

**Wigan Borough Community Cycling Club**  
**Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday 11 December 2023**

**Present**

Jim Taylor, Phil Brown, Tony Gerrard, Pete Hudson, Cary Blackburn, John Murphy, Allan Ricketts, Richard Bradley, Paul Broad, Alan Clarke, Paul Boffey, Roy Causey, Denis Marsden, Dave Holden, Jim Millar, Jim Heyes, Allan Finch, John Sills, Geoff Smith.

**1. Apologies for absence**

Sue Bradley, Phil Bradley and Graham Cooper.

**2. Minutes of the 2022 AGM**

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were accepted.

**3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

**4. Chairman's Review of 2023**

The Chair reported that the Tuesday and Thursday rides continue to be well supported by members and mentioned that statistics later on the agenda would confirm this. He praised the work of Wigan Council as they continue to make more of the borough accessible to cyclists and walkers referencing the recently completed improvements to the canal towpath between Martland Mill and Appley Bridge. He thanked members who participated in the Bolton Ironman marshalling and the clean up of the Devil's Backbone pathway. He acknowledged the positive relationships that the club has with the Gearing Up cycling workshop and Red Pepper café. He also pointed out the remarkable growth of e-bike cycling which the club has witnessed in the last 2-3 years. Finally, he thanked everyone for their continued friendliness, commitment and support of the club.

**5. Finance Annual Report**

The Treasurer provided copies of the 2023 balance sheet and explained the various items of income and expenditure during the year. The main

source of income came from the club volunteers who undertook marshalling at the Bolton Ironman event. The balance in the club account had increased from £734.42 to £986.12 at the end of the financial accounting period. Pete Hudson proposed and Tony Gerrard seconded that the accounts be approved. Members voted unanimously in favour.

## **6. Ride Statistics**

Pete Hudson provided members with an overview of the rides undertaken during 2023. The highlights included:

- 99 rides completed
- 25793 miles ridden
- 44 different riders
- Tuesday rides average 20.2 miles with 12.7 riders per ride
- Thursday rides average 20.5 miles with 11.9 riders per ride
- Top 3 riders – Denis Marsden (83), Frank Malley (79), John Murphy (77)

## **7. Membership Fee – A Discussion**

Allan Finch opened the discussion by outlining reasons why the club should consider introducing an annual membership fee. Several members commented on the proposal and consideration was given to the potential pros and cons of introducing an annual fee. Comments were made about the amount of work involved in organising the voluntary marshalling at Bolton Ironman. The income from that event would not be required should members decide to introduce an annual membership fee. There were concerns that certain members may face difficulty in paying an annual fee. When all the comments had been considered Allan Finch proposed that the joining fee should remain at £10 and an annual membership fee of £10 should be payable within one month of 1<sup>st</sup> April each year commencing in 2024. John Murphy seconded the proposal and members voted unanimously in favour. It was also agreed that the Treasurer, in consultation with the Chair, may waive the annual membership fee in exceptional circumstances. The club constitution will be amended to reflect the changes agreed.

## **8. Annual Membership Review**

The Chair reported that the annual membership review was underway but a progress report could not be provided as the Secretary was absent from the meeting due to illness.

## **9. Election of Officials – 3 Years Term**

The re-appointments of Jim Taylor as Chair and Phil Brown as Treasurer were proposed by Allan Finch and seconded by John Sills. The re-appointments were unanimously approved.

## **10. Election of Steering Group Members - 3 Year Term**

The Chair reported that Clive Chatterton and Dave Holden were standing down from the Steering Group. He gave thanks to them both for their service to the club.

John Murphy then proposed and Roy Causey seconded the re-appointment of the following Steering Group Members.

Phil Bradley, Allan Finch, Jim Heyes, Pete Hudson and Allan Ricketts.

Members unanimously approved the appointments.

John Murphy and Richard Bradley put their names forward to fill the vacant positions on the Steering Group. Members unanimously approved their appointments.

## **11. Any Other Business**

The Chair made members aware of a consultation process being undertaken by the Council to gauge the views of the community about the future development of the Greenheart within the borough. He indicated that he would share details of the consultation with members.

## **12. Date of 2024 Annual General Meeting**

The 2024 AGM will be held on a date to be agreed in December 2024.