

# Minutes of Edmonton Cycle Club Annual General Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> November 2012 8:00pm

Present: *Cathy, Les, Graham, Mark, Sibel, John R Paul, Sarah, Maz, Peter M*  
Apologies: *None received*

## **Website**

There was general agreement that the new website inaugurated at the start of the year was a success, and that it was easy to navigate. Peter M was thanked for his work in setting up and maintaining it. Peter asked that he be notified of any typographical errors, no matter how trivial.

*Action: Everyone to notify Peter of website inaccuracies*

## **Ride Secretary's Report**

Over the year 74 members had attended at least one ride. Twenty four of these were new members riding with the club for the first time this year. Paul thanked all those who had acted as ride leaders and backstops during the year. A discussion followed regarding how to encourage new leaders, and it decided that we will offer to pair first time leaders with more experienced ones.

*Action: Paul to co-ordinate offers to lead*

Following a recent successful ride in Essex John R offered to lead more rides in that direction, subject to someone else leading the ride to Chingford where he would meet with the group. This suggestion was welcomed.

*Action: John R to suggest rides from Chingford*

John R also suggested one way train assisted rides, where we would take a train to some point about 30/40 miles distant then ride back. This suggestion was welcomed.

*Action: All ride leaders to consider the options for one-way rides*

Enfield Civic Centre is not a very suitable ride start point. There are no toilets there, and if we are riding north, we often stop at Beggars Hollow (where there are facilities) shortly afterwards. It was decided that northbound rides from Enfield should start at Beggars Hollow. Other start points include the Town Park (although the café doesn't open till after 10:00 am) and the town centre itself.

*Action: Ride leaders to note*

## **Treasurers Report**

The club has an opening balance £522.00, main donation from Lee Valley Parks Authority plus small donations received from Dr Bike events, providing a closing balance of £1,002.00 as at 30th September 2012.

## **Bike Maintenance Workshop Report**

Workshops continued throughout the year, although numbers have been dwindling. There is an urgent need for new mechanics to relieve the pressure on Les. The workshops have also suffered from late changes to the availability of the venue. The workshops have been self financing, with an income of £119, outgoings of £92 and a current balance of £90.26.

*Action: Les to discuss venue availability with Pat*

## **Membership**

The membership list currently stands at over 400. As the club does not charge a subscription, there is no process for automatically removing from the list former members who are no longer active. It was decided that an 'opt-in' email was too stringent a response, but that 'opt out' options should be made more prominent.

*Action: Paul to ask Trisha to include an 'unsubscribe' footer in emails sent from the Yahoo group*

## **Any Other Business**

### *Code of Conduct*

The club code of conduct could be made more succinct in places, with the emphasis being placed on the safety of riders and others. The code is available on the web site, but not very prominently.

*Action: All to consider revisions to the code and send suggestions to Les  
Action: Peter to include a link to the code on the main menu of the web site.*

### *Annual Dinner*

An initial survey of members' preferences for the annual dinner has shown a distinct preference for the Old Owens venue, and for a date around late January/early February. It was agreed there the event could be subsidised out of club funds, and that two club guests could be invited

*Action: Maz to liaise with Old Owens to set up the event.*

### *Weekends Away*

There was support in principle for weekends away, but comments that there were fewer Youth Hostels available, and that these were comparatively expensive considering the standard of accommodation. We should consider alternatives. Weekends away should coincide with bank holidays if possible to minimise the number of days off work, and the best times would be the Spring and Late Summer holidays. We could possibly venture further afield, beyond cycling distance from Enfield, and investigate the possibility hiring a van to transport bikes, or hiring bikes locally. Options discussed included the Peak District and the New Forest.

*Action: Les to investigate options and to discuss with Mary.*

### *First Aid*

The club has previously obtained some first aid kits, but their current location is uncertain.

*Action: Mark to ask Trisha for clarification*

### *Thanks Received*

The club has received thanks from the Nightingale Hospice and the Chicken Shed Theatre for help in marshalling charity walks during the year. Chicken shed have given us some tickets for their Christmas Show, which have been passed on to those members who marshalled the event. Lee Valley have passed on to us thanks from a member of the public who attended an ECC marshalled Lee Valley ride.

The meeting closed at 10:30pm.