

AGENDA FOR PEDALS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

10.00 (Tea and Coffee) for 10.30 to 12.30

Saturday 28 March 2015 at the Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street, Nottingham

AGENDA FOR 2015 AGM

1. Welcome, apologies for absence and brief introductions
2. Minutes of the 2014 AGM and matters arising (see below)
3. Facilitator / Chairman's Annual Report and discussion
4. Treasurer's Annual Report and discussion
5. Election of office holders
6. Membership Update
7. Other Pedals roles including representation on various committees
8. Any other AGM business.
9. Lunch (Bring Your Own, though some snacks will be provided)

Followed by cycle ride from 2-4pm (approx.)

Minutes of the Pedals Annual General Meeting held at the Friends Meeting House, Clarendon Street, Nottingham on **Saturday, 29th March, 2014.**

Guest Speaker: John Holmes from BBC gave an entertaining meander through his various experiences as a regular cyclist and as a presenter on local and national programmes.

Present: Hugh McClintock, Peter Osborne, Hazel Mawdesley, Jon Avis, Thomas Madar, Arthur Williams, Andrew Martin, David Easley, Susan Young, Andrew Househam, Roy Wilson.

Apologies were received from: Tanzeel Ansari, Peter Briggs, Larry Neylon, Roland & Hilary Backhouse, Ann Sladen, Richard & Sue Mallender .

The meeting started at 10.30 and was chaired by Andrew Martin.

The minutes from last year's AGM were agreed as correct. Matters Arising – Hugh reported continuing problems in developing a more co-ordinated approach by local police to cycle security.

Reports from Facilitator, Membership Secretary and Treasurer: The full reports are available from the Pedals Secretary. What follows are the main points.

Facilitator's Report from Andrew Martin:

Andrew's report covers the following:-

- **National Picture:** Stronger links have been made between cycling safety and cycling promotion, leading to the launch of the Road Justice campaign.
- **Local Picture:** Pedals attended 3 community events at which we publicised our work – West Bridgford Summer Gathering, Cycle Live and the Green Festival. The group continues to campaign around cycle facilities within new infrastructure projects such as NET, A453 and Ring Road Major scheme – due for completion 2015-16. Key improvements have included the

junction Mansfield Road/Forest Road. Looking at longer term developments, we have also been involved in consultations relating to HS2 and the planned parallel cycle route, SS2.

- **Media:** Pedals committee members Arthur, Hugh, Roland and Andrew have contributed to radio and/or local press coverage. Cycling in Notts has had several mentions in national as well as local media, including the recent announcement of large government funding of cycling which includes the Brompton Bike Dock at Nottingham Station.
- **Working with other organizations:** We have continued to work with the Sustrans U-cycle project + Bike It. RideWise is adjusting to changes in funding and is now developing the TravelRight project in collaboration with the Big Wheel. Through the CDG we have had input into City travel planners, for example in relation to the inner orbital route.
- **Role of the Facilitator: update** Andrew continues to be involved with other cycling organizations and initiatives alongside his role with Pedals.
- **Pedals this year & next: update** With continued development of transport projects and potential new funding for cycle infrastructure, the group will have opportunities and challenges in the next year.

In response to the national issues, Susan reported on improved training for HGV drivers in relation to cyclist safety.

In relation to local issues, Hugh commented on the lack of support from current Rushcliffe Borough Council for cycling, e.g. development of facilities at new Wilford Lane Health Centre and expansion of CityCard.

Another area for concern is the very slow response to requests for information and follow up of improvements for non-motorised users by the Highways Agency (HA).

Treasurer's Report from David Easley:

Membership income is our most important source of funds and this was up since last year. Newsletter is largest expenditure. There has still been income from sale of City County forest books – thanks to continued input by Lawrence Geary.

Thanks to Andrew Househam for checking the accounts. Susan will follow up potential to sell books at Attenborough Nature Reserve.

Membership Secretary's Report from Hilary Backhouse:

A report was circulated before the meeting. Hugh presented the report which highlights that we now have 170 memberships, slightly up on last year.

It was agreed to follow up some of the long-standing members whose membership have lapsed.

..., which showed changes in membership over the last twelve months. Total memberships (these are often multiple memberships, so the number of people is greater) has fallen slightly from 172 to 165. Despite efforts, there are still a large number of members subscriptions coming into the old Lloyds-TSB account. Many new members are joining via the web and using Paypal. Pete suggests that these should be encouraged to change to a standing order payment when they renew after the first year. It will require additional work from the new membership secretary and others if we wish to increase the level of membership.

Susan – need to shout about negative things that we have campaigned to stop happening as well as the things that have happened positively. Expansion of NET is a major challenge for cyclists.

Re-election of Officers.

Andrew Martin – Facilitator
David Easley – Treasurer

Hugh McClintock – Newsletter Editor
Roland – to take on the role of Publicity Officer (nominated by Hugh and seconded by Andrew)
Peter Osborne – secretary
Arthur Williams – minutes secretary
Larry Neylon – webmaster
Hilary Backhouse – membership secretary

Susan Young and Peter Briggs to continue as Committee members.

All existing post holders were willing to stand again and were duly elected by the AGM.

Miscellaneous Items:

- (i) Rights of Way Local Access Forum – Hugh represents cyclists on the Nottingham LAF (which since January he now chairs), but it would be useful to have someone for the County. Agreed to put something in Cyclonda to try to find someone from CTC.
- (ii) Canal & Rivers Trust. Hugh has represented cyclists at local meetings. Issue of shared use of towpaths; a pilot project will take place in collaboration with NTU.
- (iii) Peter Briggs attends Broxtowe local transport forum.
- (iv) Susan attends Dunkirk & Lenton Residents meetings.

It was agreed to start monthly meetings at 7.30pm from May.

1. Update.. External commitments of Pedals members:

Greater Nottingham Cycling Development Group: Hugh McClintock and Peter Briggs are regular members; Andrew Martin joins occasionally and Arthur Williams can deputise when needed.

Nottingham Local Access Forum: Hugh McClintock

Broxtowe Transport Group: Peter Briggs

NET planning group: Hugh McClintock, Peter Briggs

East Midlands Cycling Forum: Various committee members and others have attended in the past; next meeting will be in Nottingham, probably in Sept.

Ridewise: Andrew Martin, Susan Young and Julian Bentley are all instructors.

Sustrans U-cycle project: Arthur Williams and Susan Young have attended meetings within the University.

Sustrans: Andrew Martin, Steve Holland, Brian Goss are all volunteer rangers.

Lenton local forum: Susan Young attends these meetings.

Basford area forum meetings: Andrew Martin attends these.

Record thanks to the Vat & Fiddle.

AOB – Closure of cycle shops: Rex Robinson & probably Freewheel.

Andrew M is looking at setting up a bike recycling facility in Forest Fields.

The meeting closed at 12.35 pm and was followed by lunch and a ride.