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Reading Cycle Campaign Annual General Meeting 2022

Wednesday 17th August 7.00 pm
RISC, London Rd

AGENDA

1. Welcome from Chair.
2. Acceptance of minutes of 2021 AGM.
3. Acceptance of reports from officers.
4. Acceptance of accounts.
5. The election of officers for 2022 – 23:
 - 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

The AGM business will be followed by a discussion of RCC members' priorities for cycling infrastructure.

Attachments:

1. Reading Borough Council Officer's report
2. West Berks Council Officer's report
3. Wokingham Borough Council Officer's Report
4. Membership Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Minutes of 2021 AGM



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Reading Borough Council Officer's Report - 2022

The impact of Covid during the last two years has continued to encourage support for cycling and the demand for better infrastructure. Reading Borough Council has completed the Tranche 1 Active Travel Schemes and are designing the Tranche 2 Shinfield Road scheme. In addition, the Bath Road and Castle Hill scheme has been given financial approval by government and is now out to consultation (reply due by 1st August). A cycle parking hub is proposed for West Street in the town centre.

The Sidmouth Road scheme is also out for consultation as whether to retain. Personally, I think the scheme should be retained but with a proper junction crossing at the north end, as Reading Borough Council has intimated. It is little used at present but that could be said of most routes, and it is one of the few two-way cycle tracks in Reading where carriageway space has been taken, an example that we want to continue.

There was a 'Zoom' Cycle Forum meeting in November and another on 2nd August. We are able to give our views at these, but the time is limited and it would be easier with face-to-face meetings looking at the plans. but a virtual meeting was held where we were able to give our views on the schemes so please notify the campaign if you want changes to be made.

The RCC will continue to lobby the Council to make the Shinfield Road and the Bath Road/ Castle Hill schemes as good as possible with the approximately. £1m available for each. Requests for separate meetings to discuss these proposals have not been given, so we have doubts about the final schemes.

Whilst we are not happy with many aspects of the schemes implemented (and proposed), cycling infrastructure is far more visible than it was a few years ago. Will the government funding continue in future years, now that Boris is leaving, unfortunately this is likely to be a downside!

Again, as stated last year, improvements to signing and routes in the town centre, which were first discussed with RBC over six years ago, and frequently since, have not taken place yet. Unfortunately, the importance of cycling in the town centre does not receive the attention that is required to generate the increased cycling levels we need.

John Lee



West Berkshire Council Officer's Report - 2022

There have been five West Berkshire Cycle Forum meetings held since the last AGM. I have also been involved with the PAWS (Pangbourne & Whitchurch Sustainability) Active Travel Group.

1. West Berkshire Council

Active Travel Schemes

Two major schemes on the A4. London Road by the new Lidl store and Western Avenue (Brumell Road to Waitrose roundabout).

Other schemes at the planning stage include Andover Road, Crown Mead, Thatcham, Stockcross Path (B4000).

Kennet & Avon Towpath

Several improvements are being made to NCN4: Aldermaston Wharf to Ufton Lane, Hissey's Bridge to Mill Lane plus Dewe Lane through to Burghfield Bridge. Work is also planned to improve the section through Newbury.

Cycle Training

A Community Fun Cycle Club was run as a pilot scheme for primary school students at Shaw House to complement Bikeability training. Cycle training is flourishing with most schools responding positively, 65 courses, 2707 young people were trained at Bikeability level 1, 2 or 3. DfT funding has been increased to £119k.

School Streets

A scheme involving road closure at the start and end of school has been running at Calcot Junior School since September. Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued to enforce the road closure.

Westwood Farm School in Tilehurst has been used as a control to see if road closure influences active travel or if funding would be better deployed on other measures. A full analysis of the data will be carried out when the scheme closes at the end of the school year.

E-bike initiative and E-cargo bike scheme

Two e-bikes will be made available to WBC staff. WBC has three e-cargo bikes that it is looking to put out to local businesses as an alternative to local vehicle deliveries.

Eling Way

Sustrans carried out a feasibility study on extensions to the Eling Way along the old railway line; north from Hampsted Norreys to Compton and south from Hermitage to Newbury. Discussions are being held with landowners and other interested groups and detailed funding opportunities are being investigated.

Newbury Station Cycle Hub.

A second cycle hub was opened in October on the north side of the station. It has 176 spaces to complement the 230 spaces in the larger hub on the south side.



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2. PAWS

Sulham Estate

RCC and PAWS have met Henry Scutt, the owner of the Sulham Estate. He would like to make the estate more cycle friendly. Several ideas have been discussed including a cycle path next to the A329 (Purley Rise) on estate land, WBC have had a primarily meeting with Sulham Estates about the idea.

