

# Minutes of CTC Devon AGM 2012

Held at St Lawrence Chapel, Ashburton on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2012

Meeting commenced 11am

16 members attended:

Tony Avery (TA), David Bailey (DB), Martin Bishop (MB), Jean Brierly (JB), Tom Dunn (TD), Andy Endicott, Alan Harding, Dave Hutton, Pete Luxton, Steve Main, Dave Martin, Kevin Presland (KP), Roy Russell (RR), Toby Sharp (TS), Geoff Sharpe (GS), Cathy Surtees (CS).

## Introduction

CTC Devon Secretary, Roy Russell, introduced the meeting and welcomed members.

## Apologies

Warren Douglas, Julie Lang, Paul Harman, Bill Barnes, Paul Dixon, Graham Brodie, Chris Brightman.

## Election of Meeting Chairman

Kevin Presland elected as Meeting Chairman. Proposed Roy Russell. Carried unanimously.

## Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the 2011 AGM accepted as a true record. Carried unanimously.

## Matters arising

- RR has advised CTC Cornwall that CTC Devon also covers Saltash.
- KP is arranging upgrade of two trophies. **Action KP**
- TA has exchanged emails with Roger Geffen (CTC Policy Director) about educating drivers to overtake cyclists safely. TA suggested members could give talks to WI groups etc about cycling and give out leaflets encouraging safe overtaking. CS suggested displaying advice on back of jumpers (<http://www.3feetplease.com/>). DH suggested that safety campaigns for reducing excessive speeds in rural lanes are best implemented by Devon County Council and District Councils. KP suggested that Right to Ride Reps should take this up. Agreed that RtR Reps should raise at Exeter and Teignbridge Cycle Forums to identify Devon CC policy on overtaking and if they have publicity information available. **Action RR and Graham Brodie**
- "Role of CTC Devon" covered later under Secretary's Report
- CS has contacted numerous colleges in Devon looking for a venue for the CTC Birthday Rides in August 2014. Most were too small to accommodate the 500 participants, but Dartington Hall is a possibility. A national committee could manage the event, but would appreciate local support, for instance in planning self led routes. **Action CS**
- Annual Dinner held at Kents Cavern last year.
- Details of banners available from National Office has been promised, but not delivered. RR to chase. **Action: RR**

## Treasurer's Report

Copies of the accounts for the year 2011 to 2012 were distributed before the meeting. Treasurers report available separately.

The accounts are dated 30<sup>th</sup> September and show a surplus for the year of £661.63. Total assets are £11,925.49 of which £10,946.15 is cash deposits in Banks. Plymouth, South Hams and North Devon sections do not hold bank accounts.

In clarification, GS pointed out that the item "Torbay Website Expenses" should be "CTC Devon Website Expenses" as it relates to [www.ctcdevon.co.uk](http://www.ctcdevon.co.uk)

**Action: JL**

GS noted that the 3 year Britannia Bond had matured. He asked the committee consider opening another Bond.

**Action: Committee**

Treasurers report approved including appointment of Chris Mitchell as Honorary Auditor. Proposed RR. Seconded GS. Carried unanimously.

### **Highwayman Report**

Tom Dunn gave report on Highwayman magazine (available separately). He asked the magazine be advertised to members by email.

**Action: RR**

DB asked if the magazine could be distributed electronically. TD responded that most members appreciated having a paper copy. He is concerned that making the magazine available electronically would reduce the viability of hard copies and result in the magazine only being available digitally. He and Jean are not interested in producing an electronic magazine.

DB offered to deliver magazine by hand in Dawlish area if this would help.

GS requested that CTC Devon confirm it would continue to cover cost of posting magazine to Brian Fisher for local distribution in Torbay. RR to check previous discussions and raise at committee if necessary.

**Action: RR**

TA congratulated TD and JB on their production of the magazine and this was unanimously supported by the meeting.

### **Event Secretary's Report**

RR summarised the Event Secretary's Report from Bill Barnes (available separately). Meeting asked that a vote of thanks be sent to Bill, who is stepping down after moving out of the county for work.

**Action: RR**

### **Publicity Secretary's Report**

RR summarised the Publicity Secretary's Report from Graham Brodie (available separately).

### **Section Reports**

Section reports for Exeter, North Devon, Plymouth, South Dartmoor, South Devon and Torbay were available on the website before the meeting (available separately). Summaries of the reports were read out and approved by the meeting.

