

Minutes - Exeter CTC AGM 2013

7:30 p.m. on Tuesday 22nd October 2013 at Aylesbeare Village Hall, EX5 2BS

Members present (27): Jim Beed, Maggie Beed, Chris Blasdale, Mike Booth, Sue Booth, Don Buteux, Philip Chapman, Stephen Coe, Alastair Cope, Susan Gameson, Pauline Gibson, Judy Green, Tim Green, Alan Harding, Stephanie Houghton, Warren Houghton, Kirby James, Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith, Dave Martin, Hugh Roberts, John Rowland, Roy Russell, Ken Smith, Paul Westacott, Sarah Westacott, Pippa Wheeler and Robin Wheeler.

Non-members present: Julie Rowland, Iris Buteux.

1 **Opening Remarks by Chairman:**

John Rowland welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially our Regional Councillor, Stephen Coe and our Speaker, Alastair Cope.

Its been a good year as will be heard from our Secretary's report. Unfortunately Stephanie Houghton, Don Buteux and Geoff Cockram have had medical problems. Its good to see Stephanie and Don at the meeting. Geoff is currently undergoing tests in a London hospital.

Special mention for Mike Bowden who with Tom Dunn completed the Tri Vets 100 miles at Oxford this summer and Pippa Wheeler who won the Ladies 12 hour time trial in York with 209 miles and taken part successfully in several other time trials.

2 **Apologies for Absence:**

Apologies for absence were received from Mike Bowden, Chris Brightman, Penny Cockram, Ted Gameson, Karen and Wolf Jenett, Marilyn and Roger Spurr.

3 **Approval of Minutes and Actions Arising from the 2012 AGM:**

The 2012 minutes were approved unanimously (*Proposed: Tim Green, Seconded: Judy Green*). There were no actions arising.

4 **Secretary's Report (Roy Russell):**

Roy presented the Secretary's Report which had been circulated before the meeting and is attached below. The Secretary's report was accepted (*Proposed: Susan Gameson, Seconded: Sue Booth*)

5 **Treasurer's Report (Alan Harding):**

The end of year balance sheet had been circulated before the meeting. Alan summarised the current position. We have had very little expenditure this year, totalling £49.58 out of a grant from National Office of £200. We currently have a balance of £679.81.

The Treasurer's report was accepted (*Proposed: Mike Booth, Seconded: Hugh Roberts*).

Suggestions for expenditure in the coming year included a bike maintenance course and an emergency first aid course. Cycle Somerset are organising a first aid course that we could join. Further grants are available from National Office for specific projects if we wish to apply.

6 Election of Officers and Committee for 2013/14:

The following officers were voted into post unopposed:

John Rowland was proposed as Chairman by Pauline Gibson and seconded by Don Buteux.

Roy Russell was proposed as Secretary by Mike Booth, seconded by Robin Wheeler.

Alan Harding was proposed as Treasurer by Stephanie Houghton, seconded by Tim Green.

Marilyn Spurr was proposed as Runs Coordinator by Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith, seconded by Stephanie Houghton.

Ted Gameson was proposed as Honorary Auditor by Tim Green and seconded by Don Buteux.

The remaining Committee positions were proposed by Alan Harding and seconded by Susan Booth.

Thus the 2013/14 Committee is as follows:-

Chairman	John Rowland
Secretary / Registration Officer	Roy Russell
Treasurer	Alan Harding
Runs Coordinator	Marilyn Spurr
Web Site / Promotions	Kirby James
Committee	Stephanie Houghton, Lyndsay Kyrke-Smith, Tim Green
Welfare Officer	John Rowland
Honorary Auditor	Ted Gameson

In addition, Sue and Mike Booth have taken over as coordinators of the Bike Bus.

7 Special Events: The following Special Events were discussed:-

- CTC Devon AGM at Ashburton – Sunday 3rd November
- Christmas Lunch at Ruffwell Inn – Sunday 15th December (*Stephanie Houghton*)
- Exeter Mad March Audaxes – 2nd March 2014 (*Pippa Wheeler*)
- Early May Weekend – Possible visit to Isle of Wight for Randonnee
- Coast to Coast audax - June (*Roy Russell*)
- Camping weekend at Salisbury – 18-20 July (*John Rowland*)
- CTC Birthday Rides will be in Kent

8 Any Other Business:

Stephen Coe, SW Regional Councillor, mentioned various National matters:

Membership services are now managed in-house with effect from 1st October.

