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# Reading Cycle Campaign Annual General Meeting 2020

Wednesday 4th November 7.30 pm

On Line - Zoom

## AGENDA

1. Welcome from Secretary.
  2. Acceptance of minutes of 2019 AGM.
  3. Acceptance of reports from officers.
  4. Acceptance of accounts.
  5. The election of officers for 2020 – 21:
    - i. Chair
    - ii. Secretary
    - iii. Treasurer
    - iv. Membership Secretary
    - v. Events Co-ordinator
    - vi. Publicity
    - vii. Newsletter Editor
    - viii. Campaign Officer Reading
    - ix. Campaign Officer Wokingham
    - x. Campaign Officer West Berks
    - xi. Web Manager
    - xii. Cycling UK Liaison
    - xiii. Co-opted Members
  6. Aims, priorities and strategy for 2020-21
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## **Membership Secretary's Report - 2020**

Membership numbers compared to last AGM report are as follows:

	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> June 2019</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020</b>	<b>Change</b>
Individual membership	119	147	+28
Joint membership	78	97	+19
Life membership	193	200	+7
<b>Total membership</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>+54</b>



## **Wokingham Borough Council Officer's Report - 2020**

Wow, what a year! I took over from Peter Howe as Wokingham representative for the RCC at the beginning of 2020 and with his help (from East Anglia) and guidance from other RCC members I was starting to settle into the role, when Covid 19 emerged before quickly dominating every aspect of most of our lives.

The start of the year saw the start of the final phase of the London road cycle lanes, which have divided opinion amongst cyclists. The cycle infrastructure will eventually link the Coppid Beech roundabout with the town centre. The project involves widening and resurfacing the existing footway on the incoming side of the road and also installing on-road cycle lanes on both sides. The positives are that this is definitely an improvement from what was there before. The negatives are that compared with the recent standards announced in the 'Gear Change' document there are many issues and the infrastructure is far from compliant.

Council meetings as with most other meetings moved online and after contacting a few Wokingham borough councillors I managed to attend an open council meeting online and ask Cllr. Pauline Jorgensen (Exec member for transport) about plans for cycling provision in the borough. The answer I received sounded good, but gave few specifics on how the council was going to support and promote cycling. It did however introduce me to Cllr. Jorgensen, which was useful.

As lockdown started central funding was announced to support social distancing and alternative transport. Wokingham borough did install a few plastic barriers to widen pavements through the town centre and briefly trialled closing Denmark Street. Unfortunately, the trial closures of Denmark street coincided with several large road projects in other areas of the town and due to the perceived disruption to traffic through the town centre it was discontinued.

Disappointingly the Council's plans for more cycling and walking infrastructure were unambitious and the Council only received 50% of the money that was bid for, which put them amongst the worst performing councils in the country.

Perhaps the biggest positive to arise for active travel in Wokingham this year has been the emergence of the Wokingham Active Travel Community Hub (WATCH), a group I have become involved with. The group is a collection of cyclists and walkers and residents from around the borough and aims to develop a relationship with the council to increase and improve provision of active travel.

WATCH shares many common goals with the RCC and I think by staying as the RCC Wokingham rep and also working with WATCH, and hopefully local groups across Wokingham, we can affect some real change moving forward. We have already managed to have constructive meetings with all major council groups, including Cllr. Jorgensen and her team, who were very receptive to our ideas. In addition, we have liaised with other cycling groups in Woodley and Twyford and started a discussion with parish councillors in Charvil who are keen to get more people cycling.

So, as we come towards the end of the year I have a degree of optimism about the direction of active travel in the borough. Hopefully 2021 will bring both relief from Covid 19 and continued improvement in cycling.

Alex Cran



## **Reading Borough Council Officer's Report - 2020**

This year has been dominated by the Emergency Active Travel Fund cycling and walking schemes. Whilst it has been good to see that the RBC has implemented schemes so quickly, some consultation would have helped avoid some of the problems and resulted in a more positive outcome both for RCC and RBC.

There have been no Cycle Forum meetings this calendar year, but we have requested a meeting and input to the Active Travel schemes, see list below.

