

**Minutes of Pedals AGM held at:
VAT and Fiddle Public House (Near Nottingham Station)
7:32pm on Monday 21 March**

Present:

Andrew Martin
Ben Troth
Carol Simpson
David Easley
David Miller
Ellie Mitchell
Hilary Backhouse
Hugh McClintock
Iain Lane
John Bannister
Kevin Tedds
Larry Neylon
Paul Abel
Paul Harwood
Peter Osbourne
Roland Backhouse
Susan Young
Thomas Madar

Apologies:

Arthur Williams
David Lully
Joanna Ward
Marla Ozolins

A1: Meeting started at 7:32pm

A2: Minutes of last AGM on Sat 28 March 2015 at the Friends Meeting House.

These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Susan Young Seconded: Hugh McClintock

A3: Annual Report and Discussion.

There was no annual report as such.

A4: Treasurer's Annual Report and Discussion.

David Easley circulated the Pedals Treasurer's Report, and the following points were raised and discussed:-

- 1) The total value of our funds across five bank and payment accounts has remained almost unchanged at £6,994.04, £257.28 lower than last year's amount of £7,251.32
- 2) Our membership income of £1,510.93 was our primary source of income, and was down 9% from last year.
- 3) Our greatest expenditure, of £1,009.22 was on our newsletter.
- 4) We have a legacy account with Lloyds TSB containing £25.48. This has a security flag attached to it which means that it is currently inaccessible. It is proposed that this account is emptied (and closed). This will form an agenda item for a future meeting.
- 5) Susan Young raised an issue concerning twenty one annual standing orders whose amounts were below the current membership fee. There the question as to whether or not the originators of these standing orders should continue to be counted as members. This issue will be discussed at a future meeting.
- 6) Larry Neylon discussed our use of PayPal, including their endeavour to classify Pedals as a business as opposed to a charity. The security features of PayPal were also discussed, including a telephone alert for any fraudulent activity.

A5: Election of Office Holders (including new membership secretary).

The following appointments were made:-

Chairman:

This post remains vacant

Treasurer:

David Easley was appointed, proposed by Andrew Martin and seconded by Hugh McClintock.

Secretary:

Peter Osborne was appointed, proposed by David Miller and seconded by Hugh McClintock.

Minute Secretary:

This appointment is to be confirmed. Thomas said that he was happy to do the minutes when he was around but that he was unable to attend all meetings so another volunteer (or volunteers) would be needed on other occasions!

Membership Secretary:

Arthur Williams was appointed, proposed by Andrew Martin and seconded by Susan Young.

Newsletter Editor:

Hugh McClintock was appointed, proposed by David Miller and seconded by Susan Young.

Webmaster:

Larry Neylon was appointed, proposed by Ben Troth and seconded by David Miller.

A6: Membership Update

The issue of keeping membership information up to date was relegated to another meeting. Currently, there are 161 members, with eight new arrivals and seven departures.

A7: Other Pedals roles (including representation on various committees).

Various roles on the committees of the following groups were discussed, with involvements continuing as before except where mentioned:-

- 1) Broxtowe Transport Group.
- 2) East Midlands Cyclists Forum.
- 3) Greater Nottingham Cycling Development Group.
- 4) Greater Nottingham Light Transit Advisory Committee. Ben Troth volunteered for involvement.
- 5) NET Extensions Planning Team liaison.
- 6) Nottingham Local Access Forum.
- 7) Nottinghamshire County Council Cycling Instructors.
- 8) Monitoring Planning Applications.
- 9) Ridewise Instructors.
- 10) Stapleford Local Transport Group. Kevin Tedds volunteered for involvement.
- 11) Sustrans.
- 12) West Bridgford Local Traffic and Transport Group.

A8: Draft Pedals Policy

Iain Lane had previously held a meeting at Lee Rosy's Teashop on the early evening of Wednesday 24th February. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss Pedals mission and objectives.

Iain Lane and Paul Abel will identify a list of priority actions for Pedals to follow and would hold a meeting to decide Pedals mission and policies on Wednesday April 6th.

Of interest would be the achievements of Pedals over the last year, and how a sense of mission and a set of policies would direct the action of Pedals over the coming year.

A9: Any Other Business

Hugh McClintock raised the issue of members' comments being placed on forums. Nearly all communications are sent to members by members using e-mail and on-line forums and bulletin boards are generally not used. In the past, forums were used, but were subject to invasion by spam.

A comment was raised that the Cyclescape forum (www.cyclescape.org) was underused, despite our recent attempt to encourage usage of this site. Most communications were still very much by email.

A10: The meeting closed at 8:33pm

This was followed by a general monthly meeting.

Minutes of Pedals Monthly Meeting held at: VAT and Fiddle Public House (Near Nottingham Station) 8:45pm on Monday 21 March

B0: Meeting started at 8:45pm

B1: A discussion of the Minutes of last month's meeting, an appraisal of accuracy, and a discussion of matters arising from this.

There was a discussion on the need to present a formal list of **all** Pedals committee members in a special place on the Pedals website. Iain Lane proposed and David Miller seconded the need to present a formal list of Pedals committee members and speakers at monthly meetings.

Andrew Martin proposed a vote of thanks to Arthur Williams for his former role as Minute Secretary.

B2: Reports on recent meetings and events (outside of Pedals) attended by Pedals members on behalf of Pedals.

On 9th Feb, Peter Briggs attended a meeting by the Broxtowe Transport Group at which there was a presentation on the Sustrans project.

Both Ben Troth and Hugh McClintock attended meetings where there was discussed the danger which tram tracks posed to cyclists. There was a discussion on the suitability of the tram network for cyclists. They also reported on tram related issues in Edinburgh and Sheffield.

B3: Forthcoming Events and Meetings.

Hugh McClintock commented on the appointment of speakers for April and June, but remarked on there being no speaker appointed for May, although we might wish to invite John Bann and/or Keith Morgan to discuss the Eastern Cycling Corridor proposals due out for consultation that month.

B4: Facilities for Cyclists and Traffic Management Matters.

Hugh McClintock discussed the presence of A-frame barriers on cycle paths. Susan young asserted that they all needed to be removed. The location of A-Frame barriers on cycle paths in Nottingham was discussed. A list of these would be sent to Cllr. Nick McDonald, as he requested at the meeting some of us had with him in February.

The state of the Crown Island roadworks was discussed. There were issues with the finishing date, and of unsatisfactory contractors.

B5: Miscellaneous items

Roland Backhouse remarked that the cost of implementing a bicycle superhighway would pay for itself twice over.

There was a discussion on how Pedals could support the Nottingham Beat the Street walking and cycling game taking place from 27th April to 7th June. Further details will follow in the next Pedals newsletter.

B6: Any Other Business

Iain Lane had an issue with the Nottingham City Transport (NCT) complaints process. After having sent an e-mail, he discovered that the complaints escalation procedure advertised on the NCT website did not exist. Instead, he was referred to an organisation called Bus Users UK (champions the rights of bus and coach **users**). This is worth a mention when we next meet with Nottingham City Council.

Paul Abel raised the issue of a flight of steps on a bicycle route by the Nottingham Contemporary Art Gallery near Fletcher Gate. There is no flight of steps on any bicycle route, but the path which Paul was trying to get to was poorly signposted.

Kevin Tedds remarked on the good services of volunteers

Hugh McClintock mentioned the Sustrans Torksey Viaduct Official Opening ceremony on Friday 22 April 2016. All are welcome. Details from Gwyneth McMinn or Bill Tomson of Sustrans.

B7: Meeting ended at 9:39pm