

# **The Cyclists' Touring Club**

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

10.30 am 11 November 2018 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 Richard Boulton

### **Apologies for Absence**

Mike Murray

### **Approval of Minutes of 2017 AGM**

Approved: Proposed Peter Wilson, Seconded Jeff Lander

### **Matters Arising**

None.

### **DA Secretary's Report – Year to 30 September 2018**

There was fairly good support over the last year for many DA and Section Events.

There were 5 DA Events this year. The first was on the 8th April on a wet morning which cleared just in time for the Freewheel Competition in the early afternoon. Just 6 turned out in the poor conditions. The second event was the I Spy Competition 3rd June. The weather could not be more different with a warm sunny day and temperatures up to 25C. 18 turned up meeting for the start at Wiggonholt Cafe. It was an interesting route with well devised clues. Next 18 members from all Sections met at Wisborough Green for the Two Weald Ride on 1 July. By this time our great hot summer was well underway with temperatures up to 29C. There was the usual excellent organisation from Horsham Section. On the 5 August on another warm sunny day 18 met for the DA Picnic at West Wittering Beach. We met at the far end away from the worst of the crowds. On the 4th September a new DA Event was held being a Churches Ride starting from Chichester and visiting local Churches. This was also held as a Memorial Ride for Colin Bloomfield. Boosted by another warm blue sky day and an unusually high turnout from the Bognor Chichester Group 24 took part.

Bognor Chichester were the winners of the DA Events Sections competition I believe for the first time ever with 250 points with Arun Adur second on 240 and Horsham Crawley 3rd with 215. The margin of first over second was very narrow as 10 points equates to one persons full day attendance on one event. Edwin Jones won the individual competition and Jacqui Thatcher won Best Lady.

The winner of the Phil Turner Memorial Trophy for attendance on all Sunday Rides in the DA from 8th April to 4th September was Edwin Jones (sorry getting greedy there) I was first on 19, Paul Price was second on 17 and Richard Boulton 3rd on 16.

Overall my feeling is that the DA Events were again very well supported this year and indeed with possibly record numbers. 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 apart from the occasional late start due to technical glitches. 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](http://www.ctcwestsussex.org.uk). The objective of the Website is to deal with DA matters and serve as an introduction to the area with links to the various Section websites and contacts. 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 current 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 again a good Spring and Summer.

Edwin Jones

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

I apologise once again, that I cannot attend this year's AGM.

As in previous years, I have followed the same format for consistency with Cycling UK reporting.

#### **Pedaller Income**

All sections have paid their dues, thank you. Income from this source has dropped substantially following Horsham and Crawley decision not continuing to subscribe to the publication.

Income from advertising has increased substantially, from £281 to £487, following a couple of years reducing. Thank you to a number of people who have worked hard to find new advertisers.

#### **Pedaller expenditure**

The printing costs are slightly lower as less copies being printed.

Net position

A net loss of £327.40 occurred, against a loss previous year's loss of £371.00.

#### **District accounts**

Grant from Cycling UK was received following our return in November at £200.00, however, a further £150 was agreed towards Pedaller costs, so the income only slightly down by £50 at £350.00.

Expenses against this were higher at £149.89 (2016 - 2017 £83.04 ) mainly because of Trophy engraving and two years Web Hosting fees.

#### **Bank balance**

As at 30.9.2018, the Bank balance of the Cycling UK, West Sussex was £566.29 against the brought forward figure of £693.58.

This includes £36 of advance payments for Pedaller.

As at 30.9.2018 there was £50.00 outstanding from Horsham and Crawley for Pedaller invoice (since paid) and one advertiser £20 outstanding from August (this has also paid since). Neither of these are represented in the accounts.

## **Budget to 30.9.2019**

I have projected to 30.9.2019 a shortfall of £204 (30.9.2018 shortfall £327.40) in Pedaller account.

During the next 12 months, I will be looking to increase advertising income further, so the Pedaller breaks even from income and does not rely on grants.

I will be applying again for an additional grant of £150 from Cycling UK over and above the standard £200, to provide a neutral budget.

Whilst there is a shortfall in income from advertising, on the basis we at least maintain income we have sufficient funds for the next 4 years if nothing changes.

Consequently, I do not recommend any increase in sections contributions.

Finally, I thank Richard Boulton who agreed to audit these accounts.

I am happy to stand for re-election.

Michael P Murray 18.10.2017

The Report and Accounts were approved, proposed Gordon Easden Seconded Peter Wilson

## **Reports from Section Secretaries**

### **Arun Adur**

The Arun Adur CTC has 34 contributing members; we have numerous visitors and our Treasurer, Richard B, has done some sums and we are financially viable. We lost £52 in the year but have £576 in reserve.