Tranche 1 of the Active Travel schemes are implemented, these include:

- Sidmouth Street two-way track;
- London Street and Silver Street cycle lanes;
- Southampton Street cycle lanes;
- Oxford Road cycle lanes:
- Reading Bridge cycle lanes
- Whitley Street cycle lane which is not yet implemented;
- Also, Gosbrook Road and Westfield Road one-way system that the RCC and other groups campaigned against, and has since been removed with a waste of £45k.

Proposed Tranche 2 schemes, including reserve schemes are:

- Castle Hill two-way cycle track;
- Bath Road two-way cycle track Castle Street to Berkeley Avenue;
- Southampton Street two-way cycle track Crown Street to IDR;
- Forbury Road two-way cycle track Kings Road to Vastern Road;
- Shinfield Road two-way cycle track Redlands Road to Elm Road.

Oxford Road has benefitted from cycle lanes between Norcot Road and Tilehurst Station as part of the Active Travel works. However, improvements to the section from the town centre to Norcot Road are still awaited.

The new NCN 422 route section through Reading is now complete, but there are still some sections that would benefit from upgrading.

Improvements to signing and routes in the town centre were discussed four years ago, and frequently since, but no action seems to have taken place yet. Improvements and yellow lines in Lower Henley Road and Henley Road respectively have also failed to materialise. It is a pity that RBC fails to rectify the small and cheap but important issues to encourage cycling.

If all these Active Travel schemes are implemented it would certainly be a transformation for cycling in Reading.

John Lee

## **READING CYCLE CAMPAIGN 2019-2020**

### **Financial Report for the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020**

The accounts and balance sheet are attached.

Our financial year runs from the beginning of February to the end of January as is shown.

We invoiced regularly for advertising in the newsletter and thus received income for this. The sum received is lower than the previous year as some revenue was expected after year end.

We sold some of our stock of bags at events. Some income for this is shown directly and some is incorporated within the Subs, Donations etc section as the takings for some events were not separated into categories.

As before, major income for the year was in the form of subscriptions and donations plus the advertising. There are some additional sums, which we cannot allocate but are probably also subscriptions, donations or other occasional income and are included in the subs and donations category.

Our income and expenditure balance one another reasonably well with outgoings exceeding income by £112.74. At year end we had total financial assets of £3,469.31 comprising £720.46 in our current account and £2,748.85 in our deposit account.

Looking to the year 2020-2021 we are still receiving subscription income but because of the pandemic we have not been producing paper copies of the newsletter or renting meeting rooms and have not been receiving advertising income, which comes from the printed newsletters. However, we remain financially viable and continue to hold good reserves.

Brian Morley - Treasurer

**READING CYCLE CAMPAIGN 2019 - 2020**

**Income and Expenditure for the period from 1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020**

	1 February 2018 to 31 January 2019		1 February 2019 to 31 January 2020
<b><u>Income</u></b>		<b><u>Income</u></b>	
Subs, donations etc	1,173.15	Subs, donations etc.	988.26
	0.00		0.00
	0.00		0.00
	0.00		0.00
Sale of bags	16.50	Sale of bags	10.00
Interest (Deposit Account)	10.89	Interest (Deposit Account)	15.97
Adverts	550.00	Adverts	391.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,750.54</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>1,405.23</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>	
	0.00		0.00
Expenses re distribution of newsletter	0.00	Expenses re distribution of newsletter	0.00
Newsletter	1,030.00	Newsletter	1,000.00
Room Hire	183.60	Room Hire	179.35
Refreshments (Events)	61.56	Refreshments (Events)	19.20
	0.00		0.00
Affiliations (Cycling UK)	75.00	Affiliations (Cycling UK)	80.00
Affiliations (Cyclenation)	0.00	Affiliations (Cyclenation)	0.00
Postage	72.00	Postage	0.00
Bags	264.36	Tables	82.99
Stationery (Pouches)	9.99	Printing Maps	62.40
Publicity (Business Cards)	54.00	Website Hosting	42.48
Domain renewal	33.59	Domain renewal	51.55
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,784.10</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>1,517.97</b>
<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>(33.56)</b>	<b>Income less Expenditure</b>	<b>(112.74)</b>
<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>		<b><u>Bank Accounts</u></b>	
<b><u>Current Account</u></b>		<b><u>Current Account</u></b>	
Opening Balance	893.62	Opening Balance	849.17
Transfer	0.00	Transfer	0.00
Surplus for the period of account	(44.45)	Surplus for the period of account	(128.71)
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>849.17</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>720.46</b>
<b><u>Deposit Account</u></b>		<b><u>Deposit Account</u></b>	
Opening Balance	2,721.99	Opening Balance	2,732.88
Interest	10.89	Interest	15.97
Transfer	0.00	Transfer	0.00
<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2,732.88</b>	<b>Closing Balance</b>	<b>2,748.85</b>
<b>Total Cash in Hand as of 31 January 2019</b>	<b>3,582.05</b>	<b>Total Cash in Hand as of 31 January 2020</b>	<b>3,469.31</b>
This financial statement is prepared on a cash basis However all is in bank accounts Brian Morley -Treasurer		This financial statement is prepared on a cash basis However all is in bank accounts Brian Morley -Treasurer	
Notes: It has not been possible to differentiate members' subscriptions and donations.		Notes: It has not been possible to differentiate members' subscriptions and donations.	
Current Account decrease	(44.45)	Current Account decrease	(128.71)
Deposit Account increase	10.89	Deposit Account increase	15.97
<b>Overall balance decrease, (income less expenditure)</b>	<b>(33.56)</b>	<b>Overall balance decrease, (income less expenditure)</b>	<b>(112.74)</b>



