

## **Aylesbury Cycling UK – Minutes of AGM 8<sup>h</sup> April 2026**

### **Attendance:**

Richard Atfield, Philip Baronius, Pat Berger, Tina Butcher, Penny Dablin, Sue Evans, Colin Fleet, Anne Gibson, Jan Janecki, Roger Lewis-Smith, Peter Nettle, Richard Paver, Colin Payne, Tony Peacock, Yvonne Redmond, Peter Robinson, Jeremy Scothern, Michael Tomlin, Nick Vere-White, Andy Winter, David Winterburn

### **Apologies:**

Trevor Garrett, Alan Gibson, Julie Willis

### **Committee Attendance:**

Jeremy Scothern – Chairman  
Penny Dablin – Secretary  
Peter Nettle – Treasurer  
Colin Payne – Easy Pace/Leisure Rides co-ordinator  
Jan Janecki – Step Up Rides co-ordinator  
Roger Lewis-Smith – Moderate Rides co-ordinator  
Yvonne Redmond – Safeguarding Officer

### **Matters arising for AGM 2025**

No matters were raised and no objections given.

Minutes accepted as true record, proposed Penny Dablin, seconded David Winterburn

### **Chairman's Welcome and Report – Jeremy Scothern**

Jeremy welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

The main points from his report:

- good turnouts for the rides
- weekly Leisure Ride working well
- thanked Colin Payne for taking over EP/LR co-ordinator role
- thanked Roger Lewis-Smith for his time as Moderate co-ordinator as he is standing down at this AGM
- thanked Peter Nettle who is standing down as Treasurer
- thanked Jan Janecki who is standing down as StepUp co-ordinator
- thanked Penny Dablin for being cornerstone of the committee and keeping all in order
- Tour de Vale – 2026 is the final year – let's all support it, David Winterburn to have his promotional gazebo at the event
- Last year a number of members joined with South Bucks Midweek group for a cycling holiday to Salisbury which is being repeated this year
- CyclingUK – we are getting increasingly unhappy with the support the club gets from CyclingUK. The email system is no longer fit for purpose, we can no longer see who our members are and they do very little for us pro-actively and as members we are getting an increasing number of funding request emails. We may be better as an independent club but who would organise this? One to take to the Committee.

- Finally, we have a new poster – A4 and A5 size – do take to post on your local noticeboards.

### **Secretary's Report – Penny Dablin**

We have held 4 Committee meetings during the year resulting in various actions behind the scenes:

- Newcomers Rides rebranded as Leisure Rides
- Leisure Rides weekly throughout the summer – well supported so continued weekly throughout the winter too
- New website address for the club: [www.aylesburycyclinguk.org](http://www.aylesburycyclinguk.org) which points to our page on CyclingUK website
- Social Nights cancelled December through February – meeting agreed to continue with this winter break
- Automated the start locations and destinations for Easy Pace and Leisure Rides to make co-ordinator role less onerous.
- EP/LR co-ordinator replaced mid-year with Colin Payne taking over from Jeremy Scothern
- One Newsletter sent out shortly before Christmas. Do we really need a Newsletter when no-one has any news?
- EP rides to be weekly from April
- Prepared and promoted a Survey/Questionnaire for members

### Survey Results

It was disappointing to only receive 19 completed responses to the survey with most of those being identifiably regular riders with us.

- Most people found us through word of mouth or the Internet
- They like the friendly, sociable, inclusive nature of the club and circular rides and a good choice of rides
- There was a strong anti-ebike sentiment from one responder and another suggested shorter breaks
- Promotion ideas reiterated much of what we've done in the past with one respondent suggesting perhaps Aylesbury urban routes and coffee stops occasionally to increase visibility locally
- General comments:
  - Thanks to Committee for hard work and organisation
  - Complaints that rides and too leisure and social were dismissed as that's what the club's purpose is
  - Request for shorter off-road rides e.g. Wendover Woods. Peter Nettle has volunteered to organise on come the better weather

### **Ride Secretary's Report – Trevor Garrett**

As Trevor was unable to attend the meeting he sent the figures in advance. Penny forgot to bring them to the meeting – my apologies.

