**CYCLING UK EAST MIDLANDS REGION**

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING**

**HELD AT THE SWAN IN THE RUSHES, LOUGHBOROUGH**

**ON SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023**

Present: Ray Clay (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC) (via Zoom)

 Tim Newbery (Lincolnshire Cycling UK)

John Catt (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

 Jean Lakin (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

 Terry Scott (Nottinghamshire CTC)

Alan Hartshorne (Leicestershire and Rutland CTC)

 Jean Deacon (Minutes Secretary)

**1 NOTICE OF MEETING**

This was advertised in the Cycling UK East Midlands page of the web site.

**2 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN**

 Ray Clay. Proposed: John Catt; seconded: Jean Lakin

**3 APPOINTMENT OF MINUTES SECRETARY**

Jean Deacon. Proposed: Tim Newbery; seconded: John Catt

**4 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Tom Fox, Ian Hill, Reg Tuckwood.

**5 MINUTES OF ARM HELD ON 23 APRIL 2022**

The minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting. Proposed: Tim Newbery; seconded: John Catt.

**6 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

Right to Ride – it was thought Roger Hill no longer did anything for this. This was discussed later in the meeting.

**7 CHAIRMAN’S ANNUAL REPORT**

Ray read out his report – he thanked Tim for setting up the meeting but pointed out that the Swan in the Rushes was no longer ideal for meetings and asked for suggestions for another venue. He thanked Ian Hill for organising the Cycling UK East Midlands Audax and John for organising the Mince Pie Run. He pointed out that Tim did a round trip of nearly 200 miles to come to meetings and asked the committee to consider holding ordinary meetings by Zoom.

**8 TREASURER’S REPORT**

Tim read out Ian Hill’s report. The balance of the account was £1,883, reduced from the previous year but still healthy. The only income for the year was £14 surplus from the Mince Pie Run, which had broken even. Expenditure was up because of committee meetings held face-to-face as in the past. The report was adopted: proposed by John Catt. Ian was thanked for his work.

**9 APPOINTMENT OF OFFICIALS**

Everyone on the list was willing to carry on for another year; Tim had heard nothing to the contrary from anyone who was not at the meeting.

Chairman: Ray Clay (Leicestershire and Rutland)

Secretary: Tim Newbery (Lincolnshire) Proposed: John Catt

Treasurer: Ian Hill (Derby and Burton) Proposed: John Catt Seconded: Reg Tuckwood

Auditor: Neil Platts had agreed to do this and he was thanked.

Member group representatives:

Alfreton: Tom Fox Leicestershire: Jean Lakin

Lincolnshire: Tim Newbery Northants: -

Nottinghamshire: Terry Scott Derby & Burton: Ian Hill

General members: John Catt, Ian Prince

Reg Tuckwood did not wish to come to meetings but wished to continue as a representative.

Cycle Advocacy Network: James Pocklington. From Leicestershire there were various people involved in this but who were not part of the Regional Committee. Tim said he would liaise with Alan on this in case anyone wanted to be part of the Regional group.

Northants had an active group but did not wish to be part of the Regional group.

There were no representatives from any affiliated clubs or groups and nothing had been heard from them.

All were elected en bloc – proposed: John Catt; seconded: Jean Lakin.

**10 NATIONAL OFFICE**

Tim had received an email with apologies from Lauren Baker, Cycling UK Development Officer for the East Midlands. She had been invited as guest speaker but was on a cycle camping holiday and sent her best wishes. Funding for the Cycle Behaviour programme had just been agreed for sections who wanted to apply for it; details would be forthcoming.

**11 CAMPAIGNS AND POLICIES WITHIN THE REGION**

Alan Hartshorne attended a Cycle City workshop; he feared for what might happen if Labour lost their majority in the city, but at the moment they were still actively making cycle lanes within Leicester. Problems were being encountered with Blaby District Council in finding safe routes for children and Alan hoped for an update on this at the DA AGM.

Tim said Melanie Carroll was the Advocacy Network representative for the East Midlands so was involved in numerous campaigns, but Tim himself had recently been involved in the North Hykeham relief road discussions and reporting back to Cycling UK Lincolnshire

John said an assessment had been carried out of local authorities in terms of promoting active travel; in this Leicester’s score was quite high, Leicestershire scored zero. The county council had had their funding removed as they were doing nothing. Lincolnshire scored one out of three, not much above zero. Terry thought Nottinghamshire probably scored zero as well.

**Working with other campaigning organisations**

In Lincs the organisation Active Lincolnshire had set up the ‘Wheels for Life’ bike donation scheme to provide recycled bikes to facilitate active travel for the less advantaged and refugees, and had also set up a bike repair café.

**12 LOCAL GROUP INITIATIVES**

John Catt’s group was very successful, meeting on Wednesdays. He said there was a market for retired people to ride mid-week rather than at the weekend. They used Facebook and the web site, writing reports and using photos so that they got noticed. They had to do this consistently and Tim said some member groups had started doing the same.

Tim was trying to promote all Cycling UK had to offer under the guise of Cycling UK Lincolnshire. He was putting together a ride to promote all Cycling UK did as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Festival.

**13 FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**Audax UK** – Ian Hill had sent no information on this; the event was not yet on the Audax web site. He hoped to run it on Sunday 3 October and expected it to be in the same area as last time.

**Mince Pie Run, 17 December** – John was not sure whether this would take place, he would make a decision nearer to the date. He hoped all would go ahead and that people would help as usual.

**Other Events** – the Meriden service would be on 21 May.

The Alfreton CTC 100km Audax would be on 2 September starting from Denby Pottery.

The Notts Autumn Day Out Audax 150k would be on 14 October.

East Midlands audaxes were all available on the Audax web site.

**14 PUBLICITY, WEB SITE ETC**

Tim updated the web site regularly and recently put on an article about the Beaumanor Rally which was now not run by CTC but by Ian Alexander himself. Tim had been doing newsletters for a year and had now done four of them, but had received very little support or feedback from the region’s member groups. He asked the meeting’s opinion of whether he should carry on with these or not. Lauren Baker would like him to continue and said she would provide copy for the summer issue. It was suggested doing a newsletter only when there was something important to tell everyone, not necessarily regularly. Tim agreed to do a summer issue. This would be out on 1 June and Tim said he would send out details of copy deadlines etc.

**15 MOTIONS**

 There were no motions.

**16 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

National Bike Week – it was suggested that groups could use this to publicise the fact that they existed. The lady in charge of Bike Week said that publicity material etc could only be used as part of the Bike to Work initiative; no insurance or promotional material was available for anything else.

**17 DATE AND VENUE OF FIRST COMMITTEE MEETING**

This should be July/August – Tim said he would email everyone with the date. It was suggested doing the meeting via Zoom; John suggested a hybrid meeting with a face-to-face one set up near to Tim’s area.

The meeting ended at 1.52pm.