

Christchurch Bicycle Club

Annual General Meeting

Monday, 13th March 2023

at East Christchurch Sports and Social Club
8 p.m.

MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

Committee: David Orme (Chairman), David Breakwell (Club Secretary), Iwan Knott (Treasurer), Val Lloyd-Smith (Membership Secretary), Duncan Melling (Rides Co-ordinator), Derek Heritage (Social Secretary), Rex Waygood (Webmaster, Bill Simmons (Competitions Secretary), Janice Milton (Minutes Secretary)

Members: Kevin Witt, David Freed, Duncan Melling, Bob Baker, Kathy Melling, Sue Simmons, Derek Heritage, Christine Ratcliffe, Carol Heritage, Sue Turner, S Biggs, Peter Adams, John Hayter, Debbie Murphy, Ted Tupling, Colin Barrett, Paul Morris, Richard Walter, Moksha Darnton, Rachel Edwards, Patricia Whiffen, John Whiffen, David Foster, K Crassweller, A Norman, Simon Jones, Lesley Hottinger, Eric Barnes, Mac Greenslade, Christine Houghton, Jean Kernan, Graham Dengate, Penny Buckley, Lynne Smewing, Maggie Ross, Steve Siddle, Dave Johnsen, Bill Simmons, Rex Waygood, Laurence Sillar, David Orme, Gill Thomas, Rhona Copp, Sally Cowie, Clifford Curry, Ann Knott, Marion Wells. **56 in attendance**

1. Chairman opens meeting at 8.05 p.m.

2. Apologies for absence

Chris Hummerstone, Ian Forrester, David Rose, Christine Brooks, Barry Rossell, Tom Cochrane, Brian Maxton, Geoff Cross, Alan Baker, Allan Lilley, Jill Burden, Norman Baldwin, Gavin Wells, Zena Orme

3. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 14 March 2022

The minutes are confirmed as a true record, proposed by Bob Baker, seconded by David Freed

4. Matters Arising - none

5. Committee Reports

Chairman (David Orme)

Firstly, many thanks to Derek who has been a splendid Social Secretary and will be sorely missed in this role.

Also thanks to David Freed who has been assisting the committee in a technical role such as producing Google forms and helping Rex with the website. He set up the CBC Forum – although it was subsequently decided not to continue with this due to a number of members having difficulty with the user interface. And also, he acted as DJ for the Christmas Dinner Dance!

I was particularly pleased to finally complete the Manche to Med ride, especially after having the previous three attempts thwarted! Thanks to David and Sue Turner for organising, but so sorry that they (and Paul) weren't able to complete the ride due to illness enroute, and for their bikes being stolen.

Many thanks to those who contributed to the success of the Wells Weekend – especially Derek and Jan, but also to Bill who suggested the location, despite not being able to join us due to being on holiday with his wife there at the same time!

In addition to being chairman of CBC, as some of you may know, I represent the club on the New Forest Cycle Working Group – and have put forward your inputs to the Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan for the New Forest District; however I'm not optimistic regarding this since funding for rural areas such as the new Forest is very limited, and a low priority compared with centres such as Southampton. In the same way, David Breakwell represents you on Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole cycling forums.

During last year I've featured in a number of news articles on cycling – on-line publications such as RoadCC and Dorset Live, local papers especially New Milton & Lymington Advertiser & Times, and I have even been in The Times and The Telegraph! Partly as a result of this, the New Forest Verderers are finally meeting with the Cycle Working Group with a view to improving the off-road network.

Having been CBC chair for eight years – and in order to find more time to represent the club on local cycling issues – I would be happy to hand over the reins of chairman in due course. Whilst I am content to continue for the moment, if anyone believes they have leanings towards being chairman, please let me know so we can talk about it further. The core job of the role in itself is not onerous - chairing meetings and helping resolve differences of opinion! I'm willing to continue to assist with other aspects that I currently do, which are not strictly part of a chairman's role, and would be freed up to offer other help such as GPS/Garmin sessions.

I have recently come back from being on holiday in New Zealand and chaired the last committee meeting whilst there via Zoom – I believe this is the first time anyone has attended a CBC meeting from the other side of the world!

Club Secretary (David Breakwell)

Cycling

I continue to be the point of contact for the club and forward on information from C.T.T (cycling Time Trials, Cycling U.K and other groups to the committee.

Including firm subscriptions to Cycling CTT and are Cycling UK up to date. It is £33 for associate membership of CTC, which includes third party liability insurance.

I confirm that we are conforming with GDPR regulations.

