

Edmonton Cycle Club Annual General Meeting

Held at Winchmore Hill Sports Club Thursday 2nd November 2023 8:00pm

Attendees: Birgitta, Cathy, Geoff, Maz, Pat, Paul L, Peter D, Peter M

Apologies: Jeff, Tim

1. The ride diary is complete for the remainder of the year. There is a free slot on 3rd December, but this is to be kept as a reserve date for any November ride postponed due to weather. Possible Boxing Day ride, but this is subject to members' other commitments. The Christmas social meet will be on 7th December, and there will be no meeting on the third Thursday of December, ie 21st.
2. The chairing of the monthly planning meetings is to be more equitably shared among the club's most active members (The 'Frequent Flyers' group)
3. Membership. We hold details of members' phone numbers for use in our WhatsApp group, which is the method used to disseminate information to members. Any other personal information that members may choose to share, eg address, email, is entirely voluntary. Ideally we would have members' emergency contact details, but there are legal and practical problems in storing and maintaining such data. Instead, members are to be encouraged to store an ICE (in case of emergency) number on their phone.
4. Treasurers report. Income for the year was £989.74, entirely derived from the Les Bailey Memorial Ride held in June. Expenditure was:

Website	53.81
Newsletter	42.00
Insurance	85.00
Donation to North London Hospice	740.00
Total	920.81

The total funds in the club's account stand at £771.11. Expenditure for 2024 is likely to be similar, and we will probably hold another fund raising ride next summer, again with the excess income donated to North London Hospice.

5. Website. Usage of the website is fairly consistent, with about 500 visits per month. We do not collect users' data, so we cannot say how many of these are genuine, but it is likely that some at least are search engine robots. We can break down visits by country of origin, and apart from the UK and Canada (because of our name?) there are unusually large numbers from Russia and China! It was agreed to continue with the website and Peter M will make the necessary arrangements

Peter also asked for help in maintaining the website, so if he is incapacitated for any reason someone else can take over. There have been previous such offers, but these seem to have foundered on technical issues or available time. Peter D offered to look into this, and Peter M will send him all the technical information.

6. Peter D showed an initial design for a poster to be displayed in parks, libraries, etc. It was well received, and the following comments arose:

- Adapt it to portrait orientation rather than landscape
- In the list of activities delete bike maintenance, and move club rides to the top of the list.

Peter will produce a second draft version.

7. Photography. There was a discussion about taking photos of club rides, where some members may not wish to be included. Against this no-one has a legal right to object to being in a photo taken in a public place. It was decided that members should announce if they are taking a group photo and allow anyone who wished to move out of camera shot. Where members have indicated they do not want to feature in such photos, we will try to comply in the website and centrally controlled WhatsApp groups.
8. There was a suggestion to organise more social events, eg quizzes, theatre trips. It was agreed that any member could arrange a social event and publicise it through the club, but we would not organise such events centrally.
9. We have been asked to take part in a local charity fundraising events. It was decided that our fundraising for the NL hospice was sufficient. We may publicise other events so individuals could participate as they wish, but would not participate as a club.

The meeting concluded at 9:30 pm