

Dorset Cyclists Network

Annual General Meeting

10th June 2017

Parish Hall, Wareham

1. Attendance

Michael Evans, Diana Prestidge, John Thraves, Robin Ferguson, Debby Wheatley, David Anderson, Ken Cook, Ken Reed, Stewart Sinclair, Dilys Gartside, Phil Wilson, Bill Stevens, John Hayter, Judy Windwood, Paul Windwood, Gerry Bannister, Roland Tarr, Peter Henshaw, Beryl Ezzard, David Henshaw (speaker), Felicity Frost, Steve Palmer, Anna Finch. (Plus assorted members of the London Brompton Club who joined us for David Henshaw's talk!)

2. Apologies

Malcolm Howell, Peter Aldous, Anne Neale.

3. Financial Report

Phil Wilson reported that DCN made a slight loss in the 2016/17 year, but overall finances are healthy, with reserves of about £4000. There is a full report on the website, and the accounts were accepted.

4. Membership Report

Gerry Bannister reported that we have 355 subscriptions covering nearly 700 members, and numbers are static. Michael Evans added that no members' details are made public, and that multi-recipient emails should use BCC.

5/6. Chairman's Report/Recent Committee Decisions

Increased cashback of £10 on mirrors and the 'How to be a Better Cyclist' book.

Ferndown and Wimborne to be combined as an East Dorset branch, with Judy Windwood as co-ordinator.

New co-ordinator for Christchurch (John Simpson) has already started work.

Dorset Police are to run a campaign against cars passing too closely, which can be prosecuted as careless or dangerous driving. Private videos can be used as evidence.

Insurance – DCN still has 3rd party insurance from Cycling UK (CTC) on all its rides and events and has been used in two cases so far. This doesn't cover DCN members on private rides, but members can join Cycling UK at the reduced rate of £24 to be covered on all rides.

Joan Fordyce is now responsible for adverts in the newsletter – email adverts@dcn.org.uk

DCN officers (Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary) are to be each offered an honorarium of £100/year. Phil Wilson has indicated he will not be taking this.

Michael Evans stepped down as Chairman and said how much he had enjoyed the role, thanking all committee members past and present. All in the room thanked Michael for his many years in the role and for setting up DCN in the first place – presentations were made to him from John Thraves, Roland Tarr and Peter Henshaw.

7/8. Elections to Committee/Directors

Existing committee to continue – passed.

Directors – John Hayter and Ken Cook have resigned, Peter Henshaw appointed as director.

9. Constitution Change

All references to 'Chairman' changed to 'County Co-ordinator' – proposed by ME, seconded JT, passed.

10. **Any Other Business**

John Hayter has the DCN gazebo and is happy to store it and transport to where needed.

Beryl Ezzard (Wareham District Councillor and Purbeck Transport Action Group) lobbies Dorset County Council for cycle routes in her area.

Dilys Gartside is organising womens' cycling events in July and asked for volunteers to help – Anna Finch offered help in Sherborne. She added that funding for the link from North Dorset Trailway to villages south of it is now almost certain, but she needs volunteers to help keep it clear once built. Beryl said that Parish Councils can help with work parties.

11. **Speaker: David Henshaw**

David gave an interesting talk on folding bikes, electrics and A to B magazine – joined by the