

Minutes of Portsmouth CTC AGM 10th November 2016

Held at Bedhampton Social Hall

1. Present

32 members attended.

2. Apologies

Dave Culverwell, Pete Doughty, Roger Paddey, Richard Priddy, Sally Priddy, John Rosbottom

3. President's address (Tricia Farnham)

Tricia welcomed members to the AGM.

She announced that, following the change of name for the national organisation to Cycling UK, we would be considering – over the next year – whether to change the name of Portsmouth CTC. We will be discussing options amongst members.

She explained the need to find members prepared to help with our campaigning as Mike Ashton is stepping down and Robert Sebley wants to reduce his involvement. Ideally we need several people to spread the work involved.

She expressed particular thanks to:

- Pat Mitchell for 12 years selling the Pedal magazine
- Keith Wileman for his 21 years editing the magazine
- Andy Henderson for his support as secretary, web site work and creation of the Cathedral Challenge
- Alan Brooks and Gordon for record keeping

She also thanked anyone who has led a ride this year.

4. Minutes of the previous AGM

Approval proposed by Wilf Forrow, seconded by Stephen Seymour, agreed unanimously and signed by the chairman, Tricia Farnham.

5. Matters arising

None.

6. Annual report (Andy Henderson)

Andy presented his report which was circulated at the meeting:

- Weather has affected some of our rides, but they have continued throughout the year
- We continue to offer a broad range of rides for different levels of expertise and ability
- Notable this year were the Cathedral Challenge rides, he thanked everyone who had helped to make them a success
- Each year sees new faces and we miss others, particularly Mike Izod
- We've also seen changes in the national organisation
- Despite all the changes, some things remain constant: the beauty of our scenery and the friendly nature of our club, and there's no plan to change that!

He reminded members that the Havant rides were started by a campaign group that brought about the Hayling Billy Trail as a cycle route – campaigning is in our genes!

Approval of the report was proposed by Mike Edwards, seconded by Joy Forrow and agreed unanimously.

7. Statement of accounts (Roy Pearce)

The audited accounts were circulated at the meeting:

- Major costs were: £140 for trophies and commemorative medals; £76 for the web site; £68 to subsidise club tops (assigned out of a legacy)
- We made a profit on the barn dance
- We are not short of cash, but reserves are slowly going down

Pat Mitchell noted that we did not have an advertiser for the magazine for two editions, and that we now had Chase cycles.

Gilbert Wheelwright thought we might be able to use an interest-bearing account aimed at charities – even though we are not a charity.

Approval was proposed by Tricia Farnham, seconded by Robert Sebley and agreed unanimously.

Roy then announced his intention to retire as treasurer at the next AGM.

8. Election of officers

Appointment of Stuart Mann as a committee member was proposed by Pete Lee, seconded by Marylin Crocker and approved unanimously.

The incumbent for the remaining posts was willing to continue and there were no other nominations so we voted on them en bloc. Proposed by Pat Mitchell, seconded by Roger Pratt and agreed unanimously.

9. Campaigns

Mike Ashton presented our work on campaigns:

- We have seven volunteers working with Cycling UK
- Campaign to renovate, maintain and develop cycle routes
- Activities include: organising petitions; meetings with Authorities; site surveys; fact finding; and responding to planning applications; support for funding applications
- We had to take a view on which plans we could influence
- We campaign on safety: DfT guidelines assume fit and competent cyclists and don't address new or nervous cyclists; worse, Authorities often fail to meet the limited guidelines
- Almost any route proposal creates debate
- East Hants District Council seems interested in developing a better standard

Publicity is needed to raise the profile of cycling and help generate funding.

He hoped to see as many people as possible at the official opening of the Butser Cutting path.

Robert Sebley reminded members that the PCTC web site has a page for reporting cycling problems.

10. AOB

Mike Edwards expressed thanks on behalf of the membership to Tricia for the work she had done as President in the year.

11. End of the meeting

At this point the AGM ended. It was followed by an informal slideshow compiled by Wilf Forrow featuring cycling during the last 12 months by Portsmouth CTC members.