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# Reading Cycle Campaign

## Minutes of Annual General Meeting 19 June 2019 at 7:30pm RISC, Reading

### Present:

David Betts, Christopher Bonham, Michael Box, Chris Burden, Caroline Cann, Bob Castelijn, Duncan Cook, Joe Edwards, Mark Edwards, Alice Elliott, Keith Elliott, Andy Von Glehn, Paul Harper, Leendert van Hoogenhuijze, Peter Howe, Adrian Lawson, Rose Lovett, Brian Morley, Tomiko Morley, Stephen Muir, Anna Osman, Trevor Plowman, Karen Robertson, Brent Smith, Sue Smith, Mark Tipler, Sharon@RISC

### Apologies:

John Lee, Jane Sutherland, Martin Weller,

*The AGM was preceded by a talk given by Simon Munk (Infrastructure Campaigner, London Cycle Campaign) on the mini-Holland scheme implemented in Waltham Forest.*

**1. Attendees** were welcomed by the Chair (Adrian Lawson)

**2. The minutes of the 2018 AGM** were approved as a correct record.

Tomiko requested the Secretary be thanked for production of meeting minutes over the last 12 months.

### **3. Reports from Officers**

The Chair gave a verbal report welcoming signs of positive change within Reading Borough.

Written reports from the following committee members were available:

- a) Campaign Officer Wokingham. Peter Howe additionally noted that most RCC members within Wokingham borough live in Woodley or Earley, rather than in Wokingham Town.
- b) Membership Secretary. Chris Bonham noted that membership currently stood at 399.

### **4. Accounts**

Accounts for year 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2019 were available and accepted.

Keith noted the contribution that advertising revenue made to annual income and thanked the Treasurer for the efforts made to get the invoicing of this up to date.

Joe Edwards volunteered to undertake an independent review of the 2018/19 accounts.

## 5. Election of Officers

None of the officer posts had more than one candidate; therefore the following officer positions were confirmed:

1. **Chair:** Adrian Lawson
2. **Secretary:** Keith Elliott
3. **Treasurer:** Brian Morley (assisted by Tomiko Morley)
4. **Membership Secretary:** Martin Weller (Chris Bonham to arrange handover of role)
5. **Events Co-ordinator:** Karen Robertson
6. **Publicity:** Leendert van Hoogenhuijze
7. **Newsletter:** Alice Elliott
8. **Campaign Officer Reading:** John Lee
9. **Campaign Officer Wokingham:** Peter Howe (Peter will no longer be able to devote much time to this role and a replacement is sought.)
10. **Campaign Officer West Berks:** Vacant
11. **Web Manager:** Alice Elliott
12. **CTC Liaison:** Karen Robertson
13. **Co-opted Members:** Caroline Cann, Duncan Cook, Chris Bonham, Trevor Plowman

The AGM closed at 9:50pm.