

The Cyclists' Touring Club

CTC West Sussex (Part of Cycling UK) Annual General Meeting

10.30 am 12 November 2017 at Pulborough Village Hall

18 members attended.

Election of Chairman

Bob Moore, presided.

Election of Minutes Secretary

Edwin Jones Proposed by Bob Moore, Seconded by Jeff Lander.

Apologies for Absence

Dave Fox, Colin Bloomfield and Mike Murray

Approval of Minutes of 2016 AGM

Approved: Proposed Richard Boulton, Seconded John Maxim

Matters Arising

None.

DA Secretary's Report – Year to 30 September 2017

There were 5 DA Events this year. The first was on the 9th April on a sunny day and unseasonably warm and was the Freewheel Competition which was well supported with 9 taking part. The second event was the I Spy Competition on 14 May. 14 turned up meeting for the start at Sumners Pond Cafe, Barnes Green. Next 9 members from all Sections met at Wisborough Green for the Two Weald Ride on 2 July. There was the usual excellent organisation from Horsham Section. On the 6 August on a warm sunny day 20 met for the DA Picnic at the new venue of West Wittering Beach. On the 4th September on a cloudy and later wet day just 5 attended on the Arun Crossings Ride.

Horsham and Crawley were the winners of the DA Events Sections competition by a mile with 235 points with Arun Adur second on 155 and Bognor Chichester 3rd with 70. Bob Moore won the individual competition and Corinne Pitts won Best Lady. All winners were exactly the same as last year.

The winner of the Phil Turner Memorial Trophy for attendance on all Sunday Rides in the DA from 9th April to 3rd September was Bob Moore and Peter Train jointly with 17 attendances. Edwin Jones and Richard Boulton were joint 2nd on 14 and Dave Fox and Paul Price were joint 3rd on 13.

Overall my feeling is that the DA Events were again well supported this year. DA Events for next year will be discussed further later on the Agenda but will probably be similar to this year.

There were 4 DA Committee Meetings during the year. All of the meetings are now held by Skype Conference Call which with Committee members being a long way apart has proved very successful. With most events organised through the Sections the main activity of the DA was publication of the Pedaller magazine and the all Sections Rides Lists. Special thanks are due to John Maxim for his continued work as Editor. We have all enjoyed the quality of the magazine over this last year.

A reminder that you can find the DA website at www.ctcwestsussex.org.uk there are links on it to the Section Websites. The objective of the Website is to deal with DA matters and serve as an introduction to the area. The website includes the DA Runs List, Section and DA contacts, details about the Pedaller and DA Events

including the latest Points table. Note that you can download a complete copy of the DA Rides List from the Website if you need a spare Rides List.

As the nights draw in it is a good time to look forward to a varied selection of Rides and Events for next year and hopefully a good Spring and Summer.

Edwin Jones

DA Treasurer's Report - Year Ended 30/09/2017

There was a brief email from Mike and Edwin read out the details

It is with regret that I will not be able to attend this year's AGM, as I will be away on holiday in India and Nepal. I realize in the 2 years I have been treasurer, I have not been able to be at either meeting and hopefully next year I will avoid a clash.

The Accounts for the year have been duly audited by Richard Boulton I also confirm I have sent the papers to Cycling UK, requesting a grant of £350 to assist with Pedaller.

Any questions from the floor, I can address when I return.

Michael P Murray 23.10.2017

Matters arising.

Richard Boulton queried how the projected figures were arrived at for next year. Edwin indicated that the figure for advertising could be less if no new advertisers could be found. John confirmed that the printing costs would be the same as last year

Reports from Section Secretaries

Arun Adur

In his absence Richard Boulton read out the report by Peter Wilson.

The Arun Adur CTC has 46 members; we have numerous visitors and our Treasurer, Richard Boulton, has done some sums and we are financially viable. The end of year accounts showed we have £629.05 in the bank and we made a loss of £1.91!

The committee and rides leaders have continued to encourage members to join rides either for the full day or part of the ride. Rides leaders continued to start rides near railway stations, especially when the trains were running. On Tuesday rides organised by Gerry McGeehan there were up to 16 cyclists. On the more energetic Sunday rides organised by Richard Boulton with up to 10 cyclists. Thus proving that they like the routes and the leaders.

After sixteen years the group stopped supporting the charity coffee morning at Belinda's Studio, Walberton with a monthly visit but will make an occasional visit.

The committee are all active members and participate in the club activities. There were over 100 organised rides. There were 10 club nights organised by Tony Nichols and Richard Boulton where there were talks, slides and just meetings arranging future rides. These rides included local tours in the UK and abroad and formed groups from across the West Sussex region. There were foreign tours including Brittany, the Vosges, the Champagne region and Sri Lanka. Jo and Ray visited Lands end to John O' Groats and will be showing their pictures in November.

