

PRESENT: Peter Barnes Peter Hammond Peter Scandrett
 John Butterworth John Jackson David Trippier
 John Calvert John Perrin Mike Wigley
 Dave Colley Ian Ross Brian Winstanley
 Eileen Green Mavis Ross Janet Winstanley (15 CTC members)

1) ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING: Ian Ross was asked to chair the meeting (proposed Mike Wigley, seconded John Butterworth, accepted unanimously).

2) MINUTE'S SILENCE: in remembrance of those members deceased during previous 12 months. In particular, we remembered Laurie Green, our President. Laurie was in hospital at the time of last year's AGFM. I was able to visit Laurie with our Get-well Card which we signed at the AGM. He died not long afterwards, and his funeral was well represented with his many cycling friends.

3) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: David Bisset Gerry Goldsmith Phillip Knowles Mike Roberts
 Peter Bond Neil Goldsmith Tim Mitchell Drew Savage
 Dave Collins Denise Hughes David Plant Steve Willets
 Kath Collins Tim Hughes Andy Regan

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM: the minutes were otherwise accepted as a true and accurate record of the previous AGM proceedings (proposed David Trippier, seconded John Perrin, accepted unanimously).

5) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES: no matters arising

6) REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:

6a) Secretary (Mike Wigley):

We only had one meeting during the year, but failed to meet the required numbers to make up a quorum, so we just had a pint and a chat in the pub. If anyone else wants a pint and a chat in the pub, keep an eye on the website.

CTC Board of Trustees meeting 22 October: they received an unprecedented 50 candidates putting themselves forward for 2 vacancies for trustees, 1 for a senior independent trustee. Members were invited to put themselves forward, were assessed by the Nominations Committee for personal qualities, skills and experience, and how they would complement the existing board, and 10 candidates went forward to the ballot paper, and elections close on 31 October.

6b) Treasurer (Dave Trippier):

The accounts are being prepared and will be made available on the website when audited and submitted to CTC HQ

6c) Membership Registration Officer (Mike Wigley): For today's meeting, I sent emails to all M&D CTC members (1571).

- 1008 emails sent
- 460 opened (47%) suggesting that not all email addresses are current, or monitored.
- 12 bounced (invalid addresses)
- 1 asked to unsubscribe from such emails
- 3 complained about email abuse – which disappoints me as this was a notification of official CTC business, so I wonder just why they have registered an email address with us

6d) Website Administrator (Mike Wigley): nothing to report

6e) Peak Audax CTC (Mike Wigley): Another terrific year for M&D CTC's Audax wing. We have won trophies!

Audax CTC Organiser's Cup – for the greatest number of riders in all our events for the 8th time in a row

York Dart – greatest distance cycled to York Rally (whether it takes place or not), won by Mike Wigley for the 5th successive year.

Audax CTC Member Group Team Riders Cup – to the Member Group whose top 6 riders earned the most Audax points in the season. I am particularly pleased with this, as we last won this trophy in 2009 but due to a mix-up about whether Peak Audax is a CTC Group or not we were not presented with medals or the Trophy. The winning Peak Audax representatives were

- Cathy Brown (130)
- Ashley Brown (130)
- Shaun Hargreaves (93)
- John Perrin (71)
- John Clemens (62)
- Mike Wigley (50)

Peak Audax ran the National 400. This was mainly down to John Perrin, who came up with a cracking route to Llangollen, identified and booked the village halls at Biggin, Anslow, Upton Magna, Llangollen and Alton, and took the ride entries. The budget was set to break even at 80 riders, a number we thought we could attract even though this exceeded the number of riders at the previous 4 versions. We were starting to get a bit panicky with 2 months to go, but entries continued to trickle in, and we had 130 riders for the 400km, and 31 for the 100km supporting event. There were 143 successful validations for the 2 rides. This generated a healthy surplus which will be used to explore the possibility of having a Peak Audax jersey.

2017 will see the 8th running of London-Edinburgh-London, 1400km Audax event in July and August. Peak Audax will have a presence at Eskdalemuir control, and if anyone wants to spend several days in Scotland helping tired, hungry, smelly cyclists continue their journey south, you'd be very welcome.

Our usual season of events starts in 2 weeks time with the Eureka 200km and Cheshire Safari 150km events from Cheadle. We've passed the Newport and Radway events in February over to North Cheshire Clarion. The Llanfair 400 and Pair of Kirtons 600 aren't on the Calendar yet but these should run in May and June once I get my elbow in gear.

