

Southampton Cycling Campaign

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 9th May 2016

at St Denys Community Centre

Present: 18 members and guests including David Cooper (Chair), Stephen Edwards (Vice Chair), Lindsie Bluemel (Secretary), Sue and Barrie Colborne (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Jim Probert (Media Representative), David Thomas Web-site Manager and IT Advisor, John Bingham (Events Coordinator), Tina Davis, Peter Davis, Andre Ventress, John Heath, Dale Bostock (Southampton City Council), Eleanor van der Hoest, Brian Burnell, Alan Sharpen, Andre Ventris, Rebecca Kinge.

Apologies: Liz Holmes (Minutes Secretary and News Letter Editor), John Chant (Rides Coordinator). Tim Wakely (Social/Pub meetings Organiser).

Chair for the meeting: David Cooper introduced Dale Bostock of (Southampton City Council) to give a brief report before the formal meeting of the AGM.

Dale Bostock's report:

The next Southampton City Cycle Forum will be held at the Civic Centre at 7pm on 31st May 2016.

The SKY ride event will be on 12th June and follow the route as last year, contact Stella Waite (Events Officer) or Dale for set up of a stand for SCC.

Bike week is from 12th to 19th June and rides will be run as in previous years.

Update on Schemes:

Cycle facilities in Watermark West Quay would have a diagonal cycle dismount route passing the cafes and bars through the new development. Although in practise cyclists would ride through at quiet times.

Second Avenue:

The building of new cycle route passed the UPS depot will commence in June.

City council has objected to the blocking up of the Second Avenue cycle route by the entrance of dock gate 20.

Avenue and Lovers walk

Dale asked what SCC wants doing to cycle path along the Avenue past Domino Pizza, SCC to respond at the Cycle Forum.

Lovers walk scheme has been withdraw due to a number of objections to the plan, so a new application will be submitted by the council in July.

Plans to widen the gate from Burgess Road to Lovers walk are planned, although some objections against the removal of a historic boundary may delay any progress of this work.

Road Safety Schemes

Around seven no entry schemes for cyclists will be considered by the council, particularly around Guildhall Square. SCC suggested that there should also be 20mph speed limit in the square, as buses regularly speed along Above Bar Street.

Saltmarsh junction and the Eastern Roundabout road safety schemes, Greg to talk on latest plans at next Cycle Forum.

Traffic signals not sensing cycles at junction of Commercial Road and Wyndham Place, Balfour Beatty commented this was due to modern bikes not triggering sensors, although it was commented by SCC that many older steel bikes did not trigger the lights. SCC also asked for policy on timing of lights for cyclist and pedestrians, as often it not possible to cross the bigger junctions before lights change to red.

Dale suggested that any concerns should be forward any issues to Action Line Team before progressing up.

Central Station bridge improvements, report to be given at the next Cycle Forum.

Dale Bostock was thanked for attending the meeting and for giving his comprehensive report.

AGM

Report from Chairman:

David thanked all at SCC for their help and contribution throughout the year. Particularly in improving relationships with the council, but was still frustrated by the slow progress that some tasks take. Even so he would not be shy in demanding that appalling cycling issues be addressed speedily whatever the City Council think.

David was thanked by SCC for been Chair for the year.

Reports from Officers:

1. Treasurer and Membership Secretary Sue Colborn presented the accounts and reported that total funds stood at £793.04 for the accounting year May 2015 to April 2016. There were 57 paid up members and income is slightly up from last year. It was noted that the biggest outgoing were the rent and newsletter, although currently we have free rent at St Deny's Community Centre, this could be charged at a future date. The newsletter will be published once a year in early December, so that it can be distributed with membership renewals. To encourage new members to join SCC membership will be reduced to £5.00 for waged and £3.00 for concessions. The accounts were gratefully accepted by the meeting.

