Cycling UK Lincolnshire Member Group Chair Report 2019-2021

When we all met up at the AGM in October 2019, who knew what would lay ahead of us. We were looking forward to another year of rides and activities and in particular, celebrating our 90th Anniversary. Lincolnshire District Association (Cycling UK Lincolnshire Member Group) was inaugurated in 1930 and a big celebration was to have taken place in May with Chris Hallgarth, the son of founding member Bill Hallgarth, as our guest of honour. The celebrations are now scheduled to take place in May 2022.

The pandemic has meant that we’ve had to adapt to the lockdowns and restrictions imposed by government, although across the county our local activities have continued in a variety of forms when and where allowed. Cycling UK Lincolnshire has managed to organise a number of rides and camping trips, Louth being particularly successful in this aspect with no fewer than six summer camps. Sadly, Andy Townhill’s ‘Lincoln Imp’ Audax and Alan Hockham’s ‘Wolds’ Audax had to be cancelled.

On a brighter note, over in Gainsborough Trevor Halstead organised a successful Family Charity ride in aid of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. With riders taking part between 1st August and 30th September, a magnificent £1900 was raised for the charity and our congratulations go to Trevor Halstead and Dan Nicholson for their hard work.

In spite of Covid-19, committee members have been particularly busy. Melanie Carroll somehow manages to juggle between multiple ‘Zoom’ and ‘Team’ meetings in her roles as Cycling UK Trustee, Cycle Advocacy Network local representative and regional coordinator and our Campaigns Officer. Indeed, a number of committee members have been involved with ‘stakeholder’ meetings and activities across the county in response to DfT Active Travel Fund projects as well as the challenging issues with the A46 bypass in Lincoln. A lot of work has been going on behind the scenes.

Tim Newbery back in January 2020 gained Cycling UK’s Explorer Medicine First Aid Course certificate and later in November 2020 successfully completed Cycling UK’s Covid-19 Awareness Training. Tim now becomes the Member Group’s Covid-19 Officer. Additionally, Tim has taken on the role as Diversity and Inclusion Champion.

Hoping for better times for us all in 2021.

Tim Newbery,

Chair, Cycling UK Lincolnshire