BH Active Travel and how to contact the council about cycling issues.

There has been cuts to the council budget and consequently planned improvements to cycling structure has been curtailed . Particularly delays on improving Barrack Road,

<https://www.bournemouthcho.co.uk/news/23272805.part-102m-cycling-walking-bus-route-work-hold/>

However , there have been some improvements over the last year, see

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/news-article.aspx?title=new-cycling-and-walking-route-through-kings-park-open-and-ready-for-use>

Plans from to improve stour valley, but direct link from Christchurch to the airport, (see above plan) You can still comments online,. The link to details of the scheme is <https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/News/News-Features/Transforming-Travel/sustainable-travel-network/Bournemouth-Town-Centre-to-Ferndown/River-Stour.aspx>

Treasurer (Iwan Knott) – See pages 7 & 8

Membership Secretary (Val Lloyd-Smith)

I am pleased to report that members seem to have navigated joining/renewing via Member Mojo without any difficulties this year. However, there was an issue with access to the CBC bank account which prevented 'offline' payments – those made by Bank transfer, cash or cheque, being confirmed in a timely fashion. This meant that some members received 'membership expired' emails. Once relevant committee members were able to access the bank account this situation was quickly rectified, but I would like to apologise to affected members. We are changing the access arrangements to ensure this won't happen in future years.

As of 4 March 2023, in Member Mojo, there are:

Honorary Members 3 (3 in 2022)

Household Memberships 54 (54 in 2022)

Over 75 Memberships 41 (38 in 2022)

Under 75 Memberships 100 (99 in 2021)

Second Claim 2 (2 in 2021)

Membership Total: 200 (196 in 2022)

It is good to see the membership numbers slightly increasing and there may be more renewals to be added ahead of the AGM

At date of AGM total membership is 204 (additional 3 x U75 and 1 over 75)

Hi Yes the number is 204- there were an additional 3 U75 and 1 over 75.

As in previous years, many prospective members have begun their riding with CBC on the Saturday morning Burley ride. Once again I would like to thank the 'Meeter Greeters', especially John Le Rossignol, who have offered such a great introduction to the club .

Finally, just a quick reminder that you can access and change personal information and print membership cards by logging into Member Mojo using the link in the 'Membership Details' tab on the CBC website. Any issues or queries, please do contact me – membership@christchurchbicycleclub.org.

Rides co-ordinator (Duncan Melling)

The club continued to offer a full program of rides over the last year including both on and off road at a variety of levels to cater for all riders. Our thanks go out to all the ride leaders without whose help none of these rides would be possible. As well as our main published ride leaders, we also rely on other riders to help with leading groups. We thank those helpers also. If anyone would like to try leading a ride then please speak with your ride leader - they are always looking for help.

WhatsApp has become increasingly popular to publish gpx routes of our rides as well as to communicate within the groups. Weather conditions this winter have been particularly challenging. Flexibility to change start times and ride distances at the last minute is important, particularly at that time of year. Most of the groups now use WhasApp to communicate these changes.

Barney's Thursday ride - Jan Milton

Continues to be a popular ride with emphasis on "social" rather than "speed" riding. Being the "slowest" of the club rides attracts an eclectic assortment of members from a differing level of fitness and ability, and this is difficult to manage at times as we regularly have to divide into two or three groups.

In this respect all participants are required to be proactive in relation to marking corners, ensuring enough gaps, being alert to danger, back marking and generally making sure that we ride safely and respect other road users, in the same way that we expect to be treated by them.

During the colder months of January and February we delayed the start time to 10.30 and only had one stop and shorter rides. This seems to have been popular with many. From March our start time will generally be 9.45 in order to avoid a clash with other groups at our start points.

Tuesday 10-12mph - Kelvin Witt

Continues to be a popular well supported ride.

Tuesday 12-14mph - Derek Herritage

Another well supported ride generally attracts around 8-12 riders. Several riders support Derek in leading routes that Derek publishes on WhatsApp.

Thursday 13-14mph - Sue Turner

Thursdays mid paced ride attracts a good number of riders. Sue publishes the route and any last minute communication on WhatsApp. Riders will need to step forward to lead when Sue is on holiday if this ride is to continue at those times.

Tuesday / Thursday 14-16mph - Duncan Melling / Rob Yorke / Brian Maxton

Our fastest club ride always attracts a substantial number of riders. Rides are communicated via WhatsApp - unlike most other rides we don't publish a quarterly rides list in advance.

