

AGM Minutes

Monday 2nd October 2017 7:00pm

Location

Cycle Heaven, Hospital Fields

Attendance

36 members (100% of membership)

n.b due to lack of existing membership records, but the requirement of being a member to have a vote, all attendees were asked on arrival if they would like to become a member for the sum of £1.00.

Speakers

Adrian Setter (ASt) - Previous chair of the campaign

Andy d'Agorne (AdG) - Involved in YCC revival

Andy Shrimpton (AS) - Elected to Committee and role of Chair

Dave Merritt (DM) - Elected to Committee and role of Treasurer and Membership Records Officer

Gavin Welch (GW) - Involved in YCC revival and elected to Committee and role of Secretary

Peter Sheaf (PS) - Involved in YCC revival and elected to Committee

Robyn Jankel (RJ) - Involved in YCC revival and elected to Committee

Paul Hepworth (PH) - Elected to Committee

John Cossham (JC) - Involved in YCC revival and co-opted to committee.

Floor - Due to the number of people making representations from the floor, and due to these minutes being made available in the public domain, these representations have been grouped under the name Floor.

Agenda

1. Introduction
2. History of the York Cycle Campaign
3. Constitution
4. Elections
5. Pressing issues

Minutes

No.	Speaker	Item
1.	ASh	Welcome and introduction to the meeting.
2.01	ASt	Provided an introduction into the history of York Cycle Campaign in his position as the last elected chair of the group, however pointed out he no longer held the position as he had not been re-elected due an AGM last

		<p>being held 2 years ago.</p> <p>His involvement in the group began in 1987, and the group has been officially going since 1978 but even existed even before that. In 1989 it was officially wound up as there was a feeling that there were fewer and fewer battles to be fought. It was refunded again in the 90s when a change in power at the council gave new call for the campaign as attitudes towards cycling changed. However again into the '00s and attendance dwindled, however this time it was not wound up as there was always a thought it might be reinvigorated with me enthusiasm.</p>
2.02	JC	<p>Gave an introduction into the recent activities which have begun the rebirth of the campaign; he has been a member since the 90s of the group and over the past year has felt more and more need for it to be brought back to life. During the summer he made avenues to this and held a public meeting advertised on the Facebook group looking for like-minded people. At a second such meeting the technical aspects of this were covered including the need to adopt a new constitution and elect a new committee to manage the group.</p>
3.01	DM	<p>Started by apologising for anyone who might have been missed of the emails regarding the previous meeting due to an error with the mailing list. Following the last meeting he volunteered to produce a draft consultation for the campaign, explaining that the it is required for the proper running of the group. The draft takes on points and objectives raised at the previous meeting and can be summarised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The aims, goals and objects are taken from the discussion at the last meeting of what the group should be about. ● The powers section allows the operation of the campaign as an affective group. ● Officer and committee sections allow the membership to vote for a chair, treasurer and secretary, along with additional committee members to run the group. The individual responsibilities are not set but will be allocated by committee as required. ● The membership section allows the campaign to have subscribing members both individual and corporate. At the last meeting issues surrounding influence & balance were discussed and deemed important, which is why there are clauses about council members and conflict of interest. ● Voting is open to paid up members, which is why everyone attending was asked to pay £1 on entry to the AGM. ● Allowance is made for the alteration of the constitution so that it can be updated as the group evolves, with safeguarding measures in place for notice and quorum. ● Arrangements are made to allow for the dissolution of the campaign. ● The miscellany section covers legal aspects of the data protection act.
3.02	PS & Floor	<p>Initiated debate on the constitution draft by proposing an alteration to prohibit members of the council from being on committee, not just prohibiting them from voting. A question from the floor asked if it would be just elected members or employees too. PS responded both, and DM pointed then to clause 5.e. Another question from the floor pointed out that it could be deemed as being biased towards business. Another on the floor responded that a significant amount of people on the floor could have what might be deemed business interests but are decision makers on policy. DM pointed to clause 5.i which requires conflicts of interest to be raised. AdG</p>

