**CYCLING UK LINCOLNSHIRE**

**AGM 2021**

**VENUE: Microsoft Teams online - Date: Sunday 28 March 2021**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

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 lock downs 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

**2.** **FORMAL NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

Cycling UK Lincolnshire Annual General Meeting on March 28th 2021.10.30am

**3.** **APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

 Nil

**4.** **MINUTES OF THE 2019 MEETING**

Available via the Cycling UK Lincolnshire website

Proposed: Melanie Carroll; Seconded Time Newbery

**5.** **MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing arising

**6.** **SECRETARY’S ANNUAL REPORT**

 Secretary's Report:

In 2019 at the AGM, we were looking forward to 2020 with events and rides all planned and hopeful of a new Cycling UK group setting up. Fast forward 18 months and now we look back on a period of loss and sadness for many of us. A disruption on an unimaginable scale to our lives’ either working or personally.

On the cycling side we lost many of our events and club rides were either cancelled or rearranged with cafes closed or offering a takeaway service only. Numbers had to be either cut down to six or latterly only riding with one other. So, we have lost what for many members is the pleasure of cycling, meeting up with others that share our love of cycling. I am afraid ‘Zoom’ meetings are not the same.

One bright light is the fact many people have taken up cycling during the pandemic. Let us hope these become Cycling UK members of the future and take part in our club rides. We have also had money for new infrastructure given by the government. This has been met with opposition from local councillor's not just here in Lincolnshire but sadly all over the UK.

With vaccinations speeding up we can look forward to group riding, cafes reopening, cycling events taking place and hopefully better weather!

Andrew Townhill,

Secretary, Cycling UK Lincolnshire

**7. TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT**

Available via the Cycling UK Lincolnshire website

Proposed: Tim Newbery; Seconded: Andrew Townhill

**8. CAMPAIGN'S OFFICERS REPORT AND REGISTRATION'S OFFICER'S REPORT**

Despite lock down, or maybe because of lock down, the campaigning continued apace with us pushing LCC to not ignore and miss the chance for the Emergency Active Travel Funding, which until weeks before it seemed they were not looking to work on. The scheme finally got handed over to one lone council officer who did put in a bid that resorted in us receiving some, but not all of the funding on offer. N&NE Lincs performed better and thanks go to Tim Newbery for being active and engaged on the consultations and work going on in this area of the county.

I'd really ask that others join the work too, please do make contact if this is something you'd like to be involved in, and especially if you know anybody Boston, Stamford, Grantham way then it would be great to encourage them to make contact and get involved too.

More work ensued on the back of this poor EATF Tranche 1 showing for the Tranche 2, and there were some good one to one conversations held with Phil Watts the cycling officer, and then our inclusion on a county wide conference call about it.

Much is still to be done if we want to see these new projects happen - please do take part in the online consultations as solid support is needed, especially in light of the pushback and loud pro-car voices out there and embedded within the political classes.

We also raised - and will continue to raise! - issues remaining on new road works completed but with cycling provision not included or finished or to standard, and works currently being undertaken, as well as the new ones coming up soon, continuing always to push for safe cycling and walking provision and hold the authorities to their promises and obligations.

The release of the new 'Gear Change' document and the very good and much waited for release of LTN1/20 coming out will continue to help and fuel our work going forward too.
There is so much to do if we want good infrastructure, and it involves all of us making sure our voices are heard too as individuals - even if campaigning is not our thing we must work together collectively as individuals so even the young or less confident can cycle to school or work.

We have also seen two new groups start in the county all about encouraging everyday utility and commuter cycling in Louth and Sleaford, that have signed up with Cycling UK's Cycle Advocacy Network. Tim and I are working with them, and this movement which is great to see and I'd like to encourage every town or large village to try to set up something similar, as this is the kind of thing that helps push forward the needs of Cycling for the many.

There is now also an East Midlands Cycling UK Cycling Development Officer - Sue Paget, that is there and may be able to offer some limited assistance to new community cycle groups, and especially any new community cycling clubs that set up to get non-cycling groups of people active and involved - think BBR (big bike revival) activities but all year round!

Both she and I have been invited onto a new Lincolnshire wide networking group of stakeholders that will be meeting regularly and includes Council(s), Sustrans, BC, Visit Lincolnshire, Cycle England Tourism, Active Lincolnshire, and other groups, and this is about seeing Lincolnshire become a cycling and ‘cycleable’ county.

On the Registrations and membership side of things I'd say please continue to encourage new members to join us, and there are and were various incentives happening for new members such as NHS Key workers, and those that only took up cycling recently in the lock downs Again let's welcome these developments for what they are and let's remember that the more of us there are the better it is for moving things on into a future that is cycle shaped for everybody.

Melanie Carroll

**9.** **AREA / ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Ride reports available via the Cycling UK Lincolnshire website. Although rides and group activities were severely affected by Covid-19, it is hoped the situation will improve during 2021

**10.** **ELECTION OF MEMBER GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**OBLIGATORY POSITIONS**

**SECRETARY: Andrew Townhill**

Proposed: Melanie Carroll;Seconded: JasonBartup

**CHAIRPERSON: Tim Newbery**

Proposed: Barry Jordan; Seconded: Rodney Jelfs

**TREASURER: Barry Jordan**

Proposed: Andrew Townhill; Seconded Tim Newbery

**OBLIGATORY ROLES**

**REGISTRATIONS PROMOTIONS/CAMPAIGNS: Melanie Carroll**

Proposed: Barry Jordan; Seconded: Tim Newbery

**OTHER ROLES**

**COVID-19 OFFICER:** **Tim Newbery**

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OFFICER: Tim Newbery**

**HON PRESIDENT: Trevor Halstead**

(Invited by Cycling UK Lincolnshire Committee)

**AUDITOR (honorary-non committee role): Flora Foster**

**8 proxy votes received to elect officers on block**

**11. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

No notice of any motions

**12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Sarah Mitchell CEO of Cycling UK gave a summary about Cycling UK's activities. She emphasised the disappointment of all the missed rides during 2020 and 2021. Sarah took up her role as CEO in October 2020, sadly has only met membership via online meetings.

Another big disappointment, not being able to travel and meet groups in their areas.

Never the less, working from home has achieved quite a lot. NHS membership, small community services, updating riding guidance due to Covid-19 and supporting new cyclists. Training and fundraising have been severely affected though.

Holidays and tours also hit badly and facing an uncertain future. Bringing organisation up to date in regards its internet/website etc is continuing, along with membership benefits and improvements. Better funding for cycling is needed. Other points raised were the May 2021 elections, campaigns for cycling e.g., taking legal advice on cycle lanes being removed (Cycling UK is taking legal action against West Sussex County Council’s decision to remove a popular cycle land introduced during lockdown in Shoreham). Raised a lot of donations to support the court case. Highway code consultation results expected in April or later in 2021. Supporting companies with returning workers. Hopefully group cycling coming soon with cafes opening too.

Two questions raised by Cycling UK Lincolnshire:

1. Breakdown service for Cycling UK members: It was going to be looked at in the future.

2. Infrastructure Toolkit for campaigners: This was something the Cycle Advocacy Network might provide in the near future.

Cycling UK Lincolnshire thanked Sarah Mitchell for hosting and setting up the AGM.

**13 FUTURE EVENTS**

Future events available on the Cycling UK Lincolnshire website.

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Next committee meeting to be held later in 2021.