Special thanks to all ride leaders, back markers and other members who assist with rides and help to maintain good ride discipline. Advice appreciated from all members regarding routes, coffee stops and share of this and other information with ride leaders.

We encourage new leaders to volunteer to lead rides. A reminder from David Orme that members can access GPX files for recommended routes on our website. These can be used to lead at any time for those with suitable devices.

Leslie Hottinger has in mind an additional ride which will be explained under Any Other Business

Social Secretary (Derek Heritage)

I have enjoyed my 2 years as your social secretary and as Ride coordinator prior to that. I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their support and with regards to IT for their patience!

Over the past year we have run several events and they have mainly been free of the fear of the event being ruined by Covid. Going forward we have the picnic ride booked for Thursday 17th August this year it will be held at the village hall at East Boldre. It has been put back to August so it does not happen too close to the Birthday ride and BBQ that traditionally occurs in July. I have also booked two track evenings at The Bournemouth Velodrome on Tuesday the 11th and 18th July.

Going forward I would like to draw your attention to two concerns that have to bring your attention and consideration. Firstly whilst the two dinner and dances I have organised have been very enjoyable we are getting a lot less people attending and if this continues it is not really worth doing. Normally we need 60 to get a free DJ. We attracted less than 40 at the last event, which makes it harder to create an atmosphere. I suggest we have a Christmas lunch at a local hotel. (open up a discussion) Members asked to raise their hands in response to this idea, and it received warm approval.

Secondly the Mince Pie ride which has been kindly hosted by John and Patricia, Christine R and Christine B is not only getting a bit out of control on road, but, ever more difficult to host due to the numbers growing. Last year we had to turn down riders from the fast group due to overcrowding particularly at the first venue which is very unfair. John and Patricia have come up with the following idea endorsed by the committee. In short we hire the Highcliffe sailing club and having set off from Burton Green we ride in different groups and visit the sailing club and take refreshments supplied by our hosts. (open for discussion). See below "post meeting chat"

It is emphasised that neither of these events will take place if we do not find a volunteer to replace the Social Secretary. It is suggested that this may be a non-committee role.

Finally I have a few snoods available, see me during the break if you want one.

Competitions Secretary (Bill Simmons)

2022 saw 2 men ride Open Time Trials, (B. Simmons, R. York) giving the club 34 points to finish 42nd out of 52. One lady rode an open (J. York) to score 4 points.

The club Hillclimb was pushed back from October due to the weather and personal reasons. A rearranged date of 4th March did not happen as riders turned up late, so a third attempt will take place on the 11th.

For 2023 the Hillclimb will be in October again on the Poulner Hill.

As well as the Hillclimb knowledge and observation Quiz is being researched to be run over the summer, if enough new questions can be found.

Webmaster (Rex Waygood)

In August I did a routine update of the WordPress template ('Theme Forest') we use for the website. The results were far from routine and the website was a mess. I rapidly went back to the previous version and then contacted support for the Theme.

Laurence and I followed their instructions to start the required repair, but it rapidly became apparent that the repair was not a minor job. Support warned that remaining with the old working version of the template could result in the website failing without warning when Wordpress made security upgrades. Support suggested contacting specialist programmers for the 'Theme Forest'. The hourly rates we saw indicated the repair was unlikely to be low-cost exercise.

Other alternatives were considered but these were neither cheap nor easy to implement for a reconstruction of our current site.

We therefore looked for a programmer who would take on the rebuild of the website. Fortunately David Freed was able to get the details of the programmer, Tracy Shorrocks, being used by CTC Wessex to construct their new website. I had various emails with Tracy, and it took me a while to understand that it would actually be more expensive for her to reconstruct our site within the Theme Forest template than to start again as she would need to learn Theme Forest first.

After a committee discussion it was agreed to ask Tracy to start work on our website and a 30% deposit has already been paid for the £750 of work required. We have checked that this is a competitive rate. Tracey started work the first week of February and should be finished March/April.

Within that cost is some training for me and David Freed on site maintenance and editing.

One of the advantages of the planned new site structure is that the pool of programmers who can support the site easily is not limited to those with specialist knowledge of the Theme Forest template.

At the time of writing this report we are limiting changes to the site as we have to inform Tracy of any changes we make while she undertakes the work .

The website is being reconstructed not completely redesigned. Improvements will be made because in areas our website is “clumsy” but hopefully it will still be recognisable as our website.

Facebook (Jill Burden – see apologies for absence)

Facebook continues to be a well used medium to convey club messages and ride information. There are currently 110 members in our Facebook group, 85 are active on the page.