		also added that commercial interest is very different to council, and is very common to trust people to declare conflicts, especially workers of local government.
3.03	ASt	Proposes that further amendment and discussion can be carried out away from meeting via Facebook groups, and that an amended draft is put to an EGM in the coming months. In the meantime suggests a vote on adopting the tabled constitution with a few of amending. A suggestion from the floor was to use Google Group to discuss as not everyone is on Facebook, GW offered to action this.
3.04	AdG	Vote by shows of hands to adopt constitution as tabled with view to amend in coming months For: 34 Against: 0 Abstained: 2 Result: Carried Total 34 votes, 94% of membership.
4.01	AdG	Now have a constitution votes can be held to elect a committee of 7 and to elect within that committee a chair, secretary and treasurer. Started by asking for representations from those wishing to stand as to why they would be suited and if they would want to stand for an elected post.
4.02	Andy Shrimpton	Would like to stand for committee and for role of chair. Is standing for the role as he doesn't want to get into detail or be leader, looking to use a flat hierarchy in the committee but wants to ensure the group runs effectively. He also believes this would mean there would be no conflict of interest in his role as director of Cycle Heaven.
4.03	Jim McGurn	Would like to stand for committee. Is the chief executive of Get Cycling which specialised in disability groups cycling locally and nationally. Would keep a low profile on the committee but be able to offer experience and advice from years of cycle campaigning experience.
4.04	Paul Hepworth	Would like to stand for committee. Is the representative for Cycling UK in York so has experience of campaigning locally and nationally, and also can bring good relationships with useful bodies and wants to pass this on.
4.05	Robyn Jankel	Would like to stand for committee. Has no experience in cycle campaigning but can bring experience in translating to the wider public through both verbal and written skills. Has also been handling the campaigns social media platforms over the past month. And believes it's important to have a woman on the campaign and wants to represent the average person.
4.06	Peter Sheaf	Would like to stand for committee. Is passionate about cycling and is very detail oriented, with past experience working in civil service and working in/out of government department. He has a strong interest in policy and greatly values transparency in the campaign. Has been involved over the past few months with the revival of the campaign.
4.07	John Cossham	Would like to stand for committee. Has been involved in the campaign since the 90s and helped bring about the meetings to revive the campaign. Has experience of being on other committees and an interest in structure, democracy and communication.
4.08	Dave	Would like to start for committee and for role as treasurer. Long standing

	Merrett	member of the campaign and helped set up the city's original cycle plan. Ceased being a councillor 2 years ago but still regularly attends meetings in order to make representations on behalf of cycling. Wants to see the group become more active in campaigning.
4.09	Gavin Welch	Would like to stand for committee. Is an architect so can bring experience and understanding of the design of the built environment to the committee to compliment those with an understanding of policy. Also has a strong interest in the use of technology to organise the campaigns running and also developing a strong brand for the group.
4.10	AdG	<p>Currently have 8 volunteers with 7 position open. JC offered to co-opt into the committee. AdG proposed a vote by shows of hands to elect the remaining 7 volunteers onto committee, with JC co-opted.</p> <p>For: 36 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Total votes: 36 (100% of membership). Result: Carried</p> <p>AdG notes that none of the committee volunteered to be secretary. GW offered to volunteer for role in lieu of anyone else. AdG proposed a vote by show of hands to elect Andy Shrimpton to chair, Gavin Welch to secretary and Dave Merritt to treasurer.</p> <p>For: 35 Against: 0 Abstain: 1 Total votes: 35 (97% of membership) Result: Carried</p>
4.11	Floor	Chose to abstain from voting the elected roles as didn't know what those roles involved. AdG suggested the new committee defined this to feedback to the EGM.
5.01	AS	Following the resolution of constitution and committee matters, would like to raise some pressing issues that the campaign should be dealing with. First is the Local Plan and invited AdG to introduce this to the meeting.
5.01.01	AdG	The only local plan is up for consultation with responses due by 30th October. Once adopted the local plan will act as a reference document for all planning applications within the York area. There hasn't been a plan officially in place in York since 1956. The plan has numerous policies and identifies sites across the city area for developing housing and business, each is an opportunity to promote better cycling provision. It is intended to be an evidence based document.
5.01.02	ASh	Previous discussion have suggested the idea of split up sections and studying the draft Plan in the coming two weeks and preparing a presentation for the campaign membership to feedback. GW will circulate a list around the meeting for people to leave contact details if they are interested in helping.
5.02.01	ASh	Lendal Gyatory Introduced a second pressing issue, the proposed alterations to the traffic lights on Station Road/Leeman Road. Asked PH & DM to elaborate.