Cycle Parking

PAWS are working with WBC and landowners to improve cycle parking in the centre of the village

Rob Hill



Wokingham Borough Council Officer's Report - 2021

Below is a summary of the cycling 'highlights' from Wokingham Borough this year.

Woodley cycle scheme

First it was on, then off and now hopefully on again. The proposed Woodley cycle scheme had reached the final consultation stage before being rejected by the town council, mainly due to opposition to the proposed conversion of a two-way road along a stretch of Woodlands avenue to make it one-way. The main funding is coming from the Active Travel Funding round 2 and thankfully this funding was not lost despite the issues. As we speak a new proposal is at the consultation stage (<https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/wokingham-borough-active-travel-fund-woodley-to-reading-active-travel-route>). Hopefully this removes many of the main complaints from the original design and will be approved to start later this year. Watch this space...

LCWIP

Wokingham Borough Council has a draft LCWIP and are consulting on some final points. As we speak the consultation is active and can be found at <https://wokinghamlcwip.commonplace.is/> This is open until August 19th. It is great that WBC is finally getting an updated LCWIP ready, as it is long overdue.

Change of executive member for transport

With the change in overall control of the council from Conservative to Liberal Democratic, we have said goodbye to the previous executive member for transport Cllr. Pauline Jorgensen and welcome a new member for Active travel and transport Cllr. Paul Fishwick.

Thanks to Cllr. Jorgensen for her engagement over the years and for giving her time up to attend events. Unfortunately, her words weren't always matched by actions and it's fair to say minimal overall progress has been made progressing active travel in her tenure. It's great to have Cllr. Fishwick in position and hopefully he will be a more active voice for active travel.

Kidical Mass

The first Kidical Mass event to take place in Wokingham is set for August 13th 2022 at 2pm starting and finishing at Elms field. It's been great to link up with the enthusiasm and organisation of Kat and Simon (and others) from Kidical mass in Reading and attend some of their events and utilise their expertise.

Going forward we hope to be running Kidical mass alternately with Reading – one month in Reading and one in Wokingham and establish this as a regular celebration of cycling. Please see <https://kidicalmassreading.co.uk/> for more information on local rides.

Wokingham Bikeathon

Wokingham's annual cycling event was in Cantley park this year and well attended by cyclists of all ages and abilities. WATCH (Wokingham Active Travel Community Hub) attended, and I joined their stall in an RCC / WATCH capacity. We spoke with plenty of people including Cllr. Paul Fishwick who was there on his bike and the Earley Panda.



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Summary

As usual a year of ups and downs for cycling. It was disappointing to see the botched consultation process on the Woodley cycle scheme and its subsequent rejection as this will be the first LTN 1/20 compliant cycle infrastructure in the borough. To their credit the new WBC administration have pulled out the stops to salvage this and hopefully something will be agreed and work will start.

The change in council leadership will hopefully also breathe fresh life into active travel planning and implementation in the borough. Despite their ambitious words, the previous administration did very little to help get people around the borough apart from build more roads, something that given the increasing population and congestion was never going to be a long term solution. Kidical mass is another movement that will hopefully become established locally and help those of all ages, but particularly children, to realise the joys of cycling.

Alex Cran



Membership Report - 2022

Membership numbers compared to last AGM report are as follows:

	4 th August 2021	20 th July 2022	Change
Individual members	149	162	13
Joint members	98	116	18
Life members	203	207	4
5-year members	0	3	3
Total membership	450	488	38

Treasurer's Report - 2022

For the period 1st February 2021 to 31st January 2022

The accounts and balance sheet are attached.

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

The Covid pandemic continued and therefore activities were much lower than usual. We began to produce a printed newsletter again during the year and hence there are printing costs and some advertising revenue. Our meetings were online and therefore there were no room rent costs. We paid a Zoom fee to conduct our meetings online.

As usual the major income for the year was in the form of subscriptions and donations. There are some additional incoming sums that arrived in the bank account, which cannot be identified individually but are probably also subscriptions, donations or other occasional income and are included in the subs and donations category.

Our expenditure exceeded income by £340.89, but this was an unusual year and can perhaps be understood by the timings of newsletter expenditure. At year end we had total financial assets of £3,745.99 comprising £980.40 in our current account and £2,765.59 in our deposit account.

We remain financially viable and continue to hold good reserves.