Please continue to share photographs and ride information. It’s a fabulous way to see all the lovely places we go to on our bikes.

6. Membership fees. Treasurer’s projection that there will be no need to increase membership fees for next year. (see Treasurer’s Report, page 8)

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members

The 2022 committee resigned. No nominations have been received for new members of the committee. Nominations have been received for resigning members of the committee to be reinstated – except for Derek Heritage who does not wish to continue as Social Secretary. The following nominations were accepted by majority and were re-elected for 2023

Name	Position	Proposer	Seconder
David Orme	Chairman	Kelvin Witt	Edwin Davies
David Breakwell	Club Secretary	Kelvin Witt	Carl von Hunnuis
Iwan Knott	Treasurer	Marion Wells	Gavin Wells
Val Lloyd Smith	Membership Secretary	Maraneka Greenslade	Jill Thomas
Duncan Melling	Rides Co-ordinator	David Turner	Rob York
Rex Waywood	Webmaster	Allan Lilley	David Turner
Bill Simmons	Competitions Secretary	Barry O’Callaghan	Terry Swaffham
Janice Milton	Meeting Secretary	Maggie Kirk	Maggie Ross

8. Election of new Social Secretary

No offers to fill this role have been forthcoming. In the meantime members are encouraged to contact the committee if they come up with any new ideas for social events which - subject to approval from the committee - they are willing to organise as a social event, details of which can be circulated on our website.

9. Mince Pie Ride (already mentioned by Derek Heritage above) to be further discussed after the AGM (see end of these minutes for notes on this discussion)

10. Christmas Dinner & Dance – already mentioned by Derek Heritage above

11. Appointment of Auditor – Chris Brooks happy to continue, proposed by Janice Milton, seconded by Iwan Knott approved by members in attendance.

12. Presentation of Awards and Certificates

Roll of Honour certificates – continuous trip of over 1,000km - presented to the following members:

Manche to Med cycle ride - 1519 km Calais to Nice - 23rd May to 7th June 2022

David Orme
Andy Norman
Michelle Norman
Duncan Melling
Norman Baldwin
Steve Siddle
Brian Maxton
Mick Hughes
Bill Simmons
Kathy Melling

The Six Countries cycle ride - 1198 km Helsingborg Sweden to Dunkirk France - 23rd May to 9th June 2022

Carol & Derek Heritage

Portugal North to South cycle ride - 1009 km Paradela to Tavira - 5th October to 15th October 2022

Peter Adams
Sandra Clarke

St Malo to Barcelona cycle ride - 1363 km St Malo to Barcelona - 19th May to 3rd June 2022

Duncan Wilkinson

Manche to Med cycle ride - 1188 km Ouistreham to Beziers - 6th October to 18th October 2022

Sue Turner
David Turner

Suggestion for new competition (DH) “Longest day ride” - Derek Heritage

Following the report to us of a 200km randonnee completed last year by Jackie York we have been inspired to introduce a competition for the club member who completes the longest day ride during the club year. As the AGM approaches members will be reminded to send in to the committee details of their ride for entry into the competition.

10. Any Other Business

When the weather improves and days get longer Leslie Hottinger indicated her wish to lead a new ride of up to 50 miles at a leisurely pace on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It will just do one refreshment stop – plus toilets as and when necessary – and will return back to base at about 2.00 p.m. She will start with a small number and will put rides on Facebook. Anyone wishing to do these rides will need to let her know beforehand.

Jim Hatton will do another Cycle Jumble at Burley Village Hall on 20th May. Jim is supported from an insurance point of view by CTC and any profits that are made are given to charity. This year, after expenses had been paid, he was able to give £100 to charity. As a club with moral responsibility Jim feels that we should also consider a way to give charitable donations.

