

DORSET CYCLISTS NETWORK
Committee meeting held on 1st September 2016
The Old Granary, Wareham

1 – Present: Peter Henshaw, Roland Tarr, John Thraves, Philip Wilson, Ken Reed, Dilys Gartside, Judy Windwood.
Apologies were received from Michael Evans, Ken Cook, John Simpson, Stewart Sinclair, Gerry Bannister.

2 – Minutes of previous meeting

Passed.

3 – Officers

Replacement of Michael Evans as Chairman was discussed. No one has come forward since the vacancy was advertised, and Peter suggested a rolling Chairmanship with those committee members who want to doing a 6-month turn each. The future Chairman's role will be less onerous than currently, as Michael is to carry on with the newsletter and Phil is now webmaster – main role appears to be chairing meetings and helping out local reps as needed.

4 – Financial Report

Phil said that DCN finances are still steady, with a comfortable surplus. The current account is lower at this time of year, before renewals start to come in. There was general approval of the proposal to increase cashback on mirrors and DCN from £6 to £10 per item.

5 – Membership Report

Not reported, as Gerry was unable to attend.

6 – Branch Reports

Dorchester – Roland Tarr reported funding for a new Poundbury-Dorchester route is in place, and funding applications have been made for other routes in town. He will ask for clarification on the plan to make the Walks shared use.

Weymouth – Ken Reed has met with DCC and an LEP representative. There are plans for cycle improvements to the A354. B3073 and a 'package' for Dorchester.

Child Okeford/Sturminster – Dilys had a big group organised for the historic churches ride on 3rd Sept, which has brought more people into cycling. She is also about to take a course at Moors Valley on training disabled riders.

7 – Newsletter

Not discussed.

8 – Any Other Business

'Think Bright' lights campaign – Ken Cook has been asked for DCN's assistance with this by local police (including financial). General feeling that DCN cannot support this financially but may be able to help in other ways, though more information needed. Peter to find out more.

Unitary Authority – Ken Reed reminded us that the deadline for comments on the unitary authority decision is 25th Oct. He and Dilys agreed that options 2 or 3 (large or medium-sized unitary authority with smaller county) would work better than the current county system. If anyone else has views, could they let me know and I will collate a DCN response.

9 – Next meeting

Next committee meeting 9th November, 7.30pm at The Old Granary, Wareham