Next year's National AGM will be in Glasgow, with a Member Group workshop.

There is a Member Group Steering Group that meets 4 times a year in London, that Kirby and Roy attend occasionally.

Following the recent members survey, a refresh of the CTC Brand is in progress.

Various initiatives are being supported to promote off-road cycling, including the development of trails in the National Trust Holnicote Estate.

A page is now available on the National CTC website for each Group to use.

Nominations are being sought for the Volunteer of the Year award.

John Rowland thanked the helpers for producing cakes and providing teas and coffees

Meeting closed at 20.10hrs.

The formal meeting was followed by a slide show by Alastair Cope about his recent trip from Edinburgh to Exmouth by bike and canoe.

Roy Russell
Secretary CTC Exeter

Appendix

SECRETARY'S REPORT - 2012/13

This year has seen an active programme, thanks to the hard work of the committee and rides leaders.

Weekly Rides (Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday)

Our main activity continues to be Rides every Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Details of Sunday Rides have been agreed at committee meetings every 2 or 3 months and have included a wide range of destinations. Two rides have been organised most Sundays to cater for a variety of abilities. Marilyn Spurr has done a good job organising the rides and finding volunteers to lead. Numbers on rides have varied from one to 15.

Sarah Britton and Ian Hennessey have continued to organise the pub rides every Wednesday evening. Numbers are typically 5 – 12.

Kirby James has continued to operate the popular 'Bike Bus' to deliver riders from Woodbury, West Hill and Exeter, to the Thursday Coffee Pots. Numbers fluctuate (on each ride) but are usually 10 – 15. Sue and Mike Booth are taking over as coordinators of the Bike Bus after the AGM. Thanks to Kirby for all his work in founding and maintaining the Bike Bus for the last 5 years.

The Coffee Pot meets are organised every Thursday by Pete Luxton for CTC Devon, but continue to be popular with Exeter riders, with some cafes attracting over 50 members. When the venues are restricted in space the Bike Bus goes to a separate café.

In addition, informal rides are rumoured to occur every Monday (ladies only) and Tuesday (hard). I won't mention the climbing club on Fridays that doesn't include any cycling!

Events - Christmas Lunch – December 2012

The 2012 Christmas Lunch was organised by Don and Iris Buteux at The Ruffwell near Thorverton. The event was extremely well supported and was a welcome opportunity to catch up with friends old and new.

Events - Devon Dirt - April 2013

Various members helped organise the Devon Dirt from Ashburton with about 350 entries.

Events – Star Rides - May 2013

These were 6 rides from across Devon leading to the opening of the new cycle bridge in Newton Abbot. The Exeter ride was the longest and hardest via Dawlish and Teignmouth but still attracted a dozen new riders.

Events – Forest of Dean - May 2013

In the Spring Stephanie Houghton organised a successful weekend for 16 in the Forest of Dean.

Events – Bere Regis weekend - July 2013

John Rowland organised a successful weekend for 21 at Bere Regis. This was postponed from last year due to wet weather making the campsite unusable. This year the sun shone on us with a ride to Lulworth Cove for a swim.

Events – Overseas – May and September 2013

14 cyclists took part in two trips to the Pyrenees this year. The May trip encountered some cols still closed with snow and the September trip saw the destructive results of the sudden thaw that flooded Lourdes. Tim and Judy Green, and Ted and Susan Gameson also visited this area over the summer.

Events - Audaxes

Pippa Wheeler again successfully organised the Mad March 100 and 200 km Audax events starting from Exeter. The two events attracted a total of over 200 riders.

In June Roy Russell organised the TriVets and the Coast to Coast Audax. Following the unexpected closure of the cafe at Coldharbour Mill, the route for these was substantially changed to start from Uffculme School. A total of 110 people took part.

Advocacy

Roy Russell and Kirby James regularly attend the Exeter Cycle Forum meetings which are held every two months. These allow local cyclists to meet Council Representatives to review and comment on new developments in and around Exeter.

Roy Russell responded to various consultations and planning applications, in his role as Right to Ride Representative for Exeter. This included engagement with the Highways Agency over their future strategy for trunk roads in the southwest.

CTC Exeter Newsletter

Kirby James and Roy Russell produce a bi-monthly Newsletter which summarises cycle related activities and developments in the Exeter area. The Newsletter is sent electronically to over 750 recipients.

Highwayman Magazine

Tom Dunn and Jean Brierly continue to produce the Highwayman magazine to a high standard for CTC Devon, 10 times a year.

Roy Russell, Secretary