**CYCLE SOMERSET – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022**

Wednesday 2nd November 2022

Held at the Taunton Quakers Meeting House at 7pm

Present: Graham Farrington, Sue Brooks, Arthur Hulls, Audrey Allerston, Charles Smythe, Chris Gill, David Cox, Gillian Helyar, Ian Bright, Jill Amos, Martin Atton, Maurice Pyman, Nick Rose, Paula Corke, Phillipa Archer, Sue Pawson, Trish Kenward, Jonathan Sladden, Ann Marie Kitchener, Tony Honeybun, Mandy Harper, Paul Harper, Sian Kelly, Craig Bedwell, Joanne O’Hagan, Monica Alfrey, Paul Ewings, Maeve Ewings, Marie Edmonds, Nigel Quick, Dan Cox (Speaker from Avon & Somerset Police)

Apologies: Helen MacGregor, Karen Spear, Richard Sykes, Corinne Sykes, Hester Crowe, Lucy Lang, Peter Hanratty, Theresa Hanratty, Peter Williams, Ross Friend, Stephen Coe, Terry Johnston, Karin Sladden

Welcome: The Chairman welcomed all members and was very pleased to see such a high attendance. Introduction of speaker.

Health and Safety:

External Speaker, Dan Cox, Road Safety Officer with Avon & Somerset Police, made a distinct impression on us all with his extensive knowledge of road safety across the region and personal experience of cycling. He impressed upon us the need to be seen i.e. High Viz and bike lights essential. He was keen for us to put the cycling fatality stats into context i.e. national v Somerset and informed us there had been one cyclist killed in Somerset last year. He told us about the benefits of dash cam and bike helmet camera’s providing evidence to prosecute or warn motorists/cyclists breaking the law. Booklets distributed to attendees providing information on how to be safe and confident behind the wheel, The Ultimate Guide to Cycling.

It was agreed that Dan Cox be invited to another Monthly Meeting, Sue Brooks to arrange.

Reports: Highlights were presented at the meeting, please find reports attached from

Club Secretary – Sue Brooks

Treasurer – Phillipa Archer

Rides – Richard Sykes

Membership – Arthur Hulls

Election of Officers:

Chairman – Graham Farrington stepping down, to be replaced by Richard Sykes

Club Secretary – Sue Brooks

Treasurer – Phillipa Archer

Rides – Richard Sykes moving to Chairman, to be replaced by Paul Ewings

Membership – Arthur Hulls would like to step down, volunteer being sought

Newsletter – Paul Harper/Peter Hanratty

Events – to be confirmed

TACC – Ian Bright

Ladies – to be confirmed

Ride Leader of the Year 2022:

* 35 club members voted
* 9 Ride Leaders were nominated i.e. Tony Honeybun, Richard Sykes, Sue Brooks,

Paul Harper, Jill Amos, Joanne O’Hagan, Hazel Bryant, Dilys Millard, Ian Bright

Winner of Ride Leader of the Year 2022 – Jill Amos

Coffee Stops of the Year 2022:

* New Café Winner – The Rocking Horse, Stogumber
* Community Café Winner – North Curry Community Café
* Commercial Café Winner – The Kitchen at Langport

They will each receive a framed presentation certificate from Cycle Somerset

Charity of the Year 2023:

It was agreed that Cycle Somerset would support ‘On Your Bike’ Taunton/Bridgwater again next year.

Ideas for Spending Club Funds:

Graham emailed all Club members asking for suggestions as to how we could spend our Club funds, currently around £4,500. List of ideas attached, they were discussed at the meeting.

Decisions:

JS idea - Approved £500 to Curry Rivel/Langport scheme – more details in Newsletter (Jonathan)

Approved hold £500 to spend on ‘Good causes’ as they arise – decision for up to £250 to be taken at Monthly Meeting

SB idea – Donate to Community Café. Seek Community Cafes specifics before donating

GF idea – Events as before from normal funds

Other possibilities discussed:

Trial helmet camera – ask advice of Dan Cox at next talk

Possible National Charities – mentioned but not explored

Why are some members not cycling?

Graham emailed non-cycling Club Members for their feedback, summary of responses below:-

Prefer spontaneity, smaller groups, COVID concerns, café crowding, but enjoys ride info, subs to good causes.

Prefer weekend rides, grading? Away from Taunton? Booking harder on mobile

More description of rides, programme to build up stamina

Quote average pace, grading? More ambitious or longer

Rides chart with descriptions, nominate and pacing, to preferred groups

E-bikes versus ordinary, ride leader to get group feedback

Conclusions:

* Sub-group to provide standard descriptions for event template
* Offers of help – Richard, Monica, Joanne, Arthur, Sue B, Graham
* Take result to monthly Meeting before communication/implementation

Any other Business:

Thank you’s by The Chairman

Graham personally thanked the people listed below for their voluntary contribution to the Club in 2022 – Richard Sykes, Sue Brooks, Phillipa Archer, Paul Harper, Peter Hanratty, Arthur Hlls, Hazel Bryant, Ian Bright

Cycle Somerset Christmas Meal 2022 (details in Newsletter)

Still 3 places available, if anyone interested please contact Paul Harper direct

Monthly Meeting Venue for 2023

Taunton Quakers Meeting House to be used as the Monthly Meeting venue for 2023,

Sue Brooks to extend/confirm booking.

A huge ‘Thank you’ to Graham Farrington from all AGM attendees for the enormous contribution he has made to the Club in his position as Chairman.

Date for your Diary:

December 2022 Monthly Meeting – Wednesday 7th December 2022 at 7pm – Taunton Quakers Meeting House, Bath Place, Taunton.