Tuesday rides were organised by Gerry McG and had up to 13 riders. The slightly more energetic Sunday rides organised by Richard B had up to eight riders.

The committee are all active members and participate in the club activities. There were over 100 organised rides and 10 club nights.

The rides included tours in the UK and abroad. They were across the East and West Sussex. There were foreign tours including Normandy, Central France, Mediterranean France and Cambodia.

We have had a few illnesses including Gerry M; Jo S and Tony N. Very sadly Peter B lost his fight with cancer.

I would like to thank all those that helped me and the group either directly or indirectly by organising rides, leading rides, organising the club nights, writing articles, the administration and baking cakes. I would particularly like to thank Tony N who was the first person I met at Arun Adur CTC and has been rides leader, secretary, evening lecturer and Chairman over many years and has decided to step down as Chairman due to ill health.

Peter Wilson  
November 2018

## **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.

As most people will know by now we lost a long time member Colin Bloomfield early this year. He died of an aggressive type of Prostate cancer. There was an obituary included in The Pedaller and the last DA Event the Churches Ride in early September was also held as a Memorial Ride for Colin.

Membership including those who joined as couples this year is down at 99 compared with 111 last year and 105 the previous year. This was up to September when the members list was prepared. The number of Households was 75 this year compared with 83 last year and 80 the previous year. The online membership system has worked well with a requirement to renew online. Most were able to do this or use the alternative of getting somebody to do it for them. The system has helped the Treasurer and Registrar in their jobs and saved them a lot of time. It has also cut out confusion caused by some people paying in cash with bits of paper. It also makes it easier for new members to join.

Following the new Data Protection Rules we started a one time opt in to receive emails from the Club with updates and new Rides Lists. This has been done using the Mailchimp emailing system with each email including a link to opt out if anybody no longer wants email. The system is free for the numbers we have. 68 have signed up to the system so the vast majority of member households.

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 7 on average with some new members now coming out regularly and replacing those who have had to drop out. 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. 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 Lets Ride website. The Cycle Bognor Page currently has 415 "Likes" up from 359 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 have come last in all previous years. This year we managed to excel ourselves with a great turnout for the Churches Ride of 12 and an overall win for the year. In addition I won the Cup for the best points for an individual in the DA Events and also the Cup for the best Attendance on Rides in the DA. On top of this Russell won the Cup for best Article in the Pedaller this year. This was for his articles "Friends, Romans and fellow cyclists - lend me your gears" and "I wonder where this part goes?" The only Cup we did not win was Best Lady in the DA Events which went to a Horsham member.

There were many successful social events including Club Nights and the Skittles Evening with 20 attending last month. The Barbecue hosted by Philippa and William was a great success again.

Social events to look forward to this year include the Christmas lunch on Sunday 2 December at the Walnut Tree, Runcton, Chichester. The mince pie ride next year will again be hosted by Philippa and William in Bracklesham.

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**

Another year where we have managed to arrange a ride for every Sunday – some rides were better attended than others but we achieved an average of almost seven and a half riders per ride over the year. Multiply that by the number of miles our rides totalled up to and theoretically we covered some 12,000 miles between us! More impressive is that almost half of our members came out more than 10 times and about a quarter of them more than 20 times. We must be doing something right – although we're constantly trying to improve things and tread the difficult line between easy rides to attract newcomers and longer rides for our more experienced members. For this coming year we're looking to guarantee covering both extremes (with variety in the middle ground) every month. We are however in a bit of a catch-22 situation in that we don't have enough members to allow us to run multiple rides on the same day and thereby satisfy everybody every week.

The DA Events usually afford us some bragging rights as, in spite of the limited numbers in our member group, we have often have our name on the trophies (some years we have even achieved a clean sweep) but this year we only managed to cling on to one – the Ladies trophy – (spoiler alert) well done Jacquie.

My personal favourite ride of the year was the Colin Bloomfield Memorial Ride – the September DA Event, Country Churches. It was a really interesting ride that took us right into the heart of The Downs but without any hard hills. The roads/route instructions were good, the churches themselves were fascinating and the weather was perfect. Other memorable rides took us to Reigate Park, Chiddingstone, Partridge Green, Wiggonholt, Ditchling, the DA picnic at West Wittering and through the wonderful scenery of Ashdown Forest - basically all points of the compass from Horsham and Crawley. We've "discovered" some new refreshment stops, revisited some old ones that we'd forgotten how good they were and explored some bridleways near Horsham that we never knew existed. One sad note however was that I had to retire my old pair of waterproof trousers (mid 1980's vintage) having ripped them beyond repair on a very wet and muddy club ride along some bridleways twixt Horsham and Warninglid.