We have had a few illnesses including Tony N; Janet G who was hit by another cyclist but is slowly recovering, and Peter B is still fighting cancer.

Although we are a small group we have a few members that do a lot of work and a lot of members who do some work. This has led to a very wide range of events; it has also led to a high level of participation. I continue to try to reduce bureaucracy by reducing committee meetings and minutes to a minimum, but to ensure the committee's accountability as part of the charity. This cycling year there were committee meetings in November and March.

I would like to thank all those that helped me directly as secretary including: our chairman Tony Nichols; the treasurer Richard Boulton; Gerry McGeehan, Ivan Mills and Ernie Yerrell, I would also like to thank the rides leaders for organising such interesting routes, and to participants that make the rides more interesting physically, visually and socially. John Maxim continues to remind me that I have not written my report but as editor of the Pedaller manages to produce some interesting journals. He is helped by many writers and particularly Janet who writes some outstanding articles and is also our auditor.

Peter Wilson

Remembrance

The Chair held a 2 minutes silence at 11.00 am

Bognor & Chichester

Thanks are due to the other members of the Committee especially those with roles which required regular voluntary work for the Club including Russell for the Rides List, David Sinclair as Treasurer, David Parsons as Social Secretary and Graeme as Membership Secretary. The only change to the Committee at the AGM was that Freda Birch left as a general member and was replaced by Colin Bloomfield

Membership including those who joined as couples this year is well up at 111 compared with 105 last year. This was up to September when the members list was prepared. The number of Households is 83 this year and 80 last year. The online membership system had better take-up this year and has helped the Treasurer and Registrar in their jobs. It also makes it easier for new members to join. For this coming year we decided to make it a requirement to join and pay online. There are alternative arrangements for those who cannot do this but the intent is that all payments in the end come to the Club online saving a considerable amount of work for our volunteers.

After making fairly large losses over the last 2 years our AGM approved the Treasurers recommendation to increase the section sub from £5 to £6 a year. The first increase since anybody can remember. The balance on our accounts this year is 366.06

Numbers out on rides has varied but has generally been good. Average numbers out on Sundays was about 7. Maybe 4 or 5 on hilly rides and about 10 on the short flatter Sunday Rides. Wednesdays was about 6 on average with 2 new members now coming out regularly. Numbers out on evening rides have been very good from Felpham with as many as 18 on some evenings. The fortnightly Saturday rides have been consistently well supported with numbers of 10 to 15 on average and 21 on a ride 2 weeks ago. These Rides have been a good success in attracting newcomers.

Graham Crouch has helped a lot with a Facebook Page called Cycle Bognor for the Saturday and Evening rides and by putting some of the rides on the Sky Rides website. The Cycle Bognor Page currently has 359 "Likes" up from 297 last year which means that many people get notifications from Facebook when we post something new on Cycle Bognor such as a notice of an upcoming ride. We also use it to get new support for the Wednesday Rides.

In the points for the attendance at all DA Events in the competition among the Sections this year we managed to excel ourselves in doing even worse than last year with just 70 points compared with the winners Horsham's 235 points.

There were many successful social events including Club Nights and last year the Christmas Dinner and the Skittles Evening. The Barbecue hosted by Philippa and William was a great success again.

We now have a new and better Blog to report our rides and replace an old dated system. By using Wordpress.com we are also able to get it free with no charge for either Domain or Hosting. We still have those costs for our main website

There are further matters to report relating to various Cycle Routes but I will deal with those later in the Agenda at Item 9.

Edwin Jones

Horsham & Crawley

Horsham and Crawley Member Group is only a small club but between us we have clocked up an estimated 10,000 miles on club rides this year. We've been up in the Surrey Hills, explored Windsor Great Park, sidled over to Kent, battled the Wealden ridges, tackled the Downs, splashed in Chichester Harbour and generally enjoyed the delights of most of the lanes (and quite a few of the pubs and cafes) our part of Sussex has to offer. We've continued to punch above our weight in the DA Competitions and once again this has given us the embarrassment of winning pretty much all of the DA trophies (again)!

At a personal level I was pleased to run the Avenue Verte Loop for which I'm very grateful for the original idea and the reconnaissance work done by John V. – I'm hoping we can run it again in the future. This was a hard ride because of the distance (and amount of climbing) but I think more of our members could manage it than they think! That said, it is noticeable that our easy rides often have the highest levels of attendance – this shouldn't stop us from putting in challenging rides though. Perhaps we could come up with a graduated "Challenge" series through the year to gradually extend members' abilities?

