

Minutes of the Monday Cycle Group EGM

Thursday 9th December 2021

1. Welcome.

The Temporary Chair, Ben Burgess, welcomed everyone to the MCG EGM. There was a really good turnout on a wintry night whilst still in a pandemic. The last meeting was 2.5 years ago, and during that time the club has seen a lot of changes. Sadly, this includes the loss of Mick, Alan, Quentin and Wendy who are all sadly missed but we are always grateful for the contributions they made. Brian resigned as chair and he was thanked for the big contribution he made in the time he was in the post. In addition, Colin Atkins stepped down from steering committee and he was also thanked for his contribution, not just on the committee but for the bike maintenance sessions. Colin Parks has also stepped down from maintaining the club website. He originally sent up the website and since that point administered the website, so a big thank you to. Madeleine is continuing to act as Treasurer, thank you for continuing and Lianne as Secretary. Thanks also go to Maggie and Colin L for their contribution on the steering committee and to Trevor for all his contributions to the club and the rides and to Clive for taking over the website. Looking to the future, where do we want to go, do we need more leaders and new ideas to enable the club to move forward? Kingston Lacy, has restarted, mainly Level 1, they will look to expand to include Level 2 early in 2022. The Pamphill peddlers has started up this year. We want members input into the club, to see where the club will go.

2. Election of Officers.

Chairman – Ben Burgess, nominated by Lianne and seconded by Madeleine

Secretary – Lianne Summers

Treasurer – Madeleine Bridle

Steering Group – Jane Hitchin had volunteered for a place on the steering committee and was nominated by Madeleine and seconded by Colin L. Robin Nouch had also volunteered for a place on the steering committee and was nominated by Lianne and seconded by Madeleine. Committee now stands as Colin Long, Maggie Andrews, Madeleine Bridle, Ben Burgess, Lianne Summers, Jane Hitchen and Robin Nouch.

No other candidates came forward so a ballot was not necessary.

3. Minutes from the AGM 2019.

The minutes of the 2019 AGM were read out and approved by those present.

4. Constitution.

The draft constitution that Brian had previously prepared for the 2020 AGM that was canceled due to Covid, had been circulated to members prior to the EGM and comments were invited. Discussions took place regarding guest riders although no changes were taken forward. Madeleine requested that the limit on payments that

she can make without any other signatures be increased from £50 to £100. This was agreed and will be amended in the draft constitution. The revised constitution will then be presented at the next AGM for approval.

5. Membership.

We currently have 75 members with 8 on the waiting list. It was agreed to abolish the current limit on numbers and to keep the annual membership fee at £10.

6. Open Discussion.

A proposal was put forward to include Thursday rides (Pamphill Peddlers), within the MCG group to ensure insurance cover for the leaders. Shan raised this and spoke to the group to give background to the proposal. The group was started to enable people to ride as a group if they wished as restrictions were gradually lifted. Shan initially led the rides and then set up a WhatsApp group to facilitate it. As the group grew, other riders that previously had experience leading in the surrounding area from Kingston Lacy rides, were encouraged to lead. All the current leaders on a Thursday are MCG members, so if the group were included under the umbrella of the MCG it is hoped that the leaders would be included in the cover MCG already has from Cycling UK membership. It was felt that the Pamphill Peddlers rides are at the stage that MCG was in the early days of the group and it was recognised that there is the need for insurance and for some organisation. Ideally it was felt that the group could come under the MCG but retain the current flexibility where riders can just turn up. It was also discussed that the group would need to consider additional leaders in the future and that ensuring those leaders all had correct training. Additionally, if the group were to continue to grow then should reliable provision be made for more than one ride to go out at the same time and if so, should different levels be considered in a similar format to Kingston Lacy. After an engaging discussion many varied points considered the following proposal was made:

Pamphill Peddlers to be included under the MCG umbrella but is continued with an informal ride format, but all leaders and backups must be MCG members. This was proposed by Lianne, seconded by Colin L, a vote was taken, 36 for, 1 against.

Further to this, it was agreed that the insurance provided under membership of Cycling UK was reviewed to ensure that all aspects were compiled with.

7. Close of Meeting.

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