These are the figures:

	LE M	LE F	EP M	EP F	SU M	SU F	Mod M	Mod F
Total rides	48	48	27	27	52	52	51	51
Total riders	130	84	55	27	170	111	199	5
Average number of riders	4.6	3	5.5	2.7	4.2	2.6	4.5	0.1

Note: The Total Rides is the total number of rides that took place. Stats are not always submitted for a ride so the average has been calculated using the stats that have been submitted.

### **Ride Co-ordinators Reports**

#### **Moderate – Roger Lewis-Smith**

Roger reported that the moderate rides have gone well with an average attendance of between 5 and 6 per week. Some of the cafes used have closed and thus routes become obsolete. There still remains a lack of volunteers to lead the rides which are “self-led” with the same couple of people taking the lead each time.

Question from the floor – what is the effect on insurance if no designated leader?

Committee will enquire.

#### **Step Up – Jan Janecki**

Jan reported that the Step Up rides had been reasonably well supported with 4-8 riders each week during the winter and a maximum of 11 riders on one occasion. He has canvassed the SU riders and they appear to want to go further, be more challenging, find new cafes, but retain the slightly slower than Moderate pace.

As this is not the purpose of StepUp, which is to give the Easy Pace riders somewhere to “step up” to when they want a bit more of a challenge it has been agreed that Jan will start up a new group (name to be decided) under the umbrella of Aylesbury Cycling UK but separate from the existing structure. This group will cater for those StepUp riders who want to go further and explore new cafes. Initially this will involve using Moderate routes at Step Up pace.

#### **EP/NC – Colin Payne**

Colin took over from Jeremy mid-year and has been learning what's expected as he goes.

Both Easy Pace and Leisure Rides have been well attended throughout the year with summer numbers often reaching 14-16. Significant problems finding people willing to lead the rides. Falling to the same 4-5 people every month with those people often leading 2 or

more rides. If all regular riders took a turn then any one person would only need to lead 2-3 times a year.

Discussion around the Leader problem. Suggestion for club to purchase a cycling computer to be loaned to ride leaders so no problem finding the routes. To be discussed further by Committee.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Income: £8.77

Expenditure: £8.77

Profit over year: £0

Bank balance at end of year: £630.05

The accounts have been audited and will be submitted to CyclingUK.

### **Safe Guarding Report – Yvonne Redmond**

Yvonne reported that she had received no Safe Guarding issues to handle during the whole year.

### **Election of Officers**

Roger Lewis-Smith, Jan Janecki and Peter Nettle are resigning from their roles, other Committee members are willing to stand for a further year.

The following were nominated and voted in to their respective roles.

Chairman – Jeremy Scothern – proposed Penny Dablin, seconded Peter Nettle

Secretary – Penny Dablin – proposed Anne Gibson, seconded Yvonne Redmond

Treasurer – Sue Evans – proposed Tina Butcher, seconded Andy Winter

Easy Pace/Leisure co-ordinator – Colin Payne – proposed Peter Nettle, seconded Penny Dablin

Step Up co-ordinator – Peter Nettle – proposed Penny Dablin, seconded Sue Evans

Moderate co-ordinator – vacant Some discussion around how rides and start points would be determined perhaps using rotation as we do with EP/LR. Trevor Garrett's email to be available for communication – perhaps on Rides List?

Rides Secretary – Trevor Garrett – proposed Jeremy Scothern, seconded Penny Dablin

Safeguarding Officer – Yvonne Redmond – proposed Penny Dablin, seconded Jeremy Scothern

### **Any Other Business**

A request from the floor for a Newsletter to communicate committee decisions when they affect rides and members.

The meeting closed at 21:15.

**Actions for Committee from meeting:**

- Cycling UK membership/alternatives etc. considerations – organisation, insurance, website set up, costs, membership fees
- Aylesbury urban route(s)
- Effect on insurance of Self Led Rides
- Purchase of cycling computer – Garmin or Wahoo, spare mounts
- Moderate Rides in future with no co-ordinator + request for TG email from moderate riders
- Newsletter