11. Provisional date of next AGM – Monday 11 March 2024

12. Chairman closed AGM at 21.07

Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended 31st December 2022

<u>Income</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Subs	2200.00	760.00	Time Trial CTT	30.00	30.00
			CLUB Affiliation CTC	82.00	85.00
			B'mth & District Womens Cycling		
			Public Liability Insurance	117.60	99.31
			Mesh Digital	19.19	19.19
			Envato Software	26.65	
			Hostgator	92.91	107.68
			Ride Leaders Course	360.00	
			Membership Mojo	75.00	75.00
Clothing			Paypal Charges	136.97	71.91
Badges			Website Costs		
Donations Received - Sundry			Zoom Costs	158.29	187.07
Jim's Jumble			Office Expenses/Postage		
			Prizes/Trophies	66.80	33.99
			AGM room hire		70.20
Snood Income		228.00	Snood Costs		278.03
			Milton Heritage Zoom	60.00	
			Refreshments for Committee Mtgs		
Social Events			Social Events		
Birthday Ride		555.00	Birthday Ride	250.00	495.00
Summer Picnic Deposit Refur	100.00		Summer Picnic	317.66	299.51
			Christmas Carol Service Donation		
			Organist Donation		
			Refreshments for above		
			Music Mixer		44.00
			Mince Pie Run	138.40	204.93
Christmas Dinner			Christmas Dinner	239.05	56.75
Gloucester Trip			Gloucester Trip/Cotswold	80.59	
Wells Trip			Wells Trip		
	2300.00	1543.00		2251.11	2157.57
			Surplus of Income over Expenditure	48.89	
			Surplus of Expenditure over Income		-614.57
	<u>2300.00</u>	<u>1543.00</u>		<u>2300.00</u>	<u>1543.00</u>
		0			

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total CBC in bank	<u>3370.44</u>	<u>2755.87</u>
Clothes stock held @ 31st December		
Cost	209.00	

I. Knott
Iwan Knott (Treasurer)

Auditors Report

I have examined the Clubs records and vouchers of the Club and report that the above statements of Income and Expenditure are in accordance herewith and such accounts have been properly prepared to show the state of affairs of the Club at 31st December 2022 for that year.

(AUDITOR)

Gravel

TREASURER'S REPORT 2022

1. Cash Position	Bank Balance	Subscriptions In advance	True Bank Balance
Opening Bank Balance 1st January 2022	£3,370	£1,340	£2,030
Closing Bank Balance 31st December 2022	£2,756	£160	£2,596
Increase over the year	-£615		£565

2. Subscriptions 2022

The subscriptions for 2022 is made up of :

Subscriptions for 2022 being received in 2021	£1,340
Subscriptions for 2022 being received in 2022	£600
Total	£1,940

3. Expenditure 2022

The expenditure for 2022 - Excluding Snood costs and Birthday ride was £1,385

4. Balance of Income over Expenditure 2022 £555

5. Projection of Income and Expenditure for 2023

Assuming membership numbers are the same.

Subscriptions				
Under 75	164	£15	£2,460	
Over 75	40	£5	£200	£2,660
Expenditure				
As 2022			£1,385	
Add 10% inflation			£139	
New Website			£800	£2,324
Excess Income over Expenditure				£336

POST MEETING CHAT - Minutes

Bike Bus Initiative

At the end of the meeting Derek Heritage invited members to watch an excellent short video showing the Bike Bus Initiative – a scheme started in Bournemouth allowing children and adults to cycle to school on Fridays. This scheme is now going nationwide <https://uk.style.yahoo.com/bike-bus-launched-school-runs-050000421.html>

Derek encouraged members to get involved as volunteers

Mince Pie Ride

There was a post meeting chat about the mince pie ride, which is placed on the website annually as a club ride. There was resistance to changing the current format. However, John Whiffen made it clear that the only reason for the suggestion of the sailing club as a venue, was due to numbers involved (we had to turn away some members last year).

Two alternatives were put to the members present: 1) To keep with the concept of visiting members' homes for refreshments, but to split into various small groups, staggered in time to avoid too many turning up at any of the venues (and also keeping to safe numbers on the road) or 2) Various groups set off on their own routes, possibly visiting cafes enroute, finishing at the Sailing Club where all could meet together. Of these alternatives, 28 members 'voted' for option 1) and 9 members for option 2). It was therefore decided to go with option 1) and Christine would coordinate with those members happy to offer their homes for refreshments and with ride leaders to come up with suitable route(s)

Offroad riding in the New Forest

Finally, Kelvin Witt had recently attended a public meeting in Brockenhurst regarding offroad cycling in the New Forest. Many interested organisations and action groups were in attendance plus general members of the public. Kelvin was impressed with the discussions that are ongoing with regard to providing greater accessibility for offroad cyclists in the New Forest (particularly with regard to the efforts of our club chairman and his involvement with these issues on our behalf). By the end of the meeting Kelvin felt confident that serious consideration is being given to current demands but the progress would be very slow as it would rely on continued funding being available.

David Orme emphasised that all members – when they see an opportunity - should be encouraged to give voice to all issues around improved and safer cycling by attending meetings, contacting local councillors, keeping in touch with local action groups and observing where improvements can be made and reporting on them (as Sally Cowie is currently doing in Lymington)

March 2023

JM