I'm proud that we manage to plan a ride for every week through the year and it has to be a really adverse situation that ever causes us to cancel a ride. But, we can't relax and we need to make sure our programme of rides meets the requirements of all of our members as well as appealing to potential new members. Our average attendance for the year so far has been 6.22 which compares with 8.34 this time last year. I'm hoping this downward trend can be turned around by our new Runslit Secretary– I'm confident he will have some interesting new ideas for potential destinations and routes. But I think we all need to work at trying to attract (and keep) new members if we can. Reflecting the broadening of the range of bike types now available, there has been a noticeable increase in the number of rides we run that are more suitable for the Hybrid/Mtb style of bike, but the majority of our rides are still (and will continue to be) on the road.

This year we were sad that Barbara left the club (and the role of secretary) having been a leading light and key member for so long and we would like to thank her for her sterling work, enthusiasm and friendship – factors which kept the club welcoming, interesting and organised, certainly during my time on the committee and before. I hope that we all can build on the firm foundations that Barbara has helped create.

Bob Moore

Report from CTC Right to Ride Representative

There was no formal representative attending.

Edwin reported on cycle routes local to Bognor Chichester.

A new cyclepath is being built between the Flansham Roundabout and the Ford Road Roundabout near Littlehampton alongside the A259 coast road. The path will be on the north side of the road and will be separated from the main road by a grass area. The path will be 3 metres wide. Construction started at the end of September and is due to finish in 6 months subject to weather delays.

There has been recent correspondence about a possible diversion of the Centurion Way Cycle Path going north from Chichester to allow for a new access road to a new large estate west of the path. The exact proposals are not yet known but we are supporting an application by a Chichester City Councillor to have the Path declared a Community Asset to get more say in any deals done between the Council and Landowners.

Jeff raised further to the Centurion Way that John Grimshaw of Sustrans had been down here and had drafted a proposal which would meet the needs of the Developers without diverting the path.

Richard Bates raised the work done by the local Cycling Forums which liaise with West Sussex County Council on Cycling issues. Crawley Cycling Forum had been successful in the redesign of a route from Three Bridges Station. Too often though, the Council ignores the work done by these forums.

Election of West Sussex CTC Group officers (also known as DA)

	Elected	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Bob Moore	Edwin Jones	Richard Boulton
Secretary	Edwin Jones	Bob Moore	Jeff Lander
Treasurer	Michael Murray	Anton Brown	John Veitch
Auditor	Richard Boulton	Edwin Jones	Jeff Lander
Registrar	Edwin Jones	Bob Moore	Harvey Probert
Publicity Officer	Edwin Jones	Bob Moore	Anton Brown
Welfare Officer	Peter Wilson	Richard Boulton	Bob Moore
Editor of Pedaller	John Maxim	Bob Moore	Dave Hudson

Presentation of Cups for the 2017 DA Events, Attendance Cup and Best Article Cup.

Best Section for Attendance on Sunday Rides at DA Events: Horsham & Crawley Section.

DA Events Best Individual Bob Moore

DA Events Best Individual Ladies: Corinne Pitts.

Phil Turner Memorial Trophy for attendance on all Sunday Rides during the period between the first and last

DA Event : Joint Peter Train and Bob Moore

Best Article selected by Richard Bates: Dave Hudson for “Its all about Self Preservation”

Consider DA Events 2018

Free wheel	Richard Boulton	April 22 nd or 29 th to be confirmed
I Spy	Horsham Crawley	June 3rd
Two Weald	Horsham & Crawley	July 1st
Picnic	Bognor Chichester	August 5th
Off Road	Bognor Chichester	September 2 nd
Details of the Off-Road event to be confirmed		

The picnic venue is to be again held on the coast at West Wittering.

The Pedaller Magazine

The editor currently is sufficiently supplied with articles.

Any other Business

Richard Bates raised the possibility of forming a new group for Mid Sussex. Main postcode would be RH16. After discussion Richard to contact Julie Rand for details of National Members for the relevant postcodes. Horsham Crawley would be the nearest group and Bob confirmed they would have no objections.

Julie Rand gave news from Headquarters. A new post had been filled which will include more help for volunteers. Higher priority will be given to Groups. Next year stricter rules will come into force on Data Protection and advice will be given to Groups on this. The various special Events like Bike week will continue. Women's Cycling events will be on the agenda again. There is now an improved national Website.

Anton Brown raised a point about courses for Leaders which cost £500 for 6 people for a 1 day course which is way outside our budget. Julie advised that the additional Grant provisions could be used for that sort of cost. Also a lot of guidance for Leaders is available on the National Website.

The meeting closed at 11.48.

Members present: John Maxim, Edwin Jones, Richard Boulton, Bob Moore, John Veitch, Julie Rand, Jeff Lander, Beatrice Lander, Dave Hudson, Anton Brown, Ray Savage, Joe Savage, Peter Train, Richard Bates, Russell Sopp, Bob Birtwell, Harvey Probert, Sam Roberts