5.02.02	PH + DM	<p>PH stated that the need to update traffic lights around the gyratory had led to the proposal to remove the filter lane for traffic heading towards the city centre, on the grounds it was of substandard width. PH has already spoken to the council on behalf of Cycling UK.</p> <p>DM announced that he has a meeting due on the evening of Thursday 5th October (3days time) which has been put to this date to allow the AGM to take place and feed into any response. His understand is that there have been accidents the previously, but the removal will not make it any better but has strong potential to make it worse. Suggests taking the AGMs view and a feeding this back on Thursday.</p>
5.02.03	Floor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The junction can be scary as it is, the removal of the filter lane will make it even scarier. ● It could be that move is more politically led than technical. Why can't the lane be made wider. ● There is some issue with capacity on the gyratory and the synchronisation of pedestrian crossing lights. ● The position should be to remove the left turning lane and make the filter lane the correct width. The left turning lane is only long enough to hold 2/3 cars anyway. ● This is an opportunity to discuss making the whole route into town from the station more appealing to cycling. ● Comments on capacity would be correct, also the York Central consultation no longer proposes bus & cycle only access under Marble Arch which could be why the provision is been reconsidered. There seems a clear stance of retaining the lane going forward. One reason the width is narrowed is the pavement has been widened to allow for heavy pedestrian numbers. In principle there is no reason that extra room can be found from the land belonging to Station Hotel or go the triangular traffic island.
5.03.01	ASh	<p>Final item to raise is the recent incident on James Street involving a cyclist. This raises the issue as to what the campaign should be doing, his feeling is that the an effective campaign should be commenting on the incident.</p>
5.03.02	Floor	<p>Highlights the need for a strong voice from the campaign. Should have an infrastructure sub-group which can look into this group. This is the second incident on the street recently. Proposals for a cycling safety sub-group. Collection of a resource of data is important, data on cycling incidents is available. The campaign should have a concrete proposal in place as how to deal with the events. The event is outrageous, this is exactly what the campaign should be about.</p>
5.03.04	RJ	<p>Has refrained from passing comment on social media as didn't have full mandate of the campaign and because of lack of protocol. In future comment will be making comment and be in contact with the press to make sure voice is heard.</p>
5.04.05	PH	<p>The comments raised point to the formation of various sub-groups to look into aspects of cycling in York. If interested please come forward and we will set up communication.</p>
5.05.01	ASh	<p>End of meeting, details of a date for the EGM will be circulated.</p>

5.05.02	Floor	Raised their thanks to Cycle Heaven for hosting this meeting.
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Appendix 1: Priorities Of The Group

Comments received from the Priorities of the Group ideas board:

- To enable 8 to 80s [*year olds*] to cycle easily in York.
 - *Additional comment:* 0-100
- Strong voice for ordinary cyclists.
- Consultancy no traffic junction/road layout/segregation.
- Ensure cyclist's viewpoint is represented in the local media
- To ensure that “ getting there by bike” is on every piece of marketing about events and that cycle parking (even if it's crash barriers) is provided. Shame on you Balloon Fiesta!.
- Campaign for new routes and better facilities + come up with suggestions for. Especially to/from new developments/housing

Appendix 2: Comments On The Group's Aims

Comments received from the Group's Aims ideas board:

- Add considerate [*to reliable, convenient, safe and good for the environment.*]
- The subclause sound a bit egocentric and reads rather clunkily.
- Suggestion “To get York people cycling and making it safe to do so”.

Appendix 3: Votes On Membership Fees

Results on votes of member ship fee amount by survey on entry.

For regular membership subscription:

£1 per annum:	1 vote	(6%)
£5 per annum:	6 votes	(38%)
£10 per annum:	9 votes	(56%)
Other price:	0 votes	(0%)

Total:	16 votes	(45% of attendees)
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For membership with insurance:

£24 per annum:	0 votes	(0%)
£40 per annum:	6 votes	(55%)
£45 per annum:	0 votes	(0%)
£50 per annum:	0 votes	(0%)
Not interested in insurance option:	5 votes	(45%)
Other price:	0 votes	(0%)

Total:	11 votes	(31% of attendees)
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Appendix 4: Votes on Branding

Results on votes of logo option by survey on entry.

Option 1 (revision of existing logo):	17 votes	(89%)
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Option 2 (new logo):	2 votes	(11%)
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Total:	19 votes	(54% of attendees)
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Additional comments received:

- Other comments
- Simple & plain.