

Minutes of Cyclox Annual General Meeting 6th September 2006

Present: David Jaques (Chair), James Styring, Tim Chapman, Paul Cullen, Ros Weatherall, Simon Hunt, Sue Baines, Anne Joshua, Dan Levy, Richard Mann, Philip Bonnier (Minutes). Part of meeting: Gillian Cox, Ed Lehmann, Dom Scholfield, Patrick Simpson

Apologies: Simon Banks, Harriet Waters, Susanna Pressel, Graham Paul Smith, Andrew Nairne, Marion Richards, James Dawton, Maurice Holt, Tristram Wyatt, Ted Dewan

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 7th September 2005 were agreed as a true record.

Matters Arising: The Leiden cycling trip had not been followed up due to a lack of a volunteer to organise. James Styring would ask Simon Banks and Patrick Simpson if they were prepared to organise a trip. Richard Mann would approach Graham Paul Smith as to whether he could do a presentation on cycling in Leiden. **Action: J.Styring/R.Mann**

Finance. The Treasurer presented the accounts. There was some concern that monies handled in respect of cycle training were not included in these accounts. It was also not clear from the accounts how the council grant had been expended. It was agreed to defer approval of the accounts to a forthcoming monthly meeting, and that Philip Bonnier would meet with the Treasurer and Simon Banks and assist in preparing a set of accounts which met the meetings concerns. The meeting thanked the Treasurer for her work on the accounts. **Action: Sue Baines/Philip Bonnier**

Membership Report. The Membership Secretary reported that there had been problems over the accuracy of the membership records, and it was difficult to establish with certainty which members had renewed their subscriptions. It was noted that help with Excel was required.

It was agreed that Cyclox did not offer a joint membership for couples.

It was agreed that any members who have not paid up by April 2007 will be lapsed from membership, but kept on a list of useful contacts. James Styring and others would be prepared to phone non-payers to chase them to complete direct debits.

It was agreed that the Membership Secretary would send information each month to members not on e-mail and that her postal costs would be covered.

Reports

- a) **Stalls** David Jaques. David Jaques noted that more organisation and continuity was needed. David will bring a proposal to a forthcoming meeting to spend around £120 on equipment. David and Marion were thanked for their work.
- b) **Events** Patrick Simpson. National Bike Week rides had been organised. A number of lessons from these rides were considered. Patrick Simpson is to prepare a check list for ride leaders. **Action: Patrick Simpson**
- c) **Training** Patrick Simpson. The success of the training programme was noted. It was suggested that links could be built with other organisations/projects including Oxfordshire Healthy Schools, school sports partnerships and school travel plans. Tim Chapman will liaise with Simon Banks about this. It was also noted that any

work with children/young people without parental presence needs to follow child protection guidelines including criminal record checks. The report was accepted and Simon Banks thanked for his work. **Action: Tim Chapman / Simon Banks**

- d) **Life Begins at 20 (20's Plenty)** Paul Cullen. A report of campaign progress was received. It was noted that a number of issues needed to be considered. The campaign was at an early stage and as policy developed further this would need to be discussed at a monthly meeting. It was agreed that the £50 already provided to the campaign was a donation.
- e) **Bikes & Buses** James Styring. Cyclox had produced a video aimed at bus drivers and cyclists. Video to be launched in the autumn.
- f) **Campaigning** David Jaques. There was no current campaigns group, but a great deal of campaigning was going on. There was a need to ensure that new members were drawn into campaigning.
- g) **Cycle Network Review & Consultations** Patrick Simpson / Simon Hunt. The importance of the network review was noted. This needs to be covered at a future monthly meeting. **Action: Patrick Simpson / Dom Scholfield / Simon Hunt** There needs to be communication to members of the County's need for feedback on this. Anne Joshua will send out an e-mail to members if content is provided by Simon Hunt. **Action: Anne Joshua / Simon Hunt.**
- h) **Meetings with Steve Howell** Dom Scholfield. Dom reported back on meetings with Steve Howell, new Head of Transport for the County.
- i) **Website** James Styring. James noted that with the increase in Cyclox activity over the past year, the website needs to be used to improve communication between members and to ensure that new members were drawn into campaigning. Tristram Wyatt is to help with the website management.

Elections

The following officers were re-elected: James Styring – Chair and Press Officer, Sue Baines – Treasurer, Anne Joshua – Membership Secretary

Car Free Day

Cyclox had offered to run a stall and stage a commuter challenge. However, there was no volunteer to organise the challenge. David Jaques and Patrick Simpson to discuss.

Any Other Business

- a) The October meeting is to consider future planning.
- b) It was noted that the police have become much more active on cycling issues and this was welcomed.