

**Minutes of South Manchester AGM, 4th of April 2024,**  
**written by David Goatman SMCTC Secretary**

**Attendees**

Roger Hubbard, David Goatman, Stan Wilkinson, Mark Johnson, Peter Dyson, Marie Waite, Mike Waite, Robert Reader, Caroline Palfrey, Gwynedd Miller, Albert Smith, Janice Bennett, Veronica Duffy, Peter Gorst, Paul Woods, Steve Owens, Sara Fagg, Rick Green, Peter Williams, Brian Carter, Geoff Southworth, Harry Burton, John Palfrey, Mike Phillips, Chris Hilliard, Alan Ashton, John Barker. [Total 27]

**Apologies**

Howard Davis, Judith Berry, Claire Ridgway Hilary Tarleton, Paul Thompson, Deborah Jackson.

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Approved by the meeting. Proposed: Brian Carter; seconded: Harry Burton.

**Reports relating to activities in the last 12 months**

**1 Chair , Roger Hubbard**

Thanks to all ride leaders, in particular Brian and Mark for leading many of the rides. Thanks also to all other committee members for their work. I missed the annual dinner at Romiley Golf Club. However, I understand the dinner was very successful.

We held one committee meeting during the year. Various issues were discussed. A recurring theme is the number of riders on the road and how to manage them safely. It was agreed that we should follow our own guidance and split larger groups into sub-groups, each with a leader and possibly a back-marker. We are working on a list of pubs and cafes for our ride leaders. Hopefully this will inspire a variety of new destinations and routes.

**2 Life President, Harry Burton**

Pleased with the ongoing popularity of the club and the resurgence of membership.

**3 Secretary and Membership, David Goatman**

Notice of this meeting was sent to 969 voting members. Information about the membership is held by CUK HQ so that we comply with the data protection act. Our Secretary can interrogate the database, however it is not intuitive to use.

We are the only CUK Member group for most of our local postcode areas. There are a lot of local cycling clubs in the same postcode areas who are affiliated to CUK. Their principal reason for membership is the third-party insurance for cycling that CUK

provides. Due to our unique status, we are also the recipient of a small grant from CUK. This enables us to cover some of the running costs of the club and also to promote cycling in its wider context.

We have our own contact at CUK HQ. It is currently is Tom Page, the Groups Officer. This year he has embarked on a round the world trip on his bike. As a result, support from CTC HQ has been intermittent. To date I have not received the annual return forms from them, where we report on the activities of the club to CUK. I know Alan has received a complete reporting form for finance and activities. Looks like I will have to chase them up for my copy.

#### **4 Treasurer, Alan Ashton**

Financial year runs from 1st of April to 31st of March. Last year we wrote off our physical assets. This mainly consists of equipment we require to run the Thursday club nights. This year we held a club night only once every month. The cost of 9 club nights and AGM was £125. We have 11 unsold club shirts. There is £1566.42 in our account and £17 in cash.

Albert Smith suggested we could hold a raffle at this year's Christmas dinner. However, we would have to check with our hosts that this is convenient before going ahead. We hope to hold the Christmas dinner one week later this year.

#### **5 Safeguarding Officers, Hilary Tarleton and Gwynedd Miller**

Nothing to report.

#### **6 Ride Coordinators, Brian Carter and Mark Johnson**

A recurring issue is the lack of volunteers for ride leaders. We would like to put on two rides on a Sunday. This would help with the management of numbers out. Geoff Southworth wants to lead some car-assisted rides as an alternative Sunday ride.

#### **7 Website manager, Mike Waite**

No significant changes to design and layout. We can't easily store GPX files easily on the website as a straightforward option is not available from the host GoDaddy. A possible solution is for ride leaders to distribute them via the WhatsApp Groups.

#### **8 Appointment of auditor for the 2023 to 2024 Accounts**

Craig Horner has volunteered to serve another year. Proposed: Brian Carter. Seconded: John Palfrey.

#### **9 Appointment of SMCTC Committee for 2024 to 2025**

All members of the existing committee have stated that they are willing to serve another year. However, the chairman would like to stand down in the next 12 months. He will be doing a charm offensive on current members to see if a suitable chairman for 2025 to 2026 or sooner can be found.

Proposed: Caroline Palfrey. Seconded: Sara Fagg.

### **10 Any other business**

Paul Woods suggested we order club caps to wear under helmets.