

Minutes of Brighton & Hove Cycling UK AGM 2022
Wednesday 30th March 2022
Zoom meeting hosted by the Chair

The Chair, Becky R, opened the meeting at 8 pm.

Present: Becky R, Tony G, Geraldine T, Guy R, Julian C, Peter H, Adam P, Pat M, Paul H, Stuart G, Jude M, Rex M, Keith B, Dave S

Apologies: Angela D, Harry P, Keith D, Christine G, Richard B, Hena R, Sima P, Bob S

Minutes of the 2021 AGM

- It was agreed that the draft minutes presented were a true record of the 2021 AGM.

Matters arising

- Survey: We have been too busy to follow this up. No-one wanted to take it forward so it's parked for now.
- Camera: No-one wanted to take this forward and it was suggested that there were potential issues, so this isn't going ahead at the moment.

Reports from Committee Officers and campaign report

Chair (Becky R) – This has been a year of re-establishing and growing our group after Covid and other difficulties. My role has included posting information to the web and Facebook and email updates to the membership. The committee has worked well together and I am optimistic about the future.

Secretary (Tony G) - I believe that Brighton & Hove Cycling UK is now in a much better position than it was a year ago. [The previous Welfare Officer] deleted the Facebook page, so we have created a new one which is proving popular. We have abandoned the old website which cost us £36 per year and now use a free site provided by Cycling UK. Over the past year I believe that we have developed a good relationship with Tom Page, Cycling UK's local group officer. I feel the future is looking positive for Brighton & Hove Cycling UK.

Treasurer (Julian C) – There is approximately £1250.00 in our bank account and the only transaction in the past year has been Cycling UK's payment of £200.00.

Rides Secretaries (Geraldine T & Guy R) - On the whole rides are happening every Sunday. Over the winter numbers of people on rides dropped. We have attracted new members and have received positive feedback from new members. We are still using the spreadsheet and this shows that some ride leaders do more than others. Rides and numbers on rides are still vulnerable and can struggle to happen. Going forward we need to include all abilities and encourage others to lead rides with confidence. Two bike travel boxes were brought with club funds and we are enquiring as to their location?

Action: Dave S. will ask [the previous Chair].

Cycle Advocacy Network (Becky R) – I continue to campaign for better cycling conditions in Brighton and Hove as a Local Representative in Cycling UK's Cycle Advocacy Network. This has replaced the old Right to Ride. There are 4 local reps. We work closely with the authorities, suggesting improvements, attending meetings and responding to proposals.

A cycle link from Valley Gardens to the seafront will be built. Improvements to the seafront route and Preston Road will be made.

Although we lost the Old Shoreham Road cycle lanes, the crucial Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan has been approved, and the Old Shoreham Road route remains on the plan for future development. Cycling UK was successful in their legal action against West Sussex County Council who removed cycle lanes in Shoreham. It could have been a similar result in Hove about the Old Shoreham Road cycle lanes if a legal route had been pursued.

I also have a role with Cycling UK as Regional Coordinator for the Cycle Advocacy Network in the South East.

Keith asked in the chat whether the Council suffered had financially after the Old Shoreham Road cycle lanes debacle. Becky R replied yes, Brighton and Hove City Council lost a quarter of its Capability Funding (thought to be about £68,000) and other authorities have been penalised for wasting government money on putting in temporary facilities and not pursuing the opportunities they provided. There is a petition to have the OSR lanes put back in.

[<https://democracy.brighton-hove.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=787> open until 6 April]

Election of Officers

Position	Name	Proposer	Seconder
Chair	Becky R	Adam P	Tony G
Secretary	Tony G	Adam P	Peter H
Rides Secretaries	Geraldine T, Guy R, Dave S	Peter H	Pat M
Treasurer	Julian C	Tony G	Dave S
Group Auditor	Adam P	Becky R	Guy R
Safeguarding	Keith B	Peter H	Pat M
Covid Officer	Pat M	Geraldine T	Guy R

Any Other Business

Peter H suggested that it is possible to include a shorter loop as an alternative to long rides, and he intends to do this when he leads his forthcoming ride. Several people thought this was a good idea.

No other business was raised. The meeting was near to the Zoom time limit of 40 minutes. We agreed to discuss further matters in a more social setting. The AGM was closed.

Secretary
Tony Green