

Draft Minutes of Brighton & Hove Cycling UK AGM 2023
Wednesday 29th March 2023
Zoom meeting hosted by the Chair

The Chair, Becky R, opened the Zoom meeting at 7 pm.

Present: Becky R, Tony G, Geraldine T, Guy R, Dave S, Julian C, Peter H, Adam P, Paul H, Keith B, Simeon C, Bob S, Liz L, Kevin M, Graham G, Phil

Apologies: Christine G

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

- It was agreed that the draft minutes presented were a true record of the 2022 AGM.

Matters arising

- There was only one matter arising from last year's minutes which was the whereabouts of the club's 2 bike boxes. The answer is that Howie B has the bike boxes.

Reports from Committee Officers and Cycle Advocacy Network campaign report

Chair (Becky R) – This has been a constructive year with all officers contributing to the smooth running of the club. Thanks to all of them. I've been doing publicity, putting our rides on the web and Facebook. Our FB page has: 144 likes and 203 followers.

Secretary (Tony G) – Here is a short history of our club. A Brighton and Hove CTC Section was formed in 1975. Prior to that date a Brighton Section had existed which was part of East Sussex CTC, but I do not have any details. The newly reformed Brighton Section subsequently joined with a Mid Sussex group and jointly they became the basis of the West Sussex District Association in about 1977. In 1997 Brighton & Hove became a unitary authority and thus separate from East and West Sussex County Councils. It was suggested by some members that we should now become a District Association in our own right. And in 2005 that happened and we became Brighton & Hove CTC District Association. Since the Cyclists' Touring Club changed its name to Cycling UK and becoming a charity, as far as I know, none of this terminology is now used.

Overall, I think our club is going well now.

Rides Secretaries (Geraldine T, Guy R & Dave S) – Geraldine thinks the club is still vulnerable. We need more people to lead rides and to attract more people to go on rides.

Becky R said that the rides are currently advertised on Facebook and the Cycling UK web page, and that we could investigate Meetup but there is a cost to being an organiser. Peter H. said that when the Ramblers started using Meetup for walks, numbers became very large and could be difficult to manage. Graham G., Secretary of Arun Adur Cycling Club said Meetup had been successful for them and costs £200 per year. An action was agreed to look into the use of Meetup to advertise rides.

Cycle Advocacy Network (Becky R) – The Cycle Advocacy Network or CAN is Cycling UK's campaign network. There are 5 local reps in Brighton. Good work is being done. For example, Keith D has established Old Parish Lane in Woodingdean as a council-funded cycle route; Harry P with others has organised an election hustings on 5 April focusing on transport. Harry P. invited people to attend the hustings to volunteer to help or ask the panelists a question. Becky R said she and Harry P attend the Active and Inclusive Travel Forum and other transport meetings like the Transport Partnership, and respond on

consultations. Tony G looks at proposed cycle routes and schemes. Brighton was ranked 2 by Active Travel England on a scale of 0 to 4, which is quite good. West Sussex got zero. Work on cycle tracks for the final phase of Valley Gardens, the A23 and A259 coast road extensions will start soon. I also oversee the South East of England CAN network as Regional Co-ordinator.

Treasurer (Julian C) – There is £1453.00 in our bank account and the only transaction in the past year has been Cycling UK’s payment of £200.00.

Election of Officers

Position	Name	Proposer	Secunder
Chair	Becky R	Tony G	Harry P
Secretary	Tony G	Becky R	Bob S
Rides Secretaries	Geraldine T, Guy R, Dave S	Becky R	Harry P
Treasurer	Julian C	Tony G	Dave S
Group Auditor	Adam P	Becky R	Guy R
Safeguarding	Keith B	Peter H	Tony G
Covid	Vacant		
Diversity and Inclusion Champion	Geraldine T	N/A	N/A

Becky R thanked Keith B for his sterling work as safeguarding Officer. Tony G thanked Geraldine T for offering to take on the role of Diversity and Inclusion Champion. Geraldine T said that it's important for people to see that we're an inclusive club. Becky R said we can pick up filling the Covid Officer vacancy in future weeks.

Any Other Business – Bob S suggested that the money in the club account is used for something beneficial, especially as subs go up regularly. Becky R. suggested a meeting of some kind to promote cycling with a speaker. Bob S offered to gather information on options for a new club jersey, and suggested a donation the Cyclists’ Defence Fund. Geraldine suggested raising our profile with a stall in Bike Week which she was happy to staff. Becky R said we can add activities we’re organising to the Bike Week web site. The link was posted by Simeon C in the chat: 5-11 June 2023 <https://www.cyclinguk.org/bikeweek> Tony G said funds do not have to be spent. Bob S was asked to report back on options for a new club jersey.

Keith B said he had had difficulties accessing the Ride Leader Training course once he had logged out. Geraldine T advised contacting Tom Page of Cycling UK who would sort it out. Becky R noted that five people from our group have successfully completed Cycling UK’s Ride Leader Training course.

Liz L said she was standing in the local elections, that she campaigns for sustainable transport and has made representations locally. She had been unable to find other women to ride with. Becky thanked her for her interest in transport and advised that she look at our web and Facebook posts. In the chat, Keith B referred to Breeze women’s rides.

No other business was raised. Becky R. thanked everyone for attending the meeting and completing within the Zoom time limit (40 minutes). The AGM was closed.

Secretary
Tony Green