

Minutes of the Monday Cycle Group AGM

Friday 9th March 2018

1. Welcome.

The Chairman, Debby Mackenzie, welcomed everyone to the fourth MCG AGM. Thanks were extended to the Secretary and Treasurer, the Steering Committee, Colin Parks for keeping the website up to date, the Social Committee, all who had led rides during the year, and everyone for coming along on rides and making the MCG such a fun and successful group.

2. Apologies.

Apologies received from Keith & Chris Pugh, Pat Dade, Shan Edwards, Sandra & Peter Lambert, Lubka Hallam, Caroline Charnley, Geoff Symonds, Richard Popper, Annette Belk and John Readings.

3. AGM 2017.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were read out and approved by those present.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Madeleine Bridle presented the Treasurer's Report and Accounts. As at the end of MCG's financial year the balance was £716.52, £126.15 more than last year. It was agreed to maintain the subs at £10. It was voted and agreed to send £300 donation to SUSTRANS for 2016/17 and the coming year.

5. Secretary's Report.

Lianne Summers presented the Secretary's Report. Ride stats were reported: 40 official rides in 2017 (plus a couple of adhoc rides, mainly for reccy's); total number of participants were 674 averaging at 17 riders per ride. There were 10 level 1 rides, 20 Level 2 and 11 Level 3. The top three attendees for riders were Annette Belk with 29 rides, Chris Otter with 27 and Colin Atkins with 25. The most ride leads were Trevor, Quentin and Colin P, leading 5 each. The current membership is 65 and there are 10 on the waiting list.

6. Membership limit.

As an opening to membership discussion, it was mentioned that a rider not able to participate as much had suggested they give up their place in the group. In response to this Madeleine had put together a letter which summed up fantastically the feeling of belonging to a group such as ours and the importance of enabling those in the group to continue to ride as much as they felt they were able. Debby asked Madeleine to read out this letter which was very well received. This led on to the suggestion that we increase numbers and invite all those on the current waiting list to join the group. This was voted in favour by an overwhelming majority.

Subscription agreed at £10. To be paid by end of March 2018.

7. AOB.

- Radios Colin Atkins - Introduced a system of colour coding radio sets. One radio was discharging very quickly, so that has been removed from the sets.

Two sets of batteries have been purchased. These will not charge on the radio charger, need to be charged in a separate battery charger. Six radios for the rides, 5 spare radios, proposed to keep 3 specifically for the Monday rides and keep 2 as spares. Colin A. has offered to maintain the radios for the next year. This was agreed.

- Email from Caroline Charnley was read out. She is currently sailing around the world for the year. Hopes to join us in the autumn.
- Show at the Poole Lighthouse called the Scary Biker on 23rd March.
- Wheels for all - accessible cycling for all - Leader training on 15th March. If anyone is interested in attending they are short of leaders.
- MCG cycling top, design open to suggestions; currently incorporates Dorset colours. Variety of sizes for people to try. Will need a minimum order of 10. Cost will be £40 or less. Thanks to both Colin Long and Keith for organising.
- MCG Cycling UK Membership – Insurance covers damage to third party property caused by a ride participant whilst taking part in an MCG ride.

8. Election of Officers.

No election required.

Chairman – Debby Mackenzie

Secretary – Lianne Summers

Treasurer – Madeleine Bridle

Steering Group – Marion Moore to stand down. Maggie Andrews volunteered to join the Steering Group. The Steering Group is: Colin Atkins, Colin Long, Maggie Andrews, Madeleine Bridle, Debby Mackenzie, Lianne Summers, Alan Webb.

9. Close of meeting.

It was concluded that the MCG had had another successful year and all were looking forward to another year of rides. The AGM was followed by a buffet prepared by Debby Mackenzie and then a presentation on the work of Sustrans over the years by Malcom Shepherd. He is the recently retired CEO of SYSTRANS, after 21 years of service with them, 8 of those as the CEO.

10. Dates for the diary.

Saturday 12th May skittles and buffet evening at Langton Arms, Tarrant Monkton – more information to follow.