



Extraordinary General Meeting 5 November 2009

The Cornubia – 19:30 to 21:30

1. **Committee Members in Attendance:** Steve Kinsella (Chairman); Rob Gallagher; Martin Tweddell; Terry Miller; Steve Loughran; Cathy Sampson; Veronica Pollard; Chris Hutt ; Martin McDonnell (Secretary)
Committee apologies: Emma Barraclough; Philippe Cazalis
In addition, 14 members, 4 people joining after the meeting and 1 research student were in attendance.

2. **Agreement of Constitution**

Steve Kinsella presented the proposed Constitution, which had been drafted by members of the Committee and posted on the website. The following points were raised from the floor:

- Committee members must be full campaign members:
7e) The Committee shall have between 5 and 14 Members
ADD “who must all be members with voting rights”
- Clear up confusion/ inconsistency between meetings and General meetings:
10. Voting at Meetings
CHANGE TO Voting at General Meetings
11. Notice of Meetings and Motions
Meetings are monthly
INSERT “General”
(items 10 and 11 re-ordered and some resultant tidying up of the wording included)
- Quorum for EGM and AGM needs to be specified
12. ADD point d) The quorum shall be 4
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- An amendment suggested by a member had been made and agreed by the committee ahead of the meeting - to combine the 2 aims into a single aim by including the promotion aspect in the first aim and adding what was the second aim as an objective:
Aims –
a) Operate as a member’s organisation representing the voice and supporting the needs of local cyclists
b) Promote cycling as a safe, enjoyable, efficient and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation for all
REPLACED BY
a) To operate as a member’s organisation representing, promoting and supporting the needs of local cyclists
AND b) TO BECOME Objective 3.3.1

All of these amendments were agreed unanimously. There was also some discussion around the voting age but it was agreed to leave as stated (ie members over 18 including every over 18 member of a family where a family membership applies). This may be reviewed if the need arises but for now gives us consistency with other age related issues (eg insurance).

The Secretary (Martin McDonnell) then proposed a motion that the Constitution be accepted. This was agreed unanimously.

3. Committee Introductions

The Committee Members introduced themselves and outlined their roles.

4. Chairman's Presentation and Discussion

Steve Kinsella gave an overview of progress over the past months and issues being faced by the campaign.

Points Arising:

- The AGM will be in February (the usual meeting date – ie 1st Thursday which is February 4)
- The pros and cons of some commemorative action when there is a cyclist death – eg ghost bike or cycle ride - were discussed
- Point of clarification – we do not organise Critical Mass but we support it's objectives and plan to meet with some of those involved to progress issues where we have common ground
- Cycling City – whilst there have been a number of good things coming out of Cycling City we still have serious concerns about a number of areas – in particular the quality of the infrastructure design, the willingness to work with local cycling groups and heed their advice and the lack of promotion. Poor infrastructure design has been recognised by CTC RtR as a national problem. There were mixed opinions from the floor as to whether we are being too negative/ critical and it was agreed that we should praise where praise is due and get to the heart of where the issues really lie – which appears to be more within the council departments rather than the Cycling City project team itself. It was agreed that we should get the membership more involved – writing to their councillors, attending PACT meetings etc and that the committee should provide a “tool kit” to make this easier and there will be a session at the 3 December monthly campaign meeting to take this forward.
- It was suggested that we use members post codes to alert them and consult with them when there are issues in their neighbourhood. This idea might be extended to have “neighbourhood cycling reps” identified – an individual or group of members who keep aware of issues in their area and work with the local community and the authorities to address them (and also to come up with new ideas and promotions).

5. Movie

The meeting closed with a showing of the 1955 CTC Film “Cyclists Special” which caused much delight.