Your final, final vote

CTC is registered as a charity in Scotland. For charity registration in England and Wales, we need one more vote. CTC Councillor Barry Flood explains why

Barry Flood at the 2011 AGM in Portland

NOT HIM again talking about that charity thing! This time last year, I told you how important it was that you vote in favour of the changes to our Articles so that CTC could be registered as a charity. I even wrote 'One more "Yes" vote will finish the job.' I was wrong.

Even though you voted last year by an 88% majority to make the necessary changes – and I for one thought I could relax – we reckoned without the Charity Commission for England and Wales (CCEW).

The Scottish Charity Commission granted us charitable status straight away but CCEW had other ideas. They refused our application, not because they questioned that our work in promoting cycling for everyone was a pubic benefit, but because we had not made our Articles clear enough. A technical point, but sufficient to temporarily derail the process.

Now the good news. This time round Mark Edwards of CCEW has gone out of his way to advise us of the modest further changes they require. Once these are done, he indicates that charity registration will follow. You can see an extract from Mark's advice on this page. His email of 7 March 2012 puts the matter beyond doubt. We had no such assurance this time last year

So it's voting time again. We need you to vote one more time on the changes required set out in Special Resolution Motion 1, the first motion on the proxy voting form enclosed with this month's Cycle. Just like last time, company law requires that we have at least a 75% majority in favour, which is why we need every person who voted last year to vote again to conclude this matter once and for all.

THE CHARITY COMMISSION'S RESPONSE

Extract of an email from the Charity Commission.
From: registrationapplications@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk **Sent:** 07 March 2012
To: kevin.mayne@ctc.org.uk **Cc:** David Cox
Subject: RE: Cyclists' Touring Club

I am pleased to advise that, from the information provided, I am satisfied that the organisation is established for exclusively charitable aims for public benefit and, subject to appropriate amendments to the objects, is capable of registration as a charity…

The next step is to pass a Special Resolution that adopts the various amendments.

Mark Edwards, Registration Division

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

REMEMBER, YOU DON'T need to attend the CTC AGM in Sheffield to vote on Motion 1. To vote using the proxy voting form is easy…

To appoint the Chair of the meeting to vote on your behalf, sign section 2a. To name someone else as your proxy, sign section 2a and put your proxy's name in 2b.

You can then either:

- Leave your vote to the discretion of your proxy (the Chair of CTC will vote in accordance with Council recommendations). You then need do nothing more – just post the form; or
- Direct your proxy how to vote using the voting boxes at Section 3.