

Minutes of the Monday Cycle Group AGM

Friday 31st March 2023

1. Welcome.

The Chair, Ben Burgess, welcomed everyone to the MCG AGM and thanked everyone for giving up their Friday night. Thanks to Lianne for all the secretarial work, to Madeleine for the accounts, Clive for looking after the website and the steering committee for all the work. Also, thanks to Trevor and Madeleine for organising the buffet. Additional thanks to the leaders for organising all the rides and for everyone that has participated in the last year. Thanks to Maggie for organising the skittles and Lianne for the boat trip in the summer and everyone that has contributed to making the club a success. First full year out of COVID and the club has emerged different, but there has been a ride every Monday and the Pamphill Peddlers are still running and Kingston Lacy is growing. No complaints and we welcome any ideas for the future.

2. Secretary's Report.

- i. Apologies from Ron & Maggie Andrews, Dave Bywater, Ian & Angela Downie, Lubka Hallam, Alaister Moir, Phil Pirie, Rob & Diane Wakefield and Alison Zutshi.
- ii. The minutes of the 2022 AGM were read out and proposed by Robin and seconded by Clive.
- iii. Membership Numbers. We currently have 104 current members.
- iv. Stats from rides in 2022, were 62 rides, comprised of 40 blue, 5 green, 3 red and 14 e-bike. Our top rider was Clive Allen participating in 43 rides, closely followed by Alan Hooper with 41. Our top leader was Trevor Bridle, leading 12 rides, closely followed by Robin Nouch with 11.
- v. We need to renew our ride leaders registration with Cycling UK, so if you haven't previously registered as a leader then please let me know and I can add you to the list, this does not mean you have to lead, but will give you the backing of our group insurance if you do.

3. Treasurer's Report.

- i. A surplus of £549.35, with £85 recently paid to Cycling UK for our group membership. Ben suggested we give some money to Cycling UK, who support cyclists with legal help. After some discussions on the type of support Cycling UK has given, it was proposed that this year we give £150 to Cycling UK and £150 to Sustrans. A subsequent vote with overwhelming support agreed this proposal. It was agreed that the subs would be held at £10 again this year with monies due by end of April 2023.
- ii. Current balance of the accounts as at 31st March 2023 was £1083.75.

4. Open discussion commenced with talking about leaders, rides and the choice of rides available. As has been the case in the past 12 months, more than one ride can go out on a Monday and there was a general consensus to put on some green rides. It was then raised that there had been issues with Pamphill Peddlers rides in that the length and level of the rides were not always consistent which led to people not wanting to ride as there was no way of knowing what length and level the ride would be until you were on it. After discussion from the floor a proposal was made to create a format of a 2 – 2.5 hour ride with a coffee stop, plus an action to create some standard basic rides, which could be used if there was not a planned leader available at short notice. A suggestion was made to use Geowessex website to map the standard rides so that pdf maps could be made available, ensuring any leaders could make use of them given that not everyone has access to other formats such as Garmin. A list of all members will be made available for leaders, once the membership fees have been received.
5. Encouraging Social activities. Lianne agreed to speak to Maggie regarding a skittles evening, if Maggie was not able to organise this year then Jane offered to do this. Lianne will look into the fireworks and boat trip as this is always a popular evening. Anita offered to organise a Christmas do this year.
6. Close of Meeting.

Thank you to everyone for turning up this evening, the meeting was closed at 20:30, followed by a lovely buffet organised by Madeleine & Trevor.