

**Minutes of the Pedals AGM Held 31 March 2012 at The Friends Meeting House,
Clarendon Street.**

Present: Hugh McClintock, Peter Osborne, Andrew Martin, Susan Young, Pete Elderton, David Easley, Chris Gardner, Andrew Househam, Arthur Williams, Thomas Madar, Roy Wilson and Tanzeel Ansari

Apologies for absence: Roland Backhouse, Dave Miller, Pete Jagger and Robin Phillips

The meeting started at 10.45 and was chaired by Andrew Martin. No issues were raised from last year's minutes other than to add that the Sustrans U Cycle project is continuing for another three years and Notts County Council is still as anti cycling as ever. The minutes were agreed as correct.

Facilitator's Report. The full report is available from the Pedals Secretary. What follows are the main points. Andrew's report is in four sections:

- Nationally: Potholes are receiving media attention weekly. The government is proposing longer lorries, Brompton Bike Rental is available at Guildford Railway Station (and soon at Leicester Station), 20's Plenty has 100 active branches in the UK and the Times launched its Cities Fit for Cycling campaign,
- Locally: U-cycle Project has evolved into loaning bikes to FE students. Cycling for Health (part of Ridewise) is continuing; Pedals presence at the Nottm Green Festival was a success. The Great Notts Bike Ride celebrated its 30th anniversary. The Erewash Valley Trail was opened. The Trowell Road and Wigman Road schemes were poorly implemented. Over 600 bike thefts were reported in Nottingham during 2011.
- Facilitator: Andrew attends bimonthly meetings of the Cycle Development Group, continues to work as a cycle instructor, Sustrans Ranger and Framework volunteer and also attend occasional weekday meetings as a Pedals representative.
- Pedals: The volume of business which members undertake is astounding and many further challenges lie ahead. We need to be clear about how we use our limited resources.

Treasurer's Report: Chris circulated a detailed report. A full version of this is available from the Pedals Secretary. What follows are the main points:

- It has been another good year. City County Forest book sales were £900 and keep being an important source of income.
- The Paypal account continues to grow. £260 received this year.
- Newsletter costs are down to £900 from £1250.
- The dispute with Lloyds Bank is ongoing.
- The bank accounts need consolidating to reduce the number of accounts
- An ethical way for investing Pedals funds needs to be found. Andrew to research.
- An expense form should be introduced.

Membership Secretary Report

- We need to encourage renewals, especially by standing order. There are 225 people on the database.
- There are about 60 lapsed members; Could these be followed up to rejoin – by letter, phone, email or personal visit?
- People who pay into Lloyds need to be encouraged to switch to the CoOp
- We need an up to date list of shops that offer the Pedals discount and this membership benefit should be stressed
- We need to know which members are happy to receive the newsletter electronically.

Re-election of Officers.

- Peter Elderton was re-elected as membership secretary (proposer: Susan Young, seconder: Hugh McClintock).

- David Easley was elected as treasurer (proposer: Hugh McClintock, seconder: Susan Young).
- Andrew Martin was re-elected as facilitator (proposer: Arthur Williams, seconder: Hugh McClintock)
- Peter Osborne was re-elected as secretary (proposer: Pete Elderton, seconder: Chris Gardner).
- Hugh was re-elected as newsletter editor (proposer: Pete Elderton, seconder: Tanzeel Ansari).
- Publicity officer: this post is still vacant, but Andrew is happy to continue writing press releases and do interviews with local media and students.
- Social secretary – post still vacant.

Arthur Williams and Susan Young were co-opted as **committee members**. The committee members are: Andrew Martin, Larry Neylon, Hugh McClintock, David Easley, Peter Osborne, Peter Briggs, Arthur Williams and Susan Young. Chris Gardner has stood down.

Pedals Minute Takers: Arthur will do the monthly minutes with Hugh as deputy. Roy Wilson may also help.

Miscellaneous.

- **NET Tram Extensions Plans.** Discussions and meetings on this are already taking up a lot of time and are likely to be one of our main preoccupations for the next 2-3 years. We need help in the Clifton area from Pedals members and perhaps also local Residents' Associations could be approached. Lots of comments have been received from the Beeston and Chilwell areas.
- **Relationship with Notts County Council.** This needs improving. We could invite County Opposition politicians for discussions at a Pedals meeting in the run-up to next year's County Council elections.
- **Critical Mass.** This is promoted on the Pedals website, while making clear that it is separately organised.
- **Cycle Action Plan.** October and November have the highest rates of cycling due to students.
- **Local Mental Health Trust** in Highbury is trying to get a bicycle user group started.
- **Press Release.** We should have one ready if the fuel crisis escalates.