Brian Morley - Treasurer

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Income and Expenditure for the period from 1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022

	1 February 2021 to 31 January 2022		1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021
<u>Income</u>		<u>Income</u>	
Subs, donations etc.	736.83	Subs, donations etc	867.44
	0.00		0.00
	0.00		0.00
	0.00		0.00
Sale of bags	0.00	Sale of bags	0.00
Town Meal Takings	0.00		
Interest (Deposit Account)	0.27	Interest (Deposit Account)	16.47
Adverts	188.00	Adverts	34.00
Total Income	925.10	Total Income	917.91
<u>Expenditure</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
	0.00		0.00
Expenses re distribution of newsletter	0.00	Expenses re distribution of newsletter	0.00
Newsletter	900.00	Newsletter	0.00
Room Hire	0.00	Room Hire	33.30
Refreshments (Events)	0.00	Refreshments (Events)	0.00
Zoom Fee	14.39		0.00
Affiliations (Cycling UK)	82.00	Affiliations (Cycling UK)	80.00
Affiliations (Cyclenation)	0.00	Affiliations (Cyclenation)	0.00
Postage	21.60	Postage	0.00
Funeral Donation	20.00	Bags	0.00
Material for Cycle Festival	10.95	Stationery (Pouches)	0.00
Website Hosting	217.05	Publicity (Business Cards)	0.00
Domain renewal	0.00	Domain renewal	0.00
		Zoom Subscription	14.38
		Web Hosting	172.66
Total Expenditure	1,265.99	Total Expenditure	300.34
Income less Expenditure	(340.89)	Income less Expenditure	617.57
<u>Bank Accounts</u>		<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
<u>Current Account</u>		<u>Current Account</u>	
Opening Balance	1,321.56	Opening Balance	720.46
Transfer	0.00	Transfer	0.00
Surplus for the period of account	(341.16)	Surplus for the period of account	601.10
Closing Balance	980.40	Closing Balance	1,321.56
<u>Deposit Account</u>		<u>Deposit Account</u>	
Opening Balance	2,765.32	Opening Balance	2,748.85
Interest	0.27	Interest	16.47
Transfer	0.00	Transfer	0.00
Closing Balance	2,765.59	Closing Balance	2,765.32
Total Cash in Hand as of 31 January 2022	3,745.99	Total Cash in Hand as of 31 January 2021	4,086.88
This financial statement is prepared on a cash basis		This financial statement is prepared on a cash basis	
However all is in bank accounts		However all is in bank accounts	
Brian Morley -Treasurer		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	(341.16)	Current Account increase	601.10
Deposit Account increase	0.27	Deposit Account increase	16.47
Overall balance decrease, (income less expenditure)	(340.89)	Overall balance increase, (income less expenditure)	617.57



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Minutes of Annual General Meeting

18th August 2021 at 7:30pm by Zoom

Present:

John Booth, Susan Children, Duncan Cook, Alex Cran, Joe Edwards, Alice Elliott, Keith Elliott, Peter Glass, David Griffiths, Nick Haskins, Robert Hill, Leendert van Hoogenhuijzen, John Lee, Mike Lingham, Brian Morley, Tomiko Morley, Eric Needs, Roderick Owen, Karen Robertson, Jane Sasson, Clive Tipler, Nicola Tipler, Martin Weller, Michael Zeidler

Guests:

Reading Borough Council Councillors: Ricky Duveen (Lib Dem), Paul Gittings (Labour), Jane Stanford-Beale (Conservative), Rob White (Green)

1. **Attendees** were welcomed by the current Chair (Joe Edwards)

2. **The minutes of the 2020 AGM** were approved as a correct record.

3. Reports from Officers

Written reports from the following committee members were available:

- a) Campaign Officer, Reading
- b) Campaign Officer, Wokingham
- c) Campaign Officer, West Berks
- d) Membership Secretary

4. Accounts

Accounts for year 1 February 2020 to 31 January 2021 were available and accepted.

5. Election of Officers

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

1. **Chair:** Joe Edwards
2. **Secretary:** Keith Elliott
3. **Treasurer:** Brian Morley (assisted by Tomiko Morley)
4. **Membership Secretary:** Martin Weller
5. **Events Co-ordinator:** Karen Robertson
6. **Publicity:** Vacant
7. **Newsletter:** Alice Elliott
8. **Campaign Officer Reading:** John Lee
9. **Campaign Officer Wokingham:** Alex Cran
10. **Campaign Officer West Berks:** Robert Hill
11. **Web Manager:** Vacant
12. **Cycling UK Liaison:** Karen Robertson
13. **Co-opted Member:** Duncan Cook

The Committee expressed its thanks to Leendert van Hoogenhuijzen for his efforts and contribution as Publicity Officer over a number of years.

Alice Elliott stated she would be willing to assist as acting Web Manager until the role can be filled.

6. RBC Councillor Question Time

Following the AGM business the invited Reading Borough Councillors took part in a cycling related 'Question Time' which began with the following three questions:

1. What in your opinion is the main reason why people do not cycle in Reading?
2. What would be the most effective way to get people cycling?
3. What is the biggest obstacle to doing this?

The AGM and subsequent Councillor Question Time closed at 9:00pm.