



**£100m**  
funding was announced  
for active travel in England  
in the Autumn Budget,  
partly reversing  
previous cuts



Member groups can  
now receive more  
financial support

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## Governance

# MEETING POINTS

*Cycling UK's 2024 AGM took place online on 27 September. Rebecca Armstrong reports on the results of the motions and explains what they mean for you*

**T**his year's annual general meeting proposed some important changes to Cycling UK's governance. These changes are essential to making Cycling UK more effective, sustainable, representative and impactful – helping us to make your money go further.

The proposals were put forward after engagement with members, as well as the wider cycling community. Cycling UK is powered by its membership, so it was vital to have your backing. We had a significant increase in the number of members voting, with 25% more members voting this year compared to last.

Of the nine motions voted on, there were three special resolutions aimed at improving Cycling UK's governance, as well as two member-proposed motions that were supported by the board. Members voted to pass all five of these motions.

The changes proposed in the three special resolutions – motions 5, 6 and 7 – are vital to Cycling UK's future and the implementation of our new five-year strategy. We were very pleased to see all of them passed.

Motion 5 removed the requirement for members to vote on price increases in membership fees, giving trustees final control

over such decisions. This will allow for better planning and increase our charitable impact. The board is committed to ensuring that membership remains affordable.

Motion 6 proposed critical changes to the Cycling UK board. It's discussed in the sidebar.

Motion 7 introduced gender-neutral language to Cycling UK Articles of Association and brought them into line with company law, aligning them with best practice. This reflects our commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion and will help us build a more diverse membership – which is good for members and the wider cycling community.

The member-proposed motions were that Cycling UK should actively promote the creation of a network of accessible cycle routes across the UK (see sidebar), and a suggested increase in the maximum annual contribution to local member groups from £200 to £250. Member groups are at the heart of everything we do. These groups are instrumental in delivering rides and events at a local level. By providing extra resources to our groups, we can further support everything they – and you – do in the community.

We'd like to thank everyone who voted to support these important changes. We believe they're critical to the future of Cycling UK.



## Motion 8

### PROMOTING ACCESSIBLE ROUTES

A member proposed that Cycling UK should actively promote the creation of a network of accessible cycle routes across the country. We recognise that there are many barriers to cycling and we're committed to removing them. Promoting accessible cycle routes is one way we can do this, so we are pleased to see this motion pass. We'll continue to work with Sustrans and are keen to use our collective voice to call for a more accessible cycle network.

## Motion 6

### REBALANCING THE CYCLING UK BOARD

The board can now co-opt up to four trustees, and co-opted trustees can serve the same three-year period as elected trustees. The board now has the flexibility set any minimum period of membership before standing to be a trustee. These changes enable us to widen our pool of applicants and ensure we have a better mix of skills, backgrounds and perspectives on the board. Two thirds of the board will still be elected from the membership.