### **Secretary's Report**

RR reported as Secretary (full report available separately).

Following discussion at last year's AGM we have been debating the function of CTC Devon and its relationship with the sections. From this I wrote a piece for the August Highwayman explaining who the committee is and what CTC Devon does.

Events throughout the year have generally been well attended and profitable. The Committee has debated how to spend the income from events and the considerable reserves in our accounts. A number of suggestions were received and some may be pursued further. My view is that our larger events should be advertised as raising funds for external charities. This could help with increasing entries and also reduce our annual surplus.

In September, I sent an email to all CTC members with email addresses in Devon (about 700) asking for expressions of interest in the Annual Dinner, but only received one reply. In view of declining numbers in recent years the committee has decided to no longer organise an Annual Dinner.

This year, trophies will be handed to the Section Secretaries to be awarded locally. We propose to bring the annual close of the points competition forward to September next year, so that the trophies can be awarded at next years Devon AGM.

Instead of the Annual Dinner, we propose to organise an annual Devon Anniversary Lunch in late April or May similar to the popular meet at Cockwood last year.

I'd like to thank the committee members for their work during the year and particularly Bill Barnes, who is resigning as Events Secretary as he has moved to Bristol for work.

### **Discussion Item – Membership Analysis**

RR circulated an analysis of membership data for CTC members in Devon (available separately).

Many of the more popular events organised by CTC Devon attract a large number of non CTC members. This is good for publicity and we need to make sure membership leaflets and stickers are made available. Good to have a broad range of events (KP). Clubs used to be a useful source of information, much of which is now available on the internet (TA).

Important to encourage new members and provide easy paced all day rides as a first step (CS). With a small group we either need to slow down fast rides or split rides to accommodate slower riders (TS). With a larger group there is more opportunity to provide a spread of rides (KP).

Exeter has regular slower "B" rides planned. There were a number of complaints over the summer about the shortage of B rides for Exeter, which has now been addressed (TD).

### **Election of Officers**

The following existing committee members were nominated for re-election:

Chairman – Warren Douglas  
Secretary – Roy Russell  
Registration Officer – Jean Brierly  
Treasurer – Julie Lang  
Welfare Officer – Kevin Presland  
Highwayman Committee – Jean Brierly and Tom Dunn  
Promotions Officer – Graham Brodie  
Website – Graham Brodie and Kirby James  
Trophy Secretary – Kevin Presland

The nominations were proposed by Steve Main, seconded by Martin Bishop and carried unanimously.

Geoff Sharpe volunteered to fill the vacant post of Events Secretary, on the condition that organisers of events send him results within 1 month of the event. Late results will not count.

Proposed by Dave Bailey, seconded by Tony Avery and carried unanimously.

## **Any Other Business**

1. **Event results.** SM pointed out that finishing times of events should not be published as they are not races.
2. **Cycletopia.**  
DB suggested that CTC Devon should promote Cycletopia <http://www.ctc.org.uk/cycletopia> which has recently been published by the CTC. RR commented that CTC Devon is mainly concerned with organising social rides. The local CTC Right to Ride representatives are engaged in campaigning and should be promoting Cycletopia. **Action GB and RR**  
(Contact details for Devon RtR:  
[http://www.lkjh.biz/index.php?title=CampaignRightToRide#Right\\_to\\_Ride\\_Network](http://www.lkjh.biz/index.php?title=CampaignRightToRide#Right_to_Ride_Network))
3. **Leader training.**  
CS asked if training is available for leading rides. KP commented that there is a leaflet available <http://www.ctc.org.uk/file/Public/rideleaderguide.pdf> .  
CTC also offer a range of courses <http://www.ctc.org.uk/courses-and-training/road-skills> .  
MB suggested a one-off training exercise could be organised locally. CS asked that training include route planning.  
Action: **RR** to obtain copies of Leaders Leaflet and investigate possibility of arranging leader training locally.
4. **Events.**  
**RR** to send GS form for registering events.  
CB300 audax to be organised in April in memory of Chris Bennett  
KP is planning a night ride – Dartmoor Ghost  
KP is also planning a ride from Bristol to tie in with this – Dartmoor Dart
5. **Torbay RtR Report**  
RR read out report from Graham Brodie on campaigning by the Right to Ride Representative for Torbay (available separately).
6. **Devon Dirt**  
RR read out report from Graham Brodie on the Devon Dirt event (available separately).

Meeting closed 1.00pm

R Russell