

# Merseyside Cycling Campaign

## Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 30th November 2013, at

the Education Centre, Royal Hospital, Liverpool

### Welcome and Apologies:

The Chair welcomed all to the Liverpool Education Centre.

Apologies – Phil Spick, Chris Trueblood

Number of attendees 26

### Officer Reports:

#### *Chair:*

Alan Johnson discussed ideas for coalition with other groups and asked for ideas on campaigning issues to utilise any funds available. Suggested make contact with cyclists during Liverpool to Chester ride.

#### *President's extended address:*

Lewis Lesley discussed re-allocation of bus lanes as cycle lanes. Merseyside Cycling Campaign received a mention in the Observer newspaper. Cities in the UK including Liverpool liable for considerable fines for air pollution, which is a cause of respiratory and cardio vascular disease and reduces life expectancy. Merseyside Cycling Campaign received a mention in the Observer newspaper.

<http://www.theguardian.com/theobserver/2013/nov/24/the-big-issue-road-safety-and-cyclists>

#### *Treasurer:*

Chris Beazer presented the accounts, which show that outgoings continue to be larger than receipts.

It was decided that no charge for membership would continue. It was agreed that the committee would look at further cost savings. Subscription fee of £5 - to be reviewed at the 2014 AGM.

Consider changing accounts from Co-operative if it is found that Community Accounts are not covered by the government depositor protection guarantee.

#### *Secretary:*

Andrew Grimbly continues as Secretary. Forms completed and submitted for Right of Way Application – to be chased up at Cycle Forum.

MCC members continue to volunteer for Bradbury Fields Tandem rides for the partially sighted and requested any further volunteers seem him afterwards, which would help with these very social rides.

Was agreed that email to be sent to chase up current membership and requests for devolution of responsibilities amongst members.

*Updates received from MCC members - Liverpool, Sefton and Wirral (no members in Knowsley)*

#### *Editor:*

Helen Hebden continues to be Pedal Press Editor and thanked all those that have contributed material. April 1<sup>st</sup> is the next deadline for submissions of material for the Spring edition of Pedal Press.

More volunteers need for Pedal Press delivery.  
Jane Wilder would like to leave copies of Pedal Press in prominent places.

*Membership:*

Carol Fitzpatrick continues to maintain the membership databases and provides support for Pedal Press mailing.

*Website:*

Martin Dunschen continues to maintain the Googlegroup, which now has 72 members. It was agreed that people could be signed up to the group without being a member of MCC as this would assist with promotion of MCC (can later be encouraged to be fully fledged members).

Also 70 followers on Twitter. Suggested that they too encouraged to be fully fledged members.

*Election of Officers for 2013-2014*

President: Lewis Lesley

Chair: Alan Johnson

Media: An open position – any offers would be appreciated

Treasurer: Chris Beazer

Editor: Helen Hebden

Secretary: Andrew Grimbley

Membership Secretary: Carol Fitzpatrick

Website Officer: Martin Dunschen

*AOB*

Stella Shackel

Proposal was agreed at the AGM that we as a campaign (with matched funding?) distribute free LED lights (branded with MCC logo) to cyclists without lights at key points on well used cycle routes.

Stella is co-ordinating investigation on the amount of cyclists and if there are any changes in cycle traffic year to year in Merseyside and to attempt to identify the most chosen routes.

Don Thompson

Proposed and agreed that Rod King should be congratulated on well deserved receipt of MBE.

Merseyside Cycling Development Group continues to be active – opportunity for working together?

CCN should be invited to AGM next year.

Roland Graham

Roland discussed DfT funding streams that are available.

*Date of next meeting:*

Third Monday in December at Baltic Fleet