fast. We're getting larger groups, which is great, though management has been tricky sometimes, so the groups have been split. As a result more ride leaders are needed.

Ride leader training workshops were run during the year with positive feedback, as well as a first aid course.

Recognition has been given to ride leaders by way of a multi-tool; committee members were given a choice of a club cap or multi-tool.

In 2016 we looked at options for group membership – four options were reviewed and we decided to stay as a "Cycling UK member group". No objections were received from the membership to this proposal and this was agreed.

Junction 9 – The Inspector from the Planning Inspectorate has ruled that the route is part bridleway and part not-bridleway, which means that cyclists cannot legally cycle along the full length of the route. However, it can and should be used on our rides. A modified order has been issued and Winchester CTC has objected. As a result, there will be a formal hearing to consider the case, date to be confirmed.. A question was raised about whether we should engage the local ramblers association to add weight to our case. Sue Coles replied that they were already involved.

There will be a workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> November "Taking cycling seriously" (2 hours in the evening), organised by Winchester CTC, WinACC, Bespoke Biking, Friends of the Earth and the City of Winchester Trust. Its aim is to to raise the profile of cycling in Winchester and feed into the City of Winchester Movement Strategy – all were encouraged to attend.

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### 4. Treasurer's report

Rosie Gamble outlined the accounts; the balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017 was £2777. Because of the training offered and the multi tool as recognition of leaders, our expenditure exceeded income for the first time. This was welcomed as our balance had been too high. No questions on the accounts were raised; the accounts were agreed. Proposed – Paul Howard; seconded Roy Baker.

### 5. Election of officers and committee members

- Chair - nominated Richard Coleman – proposed John Spiers; seconded Sue Coles and Martyn Wilson. Elected.

At this point John Spiers stepped down as Chair after five years. Richard Coleman chaired the meeting from this point onwards.

Thanks were given to the four committee members stepping down (Rosie Gamble, John Walker, John Spiers and Bryce Mansfield) with the presentation of a small gift.

### Election of other officers

- Treasurer – an obligatory role. Nominated Robin Williams – proposed Sue Coles; seconder John Spiers – elected
- Welfare officer – an obligatory role: Nominated Huw Francis – proposed Robin Williams; seconded Jim Blackburn; (safeguarding role and a point of contact for members with particular concerns or following an accident) – elected
- Clothing secretary – nominated Tessa Valentine; proposed Vicky Smith; seconded Sue Coles – elected
- Minutes secretary (new role) – nominated Carrie Carty; proposed Vicky Smith; seconded John Spiers – elected

### Officers remaining in post are:

- Promotions (publicity) officer – Ian Douglas
- Secretary - Sue Coles
- Registration officer (Membership secretary) - Marian Speakman
- Webmaster – Jeremy Mortimer

### Ride coordinators (cooped onto committee and attend committee meetings)

- Tuesday – Martyn Wilson
- Wednesday/Sunday – Stephen Harrison
- Friday – Vicky Smith
- Saturday – Steve Cherry

### Assistant coordinators

Tuesday - vacant  
Wed/Sunday (medium) – Tobias Bauer  
Wed/Sunday (fast) – Jim Blackburn and Andy Key  
Friday – Caroline Maynard  
Saturday – Kate Criswick

The assistant coordinators are entitled to attend committee meetings if they wish

**Account examiner** – Huw Francis – appointed by the AGM

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6. **Sarah Merrington from Cycling UK, HQ** was at the meeting and outlined her role as volunteer network support manager – this is a new post and she has been in post for 3 months. She is working on writing a new strategy; currently meeting groups to understand what support the groups would like and how HQ can develop their services. In 2018, Cycling UK will run the Women’s Festival of Cycling, Bike Week, etc. All processes relating to data protection (new legislation being introduced from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018) will need to be reviewed and will have implications for the member groups.

A member suggested that there should be one article from a member group in each issue of Cycle magazine.

A member observed that Cycling UK appears to be taking a somewhat “bullying” stance, particularly about the nomination of trustees, the filtering of applicants and the requirement to vote for four applicants and not just one or two. Sarah felt that this was not the case, but encouraged people to write to her with specific details and she would discuss it with the senior management.

A question was asked about what we get from being a member of Cycling UK apart from insurance? Sarah’s role is clearly important to give us more value. One thing that is missing is the cross-fertilisation between groups. Local networking groups are held in some areas by Cycling UK and have been very successful; Sarah is keen to see this rolled out elsewhere.

A question was asked about supporting women in cycling and whether this overlapped with what the Breeze rides do? Sarah says “so what?” How is it different? The more the better to encourage women to cycle.

She reiterated that Cycling UK is a membership organisation and not a corporation and we need communication that is easy and simple for everyone. There is no easy way to reach everyone with a diverse membership.

The campaign in Portsmouth to support safer cycling following a terrible accident was mentioned – the motion had been passed that day and included an amendment to increase the proportion of the Local Transport Plan budget to 10% for cycle improvements.

### 7. Activities for 2017/18

- Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 19:00 – ride leader workshop run by Greg Woodford
- Thu 14<sup>th</sup> December at 19:30 – Christmas social at the Gurkha Gallery
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 - Watership Down (100km) (no entries accepted on the day, so register soon)

### 8. Any other business

Tim Stannard had asked whether the committee could put its minutes on the website. Generally the view was that yes it was a good idea. The only concern was where there were personal references. Considering data protection and freedom of information (FOI), it is easier if these documents are already part of our publication scheme. Agreed this was for further discussion at a future committee meeting. **Action – Sue to add to agenda.**

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### **9. Date of next Annual General Meeting**

To be arranged next year.