Looking ahead to next year, as well as continuing to "box the compass" with rides in all directions, we're planning on trying some more "awayday" rides with North Kent and even Ghent (in Belgium) being proposed. The key thing for us is to try and get the members involved – giving us ideas, suggestions, likes (and dislikes) for rides and supporting our group as we deliver them.

Bob Moore

## **Remembrance**

The Chair held a 2 minutes silence at 11.00 am

## **Report from CTC Right to Ride Representative**

There was no formal representative attending.

Edwin reported that the new cyclepath between the Flansham Roundabout and the Ford Road Roundabout near Littlehampton alongside the A259 coast road was completed during the year. The path is on the north side of the road and is separated from the main road by a grass area. The path is 3 metres wide with a good smooth tarmac surface. The path was finished late July 4 months behind the original schedule. Both Arun Adur and Bognor Chichester have made a lot of use of the path especially for Bognor Chichester on evening and Saturday Rides.

A proposal to divert the start of the Centurion Way due to a development is still outstanding and is being campaigned against by an independent group set up in Chichester called Friends of Centurion Way. On better news the South Downs National Park Authority is proposing a 6 Kilometre extension of the path from West Dean to the South Downs Way above Cocking. The route will go round the tunnels. The stage now is that planning consent will soon be applied for and it is believed that funding has been obtained. It is possible that it could be completed by early 2021.

Richard Bates raised that Crawley Borough Council have done good work in getting funds for local Cycle Routes.

There is a proposal for creating a dual carriageway for the A2300 to Burgess Hill which under regulations will require the provision of a cyclepath. However there will not be a link to the A23 path and it would be unlikely to be used a lot by local cyclists.

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

	<b>Elected</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Seconded</b>
Chair	Bob Moore	Edwin Jones	John Maxim
Secretary	Edwin Jones	Bob Moore	Peter Wilson
Treasurer	Michael Murray	Bob Moore	Peter Wilson
Auditor	Richard Boulton	Russell Sopp	Dave Fox
Registrar	Edwin Jones	Bob Moore	Peter Wilson
Publicity Officer	Edwin Jones	Bob Moore	Jeff Lander
Welfare Officer	Peter Wilson	Bob Moore	Russell Sopp
Editor of Pedaller	John Maxim	Jeff Lander	Bob Moore

### **Presentation of Cups for the 2018 DA Events, Attendance Cup and Best Article Cup.**

Best Section for Attendance at DA Events: Bognor & Chichester.

DA Events Best Individual Edwin Jones

DA Events Best Individual Ladies: Jacqui Thatcher

Phil Turner Memorial Trophy for attendance on all Sunday Rides during the period between the first and last DA Event : Edwin Jones

Best Pedaller Article judged by Richard Bates: Russell Sopp

### **Consider DA Events 2019**

Free wheel	Richard Boulton	April 7
I Spy	Horsham Crawley	To be confirmed
Two Weald	Horsham & Crawley	July 7th
Picnic	Bognor Chichester	August 4th
Churches Ride	Bognor Chichester	September 1st

Dave Fox raised about the Picnic that there were too many queuing cars getting to West Wittering. Jeff Lander raised that a new cycle route would be completed to Selsey by Easter next year. Edwin raised that there might not be time to check it before the Summer Rides List is done so it will be considered for 2020

## **The Pedaller Magazine**

The editor currently only has 3 articles for the next edition so more are urgently required. Deadline is next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Any other Business**

Andy Key a Cycling UK national Trustee from Winchester introduced himself and offered to answer any queries members had after the meeting

The possibility of Richard Bates forming a new group for Mid Sussex was discussed. Richard mentioned that there were problems contacting local members. Edwin Jones raised that Julie Rand the Officer responsible for groups had attended the Bognor Chichester AGM and advised that a system was being developed so groups could contact members by email through HQ but without knowing their details so avoiding Data Protection problems. Andy Key advised that the system was not yet ready but was coming and his group at Winchester was testing it. Also help and funding could come from HQ to assist in forming a new Group.

The meeting closed at 11.40.

Members present: John Maxim, Edwin Jones, Richard Boulton, Bob Moore, Jeff Lander, Beatrice Lander, Dave Hudson, Peter Train, Richard Bates, Russell Sopp, Bob Birtwell, Sam Roberts, Peter Wilson, Gordon Easden, Norman Handy, Dave Fox, Chris Dart and Andy Key