

Central London CTC

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held Friday 13 November 2015

Calthorpe Arms, Grays Inn Road, London WC1X 8JR

Thomas James, the Chairman, opened the meeting at 19.00.

1. Members present

Derek Adlam, Anna Bagi, Tibor Bek, Michael Belcher, Iain Bell, Philip Benstead, Simon Binning, Nick Bloom, Sabina Carchesio, Paul Charie, Roger Cline, Joe Collins, Bob Davis, Sue Dorey, Mike Evans, Paul Foster, Robin Hamilton, Colin Hartridge-Price, Charles Harvey, Thomas James, Christine Johnson, Mark Knox, Paul Krebs, David Kurtz, Jon McColl, Dave Newman, Mick O'Rorke, Mike Oliver, George Ong, Richard Philpott, John Silvertown, Geoff Thomas, Jan Underwood, Jo Wright (34)

Apologies for absence

Received from Lisa Percival, John Aizlewood, Brian O'Reilly and Pat Wheeler.

2. Minutes of 2014 meeting

[The minutes of the 2014 meeting](#) were approved *nem con*. There were no matters arising.

3. Chairman's report

Thomas James presented [his report for 2014-15](#).

In connection with the item about European tours, Philip Benstead noted that airlines are expected to introduce more restrictions on the carrying of bicycles and how they are packaged as a consequence of the more widespread use of luggage containerisation.

David Kurtz pointed out that we were still very dependent a limited pool of leaders, and we needed to find ways of encouraging regular riders to lead. A discussion followed on ways of doing this. Anna Bagi suggested collecting "hints and tips" for leaders, and pointed out that the problem was worse for the one-star group, because most riders were inexperienced and not potential leaders. Nick Bloom recommended a "buddy leader" system so that a new leader would know there would be an experienced leader on their first rides to assist and, if necessary, take over. Phil Benstead pointed out that the CTC run "ride leaders" and "ride managers" courses. Colin Hartridge-Price said that novice leaders often had difficulties finding suitable routes. Tom encouraged all leaders to put maps of their routes on the website, as we are building a useful "library" of tried and trusted routes that could be re-used. There was general agreement that no leader would object to new leaders making use of their routes. Nick Bloom offered to run a small "workshop" session on using free and online tools for route planning. Joe Collins, who was about to lead his first ride, said that he had found it involved less work than he had anticipated.

Thomas James then presented the Attendance Trophy to Colin Hartridge-Price for heading the "top riders" list with 65 attendances during the year.

The Chairman's Report was then accepted *nem con*.

4. Treasurer's report

Derek Adlam presented [the accounts for 2014-15 and his budget for 2015-16](#).

Paul Charie asked what the impact on the budget would be if the proposal to stop posting a printed rides list went ahead. Derek replied that it would depend on how the printing was phased out over the year, and how much was spent on printing flyers, cards, etc instead, but the maximum that would be saved would be about £435.

The Treasurer's Report was then approved *nem con*.

5. Election of committee members

Exactly one nomination having been received for each post, the following were re-elected, *nem con*:

Chairman	Thomas James
Secretary	Lisa Percival
Treasurer	Derek Adlam
Registration	Richard Philpott
Welfare	Paul Krebs
Promotions	Dave Newman
1* representative	John Silvertown
2* representative	Christine Johnson
3* representative	Paul Foster
4* representative	Jon McColl
Tours	Paul Krebs

John Silvertown said that he while he was happy to continue as 1* representative for the time being, he intended to stand down once a replacement could be found.

6. Election of auditor

Robin Hamilton was re-elected, *nem con*.

7. Motion

Thomas James, on behalf of the committee, introduced the motion

"During 2015-16 the printed rides list is to be replaced by the website, backed up by business cards and posters or flyers"

He said that virtually all riders now find out about us and get their rides information from the website, and it was in any case necessary to check the website before a ride in case of cancellations due to bad weather, changes to train times due to engineering work, etc. Rides added to the website after the publication of the printed list get similar attendances to those in the print version. We planned to use some of the money saved to print business cards, posters or flyers.

Phil Benstead said that he had successfully used online resources (notably MeetUp) to attract new members for his 1* rides. David Kurtz said that new online initiatives were separate from any decision about the paper list, though it was pointed out that scrapping the paper list gave us more flexibility in how we planned the rides, the paper list imposing a rigid four-monthly schedule. Paul Foster said that although flexibility was useful, planning rides in advance was a useful discipline.

Anna Bagi said that she had at least one rider on her 1* rides who had no way of accessing the internet at all.

The discussion then turned to whether we would still need to collect the 50p per-ride rider "donation" if we no longer had the postage expenses, and to what extent it was reasonable to run down our financial reserves. It was agreed that the committee should consider the financial impact once a plan for phasing out the paper list was in place, and the costs of any alternative publicity materials were known.

The motion was then put to a vote, and was carried with 27 in favour, 3 against and 4 abstentions.

8. AOB

Philip Benstead urged members to "think for themselves" when asked to vote on the issue of a new CTC Council structure, and not to just give a proxy vote to the CTC Council Chair. His own view was that the organisation was moving away from a member-led democracy to being executive-led, where the members' role would be downgraded to that of "supporters". Roger Cline noted that exactly the same point had been made by another CTC Councillor at the AGM of the Sussex members group the previous week.

The meeting closed at 20.04.