Accounts from May 2015 – April 2016

Income:

Starting Balance	£703.90	
Membership	£610.00	
Donations	£35.00	Total Income £1348.90

Outgoings:

Rent	£158.40	
Newsletters	£243.00	
CTC Membership	£75.00	
Election Survey 2015	£51.84	
Stamps/envelopes	£20.12	
Photocopies (L. Bluemel)	£7.50	Total Expenses £555.86

Balance: £739.04

2. Secretary Lindsi Bluemel reported that the new "Working Party" system of dealing with issues has worked well and made her job much easier, so was willing to stand for another year as Secretary. It has still been another very busy year with Planning applications, court cases to attend and following up Road accidents. Lindsi raised the issue of SCC Constitution, and requested that a working party is set up to revise it, perhaps on the lines of the Portsmouth Cycling Campaign.

Election of Officers:

Chair: David Cooper was willing to stand for another year.

Proposer: Tina Davis

Seconder: Stephen Edwards

Vote: Elected nem con.

Vice Chair: Stephen Edwards was willing to stand for another year.

Proposer: David Cooper

Secunder: Lindsi Bluemel
Vote: Elected nem con.

Secretary: Lindsi Bluemel was happy to continue with this role for another year now that the Working Party's work well, and with the support of the Chair and Vice Chair.

Proposer: David Cooper
Secunder: Sue Colborn
Vote: Elected nem con.

Treasurer and Membership Secretary: These roles were usefully and practically carried out together. Sue had carried out this work for many years with Barrie's help and was willing to continue.

Proposer: David Cooper
Secunder: Sue Colborn
Vote: Elected nem con.

Minutes Secretary: Jim Probert was willing to stand for this post, but would have to relinquish his public relations role as media rep.

Proposer: Sue Colborn
Secunder: David Cooper
Vote: Elected nem con.

News Letter Editor: Liz Holmes had carried out this role very successfully and was willing to continue.

Proposer: David Cooper
Secunder: Peter Davis
Vote: Elected nem con.

Media Representative: As there is no post holder for this role, David Cooper and Stephen Edwards would jointly take on this role as Chair and Vice Chair.

Vote: Elected nem con.

Web-site Manager and IT Advisor: David Thomas was the current post holder and wished to continue in this role.

Proposer: David Cooper
Secunder: Stephen Edwards
Vote: Elected nem con.

Rides Coordinator: This role is currently vacant, Lindsi Bluemel to liaise with John Chant to see if he is willing to take up this role.

Vote: Not Elected

Event Coordinator: John Bingham was happy to continue role promoting SCC at events and organising Critical mass rides.

Proposer: Sue Colborn
Secunder: David Cooper
Vote: Elected nem con.

Social Media Coordinator: Andre Ventris nominated himself for this new role which would cover publicity on Facebook.

Vote: Elected nem con.

Social / Pub meetings Organiser: Stephen Edwards was willing to take on this role.

Vote: Elected nem con.

Working Groups: Ad hoc groups will continue in support of Lindsy, to deal with live issues relating to City's plans. Ongoing working groups are Lover's Walk, 2nd Avenue and Itchen Bridge.

End of Formal Annual General Meeting Proceedings.

Agenda Items

New Purchases:

Banners and Badges

John Bingham provided several mock-ups of a new banner with various strap lines, it was unanimously decided to choose the following strapline "Your voice for cycling in Southampton" the cost to produce this banner will be around £100.

John also showed us some enamel badges that he wished to use to encourage members to join, and for current members if they wanted one, after a long discussion it was decided we would purchase 100 at £1.25 each. These would be produced without a date so they don't become obsolete. If successful further badges would be purchased, possibly in an alternative colour.

Bike Week: Rota to be discussed at May's social meeting and suggestions for rides.

Brummel to Brummel: To take place on 22nd May 2016 and will be to repeat of last year's ride to The Crown Inn at Kings Somborne, members to be encouraged to support this ride.

Southampton Cycle Forum: Discuss at May's social meeting, what items to raise at the forum.

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