The meeting closed at 12.45pm with time for lunch and socialising before a group ride to Beeston Marina.

Appendix: Summary of Pedals representation at meetings and liaison with other organisations: Current and new volunteers.

The following is a brief summary of the changes agreed at the AGM and other changes since the 2011 AGM:-

- **Pedals Committee (officeholders and cooptees):**
Andrew Martin, Peter Osborne, David Easley, Pete Elderton, Hugh McClintock, Susan Young, Larry Neylon, Peter Briggs
- **Greater Nottm Cycling Development Group (CDG):** Hugh, Peter Briggs and Andrew (occasionally) continuing with this with Arthur still willing to come when he can make it.
- **City Local Access Forum:** At the invitation of John Lee, Hugh McClintock had now been invited to take over from Roger Codling (CTC) as the cycling rep, now that Roger had stood down.

- **Broxtowe Transport Group:** Peter Briggs with Hugh attending only if there were particular items of interest to him coming up, e.g. relating to the NET extension plans in Broxtowe Borough.
- **Liaison with the NET extensions planning team:** Hugh has attended all of the recent meetings, with Peter Briggs attending most and Andrew also one. Adrian Juffs and Gary Smerdon-White have represented Ridewise at most meetings so far. The involvement of Pedals member and Broxtowe Borough Councillor Steve Barber has also been very important, as well as support from the Sustrans Ucycle Project Team (Briony Cheeseman).
- **Stapleford Local Transport Group:** Martin Quarton still willing to attend this (though this has not been confirmed recently)
- **Greater Nottm Light Transit Advisory Committee:** Hugh (and Andrew as substitute) willing to continue with this.
- **West Bridgford Local Traffic and Transport Group:** Hugh willing to continue representing Pedals on this group, chaired by John Bannister. Richard Mallender also involved as a Rushcliffe Borough Councillor.
- **East Midlands Cyclists Forum:** Hugh, Andrew and Susan have regularly attended these twice-yearly meetings, with the next one due to be hosted in the autumn by the Chesterfield Cycling Campaign. Other Pedals members are of course also very welcome
- **Monitoring planning applications:** Hugh does this on an ad hoc basis this for Rushcliffe or occasionally for Nottingham, Broxtowe and Gedling where he is sent details of particular applications because of our known past interest in certain sites. Volunteers required for Broxtowe, Gedling and City to help do this much more systematically, preferably with one volunteer for each District (Borough).
- **U-cycle project:** Arthur Williams, Roland Backhouse, Hugh and Susan Young to continue to take a particular interest in this Sustrans / Cycling England project, although funding will now cease at the end of June.
- **Notts CC cycling instructors:** Andrew and Susan.
- **Transition Nottingham and local groups.** No recent Pedals involvement, as far as is known, although it seemed that TN itself was generally now less active, and no local TN groups had shown any particular interest in transport, other than the Transition Sherwood and Mapperley Cycling Group, at whose meetings Andrew Martin and Arthur Williams represent us.
- **Nottingham Open Streets Map Group:** David Easley had attended an early meeting of this group and seemed willing to continue, although he had heard no more recently.
- **Ridewise:** Andrew Martin and Susan Young
- **Great Notts. Bike Ride Support Group:** Hugh to continue. (Terry Scott represents the local CTC on this group, as well as Pedals indirectly)
- **Sustrans:** Peter Osborne and Andrew Martin involved as Sustrans volunteer rangers and Hugh more generally liaises with Nicola Jones and Matt Easter in particular.
- **One-off meetings, e.g. as organised by GNTP,** on various wider transport and planning matters: Hugh and Peter Briggs have attended recent meetings. These meetings are now less frequent, with the cutbacks.

It is important that Pedals representatives at meetings make sure that they have any necessary background information on the background to agenda items likely to be of interest to Pedals, or which we wish to raise, as well report back to the Pedals business meeting on the outcome of meetings.

A specific agenda item 'Reports from people who have attended recent meetings on behalf of Pedals' was now always included on each agenda, to help ensure that other Pedals activists were aware of what was being said in Pedals name at these meetings and what did or did not come out of them, and what needed following up.

It was also important to ensure that any comments on behalf of Pedals at different meetings were consistent with our statement of strategic aims, as revised in 2010 and available on the Pedals website at http://www.pedals.org.uk/pedals_plan