

CHESTER and NORTH WALES CTC
CTC Caer a Gogledd Cymru

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2023

The meeting was held at Pulford Village Hall, Pulford at 12.30 on Sunday 23rd April 2023

Attendance: 22 members signed in for the meeting at the hall and one member attended via Zoom.

1. Convening the meeting

The Secretary convened the meeting and welcomed people to the meeting.

2. Election of Chair

David Matthews was elected to chair the meeting. Proposed by Lowri Evans, seconded by Janet Gregory: all in agreement.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Janet Jones, Janet Atherton, Gwenda Owen, Mike Frith, John Holiday, Sue Booth, Anne Jones, Alun Jones, Dave Statham, Bruce Newnes, Peter Dilworth, Geoff Pettitt, Roy Spilsbury, Judith Spilsbury, Glenn Grant & Helen Grant.

4. Minutes from 2022 AGM held via Zoom

Minutes were available prior to the start of the meeting. Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Allan Samuel & seconded by Laurie Mason. Accepted nem con.

5. Secretary's Annual Report

The report was available prior to the start of the meeting; the secretary outlined the main contents of the report. The Informal Groups making up the Club had provided reports, whilst some are attracting good numbers others are still riding as closed groups in the aftermath of the pandemic. There was a welcome increase in the Club events in 2022; with a Ladies' weekend in Coalbrookdale YHA, Audax events, the Triennial Vets 100 and the Hill Climb & Freewheel back on the agenda. 2023 started with the New Years Day Meet which was attended by riders from both sides of the border for the first time since 2020.

There were reports regarding the website, publicity, the Link as well as updates from the CANs officers. Several members had undertaken the online ride leader training & it had been offered to all of the registered ride leaders.

The events planned for the year were briefly outlined.

Thanks were given to all volunteers who had contributed to the running of the club & to those who had attended the rides & events. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Paul Mills & seconded by Graham Hines. Accepted nem con.

6. Treasurer's Report

The report was available prior to the start of the meeting; the treasurer outlined the main contents of the report and thanked Steve Jones for auditing the accounts.

The process of setting up internet banking was underway; waiting for the bank to complete the set up. It was explained that there would still be a system for two signatories to approve the payments before they are made.

a. **The Link** – thanks to Janet Jones (editor) and Graham Arnold (who keeps track of subscriptions) copies of the Link were available at the meeting. The Link more or less broke even for the year. Costings had been supplied which suggested the subscription rate would need to be approximately £15 to cover costs for the next year.

There was considerable discussion about The Link suggestions included making it online only, having online subscriptions at half price, stopping the Link, increasing the number of subscribers, having a target number of subscribers.

The following votes were taken:

- i. Vote on the suggestion to stop hard copies of The Link:
6 voted in favour, 5 abstained & the remainder were in favour of continuing the hard copy
- ii. Vote on increasing the subscription to £15 for 3 copies:
16 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstained.

It was agreed that Link subscribers should be canvased about their opinions via the Link & that the committee should look at the issue at the next meeting. Also, the Club membership should be able to give their opinions.

b. **Charity Donations**

In 2022 £125 was donated to both Sustrans & The Cyclists' Defence Fund as agreed at the AGM and £200 was donated to help fund the Chester Active Travel Festival which will be held in June 2023. Donations were discussed (it was raised that Sustrans were no longer supporting some sections of the long-distance routes & Cheshire Cycleways).

There was a proposal for Paul Mills, seconded by Janet Gregory that £250 should be given to both Sustrans & The Cyclists' Defence Fund. 16 voted in favour, 1 against with the remainder abstaining. Acceptance of the Treasurer's Report was proposed by Steve Larwood & seconded by Chris Smith. Accepted nem con.

7. **Wales Officer Report**

Apologies were given on behalf of Gwenda Owen who was unwell.

8. **Notices of Motion**

No notices of motion were proposed

9. **Election of Officers and Committee members**

List of nominations prior to the meeting was on the agenda – there were no further nominations from the floor.

The proposal to elect the officers & post holders en-block was made by Mark Jones, seconded by Chris Smith; officers were elected nem con.

Post	Nominee	Proposer	Seconder
President	Dave Matthews	Paul Mills	Allan Samuel
Vice President*	Sue Booth	Dave Matthews	Allan Samuel
Secretary	Lowri Evans	Dave Matthews	Sue Booth
Treasurer	Colin Bell	Lowri Evans	John Violet
Registration Officer (Membership records)	Steve Larwood	Lowri Evans	Paul Mills
Safe Guarding Officer	Laurie Mason	Dave Matthews	John Violet
Publicity Officer	Paul Mills	Lowri Evans	Colin Bell
Campaign Advocacy Network: England Wales	John Violet (willing to stay on to August) John Mather	Dave Matthews Colin Bell	Lowri Evans Paul Mills
CTC Cymru Rep	Lowri Evans	Sue Booth	Paul Mills
Diversity Officer	No nominations		
Additional members invited members (Reps from Two Mills and all informal groups will be nominated by the groups)	Ian Slater		

10. Election of Awards Committee

No new nominations were received. Proposal to retain the current members Glennys Hammond, Sue Booth & Lowri Evans was made by Paul Mills, and seconded by Laurie Mason; 20 for, 2 abstentions, none against.

11. Election of Auditor

Steve Jones – Proposed by Paul Mills, seconded by Cheryl Barry – elected nem con.

12. AOB & Events

a. Events

The planned events were outlined with some updates from organisers:

Sunday 23 rd April 2023	C&NW CTC AGM Pulford Memorial Hall (& also via Zoom)	Sec Lowri Evans
20 th May 2023	Tour of the Berwyns & Panorama Audaxes Open for entries	Dave Matthews
11 th June 2023	Bob Clift Memorial Cheshire Cycleways – event confirmed as running	Sue Booth
Sunday 2 nd July	Bert Bailey Memorial Vets 100 65 entries so far.	Ian Slater
17 th July 2023	Corwen July Audax events Open for entries	Graham Hines
20 th to 25 th July 2023	<i>Welsh Festival CTC Cymru Ruthin– rides on Friday, Saturday, Sunday & Monday</i>	<i>Emrys Jones / Lowri Evans</i>
<i>Sunday 27th August</i>	<i>Wild Wales (Not C&NW CTC event)</i>	<i>Merseyside CTC</i>
17 th September	Momma Audax Events Open for entries	Brandon Edgely
Probably 1 st Saturday in Oct	Hill Climb & Freewheel	Lowri Evans
Saturday 14 th October	Corwen Audax Events	Graham Hines
<i>Date TBC possibly early September or late October</i>	<i>President's Ride & Lunch – to be finalised after the AGM.</i>	<i>C&NW CTC President</i>

- b. **Chester Active Travel Festival 2023.** John Violet outlined the Chester Active Travel Festival 2023 where C&NW CTC will have a stand. Event will be on the 18th June in the university area, accessible via the River Dee routes. There are plans for the police to have a stand as well as e-bike demos, adapted bikes etc. The emphasis is on fun and encouraging people to use the cycleways etc in and around Chester. Anyone who was able to volunteer was asked to get in touch with John Violet.

c. Thanks

The chairman thanked the treasurer & secretary for their work, and also all of the committee & club volunteers. The CANs reps were also thanked.

Mark Jones & Lynne Samuel were thanked for their great work in the kitchen supplying beans on toast & hot drinks.