

Cycall Annual General Meeting (1st)
Saturday 5th March 2022 at 11am
to be held via zoom.

People attending: Martine and Rob Walters, Tanya Collins, Rosemary Bumford, Fred Shaw, Angela Marchant, Simon Denlevy, Jenny Matheson, Darren Povey and Sarah Pickford

Apologies for absence and intro.

Please can we take a moment to pause and remember people and the situation in Ukraine.

Matters Arising

Chair's Report CYCALL (inclusive Cycling) Worthing.

Registered charity 1189056

2021 continued to be a challenging year due to Covid 19 pandemic. However, CYCALL saw a large increase in the number of beneficiaries and local organisations attending CYCALL sessions. Volunteers are vital to the smooth running of CYCALL sessions and we were delighted to welcome 3 new volunteers. This allowed us to run more CYCALL sessions and I would like to personally thank the volunteers for the energy and commitment and fun they bring to CYCALL sessions.

CYCALL sessions are great fun and we offer lots of activities which run alongside cycling. In 2021 we managed to purchase more giant games such as Jenga and Connect 4. Ping! Table tennis continues to be very popular and at the end of the session we took delivery of table football. My favourite! The games are available for all park users which helps to develop the supportive community which surrounds CYCALL.

We had many highlights in 2021 including Circus 4 CYCALL which was a fundraising day. Nick Cook, a local circus performer, Trish, Wynter and Kate undertook the massive challenge of cycling 26 miles on a selection of adapted bikes, unicycles and even a stillt bike. Together with a wonderful donation from Durrington Community Cycle Project they raised an incredible £3000 which enabled us to purchase another wheelchair bike. Our wheelchair bike is always in great demand so this new bike will be such a valuable asset.

We also worked with our highly talented bike mechanic Matthew Shaw from Cyclo Analysis to deliver a series of sessions as part of Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival. Matt focussed on two areas of the programme and hosted 'Dr Bike' sessions to fix basic repairs and advise on bike maintenance. Matt also taught basic bike maintenance and repair skills to small groups. All activities are free to attend due to funding from Cycling UK.

CYCALL continues to engage with the local community and I attended network and learning sessions with Active Sussex and Sport England. Support for CYCALL from the community has always been strong and we were thrilled to be part of Worthing Mental Health Awareness Week. Friends Of Brooklands organised a 'Bees and Seas' event which CYCALL attended. We were delighted to win a competition for a 'Window on the pier' organised by The Worthing Journal. The window promotes inclusive cycling and CYCALL.

In November, we were thrilled to be finalists in the Sussex Sports Awards 'Diversity & Inclusion' category. (Active Sussex). We were pipped to the post by Crawley Eagles Cricket Club but had a fun evening 'out out'.

We have exciting plans for 2022. Unfortunately, the closure of Brooklands Park will have a detrimental effect on our activities. The toilet facilities and parking at Western Road will be closed for 2022. This will affect our ability to welcome groups to our sessions or to hold fundraising events. However, we are very excited about the developments which will undoubtedly improve Brooklands. We have received funding from The National Lottery for 2 sessional workers for 2022. The sessional workers will work between April and September to support our amazing team of volunteers.

Plans for our CYCALL community garden will be coming to fruition. The plans include a wildlife habitat/sensory garden area adjacent to our storage containers. This will improve the area for all park users and create a bee habitat (CYCALL community garden). We will also create quiet spaces and additional permanent seating.

The CYCALL community is an amazing place to be! I would like to personally offer my thanks to everyone for the support and encouragement that makes our little organisation so wonderful.

Financial Report (approval of Financial Statement 2020/21)

The financial accounts for 2020/2021 were independently Examined by Masters Fuller Chartered Accountants in line with The Charity Commissions requirements. Masters Fullers acted timely and satisfactorily and will be used again in 2022.

In 2021 CYCALL maintained a strong financial position. All funds from CYALL C.I.C and assets were transferred to CYCALL (Registered Charity 1189056). The decision to convert from a Community Interest Company resulted in CYCALL becoming eligible for more funding streams. Most of CYCALL's income is from grants. We will continue to offer CYCALL sessions at no cost and monitor cash donations made at sessions and from groups which at present exceed income which could be generated by charging for sessions. This is our preferred stance and prevents financial exclusion. A Square instant payment machine will be trialled in 2022. This will allow donations to be made at sessions with a debit card. CYCALL has registered to claim Gift Aid for 2022.

We now have a fleet of 22 adapted trikes which meet most needs. Depreciation of assets is accounted for and a plan is in place to replace the most used bikes before they lose all value.

The recruitment of 2 sessional workers is underway. CYCALL has appointed Angel Bookeeping as Payroll agents to ensure that all due processes are being followed correctly. (HMRC, Pensions)

A reserves policy is set at £3500. As of 1/3/2022 CYCALL has reserves of £3678. CYCALL maintains a Risk Register which includes robust procedures to mitigate financial risk.

Fundraising opportunities for 2022 will be diminished due to the closure of Brooklands Park (parking and toilet facilities). We will not be able to hold any fundraising events. CYCALL volunteers will continue to attend local car book sale to sell donated goods.

Grant applications will be made this year to support the delivery of CYCALL sessions. Expenses include:

- Cost of 2x sessional workers
- DBS costs
- Volunteer uniform
- Repairs & maintenance of bikes
- Administration costs
- Equipment/Resources for sessions
- Public Liability/Employers Insurance

Full copies of our Financial Accounts are available to view on The Charity Commission Website.

Any other business

Question

Tanya asked why the reserve was the same as last year, Martine explained why but said next year there maybe an increase.

Comments

Fred - "A BIG thank you for all that you do."

Simon - "Thank you, you and Rob should be very proud, it's a lot of hard work, more than people see." As a volunteer meeting others is great for me and there are lots of benefits for all.

Darren - "Love to meet new friends"

CYCALL sessions re-start Saturday 2nd April 2022

Close of AGM

Simon Donlevy presentation.

2019 popping out for a walk!

Here is a summary of Simon's talk.

Simon is married to Lisa and they have 2 boys. He has worked for Lloyds bank for 34 years and he turned 50 in 2019. One day on commute to London he decided to take 6 months off work and go on a walk.

The walk Simon did was Camino De Santiago, it starts in the South of France and goes through 5 cities and ends in Santiago - 500 miles.

Simon recommends a film called 'The way about human connection'

Why do the walk? A friend of Simon's has Parkinsons disease and said he was going to do it. Another friend and Simon decided to join him for 3 day to support him. When they got there he was fine - the spirit of eveyone had a huge impact on Simon. He met all different people at different stages, they supported eachother.

Simon did the walk for 'Look Sussex' a charity for visually impaired children - his niece is visually impaired.

Simon shared photos and memories of his trip.

Book Plug - 'There's something Going on' written by Simon available on Amazon. Highly recommended!!!