6f) Bury CTC (John Butterworth): see attached report

It's been another successful year for Bury Section. The Sunday dub runs for both A and B groups are generally well supported although attendances do vary from as little as three up to numbers into the teens. Thanks to Jeremy Peach and his bus driving colleagues who ride with us on a regular basis, we could almost rename ourselves the Bury Bus Section. Our quarterly club nights at the Trackside pub near the East Lancs Railway station in Bury are our only social events at present and are most enjoyable.

In addition to the weekly club runs many of our riders participated in Hostel weekends and have ridden Audax events. Steve Willetts again rode the Northern Dales 200k which he does every year. Steve also represented the Section at the Semaine Federale which was based at Dijon, the capital of Burgundy.

Alan Webb successfully completed the 1180 km Raid Dolomites riding from Thonon les Bains in France to Trieste in Italy with an organised tour. This not being enough, he later went to Corsica with his girlfriend for a more leisurely cycling holiday.

The Charlie Westlake and Walter Pilkington Rides in early March have now become reliability rides and both the 50km and 100km were well attended by club members and riders from neighbouring towns.

A long Youth Hostel weekend in Scotland starting and finishing in Glasgow saw a group of members riding on the Isle of Arran. The May weather was mostly favourable for this tour. The same cannot be said for the September weekend tour to the Yorkshire Dales staying at Grinton Youth Hostel. After a dry start the weather had deteriorated by Burnley with heavy rain starting to fall here. Arriving at Grinton YH (the one high above the village) thoroughly soaked and the pub too far to walk to in such weather, the evening was spent inside the Hostel drinking the over-priced bottles of beer on sale there. The Sunday weather was not much better but all rode over Buttertubs with some making a further overnight stop in Malham. Those who had to be in work the next morning had no choice but to slog all the way home.

John Butterworth rode the inaugural 'Tour de Manc' in June. This is a new charity ride, which started and finished in Prestwich, where all the money raised goes to the charities. There were two distances to choose from - 100 miles or 100km. He chose the 100 miles route initially, but the hills of Marple Bridge, Werneth Low, Mottram Cutting, those after Uppermill and up to Owd Betts took their toll and where the routes diverge at Edenfield he rode with his all-day cycling companion directly back to Prestwich to complete the 100km course. This was a well organised event with great refreshment stops all manned by volunteers.

Finally, after years of making no use of it, the members unanimously agreed at one of our club nights to close the Section bank account which contained just over £110. This money will be used to fund the Section website until exhausted. Manchester & District CTC have been notified of this.

To sum up, we have to thank the same small group of regulars who keep the Section going and we look forward to another good cycling year in 2017.

6g) West Manchester (Ian Ross):

This year our Sunday club runs have been so badly supported that we were unable to complete any of the non-reliability events which count towards the Best All Rounder Competition. By comparison the 5 reliability rides that we promote all had a record number of participants. With this in mind, we are proposing to resurrect a tamer version of our 8000 feet ride next year. Medals and certificates for this year's rides will be presented at our annual dinner in November.

One of the reasons for the low numbers on club runs is that our retired members are spending more time abroad - in Albania, South Africa, Northern Spain, the Balearics and Lanzarote. This trend is on the up and several members have already booked holidays for next year (despite Brexit!)

6h) Oldham & Tameside (Eileen Green):

We had an Easter tour to Durham, and attended York Rally, as well as visited France, Italy and South Africa. Our weekly runs start from either Gee Cross, Oldham or Mottram Cutting.

6i) Rochdale (DavidTrippier):

We continue to grow and develop as an active group. The good news is that we've had fewer accidents this year (thank you Darryl for staying safe this time). We receive a steady number of membership enquiries

We have various club runs each weekend, attracting up to 30 riders, as well as some evening rides. We ran a BBAR competition with 50 and 100-mile rides. We attended York Rally and promoted the Beard Cup.

We keep in touch with members through a Newsletter, Twitter and Facebook

7) ELECTION OF HONORARY OFFICIALS:

President: We elected **Ian Ross** to succeed Laurie (proposed Eileen Green, seconded David Trippier).

Vice Presidents: We elected **Mavis Ross** and **Eileen Green** to succeed Ian Ross (proposed Mike Wigley, seconded Ian Ross)

Welfare Officer : **Ian Ross** agreed to succeed Laurie Green.

Secretary: In the absence of willing (or even reluctant) volunteers, **Mike Wigley** agreed to remain as **Acting Secretary**.

Auditor: David Trippier (Treasurer) asked us to endorse his appointment of **Caron Bailey**, which we did.

Social Media Coordinator: **John Jackson** agreed to take on this new role

All other officers were willing to stand again for a further 12 months, and we let them.

Chair: Ian Ross

Treasurer: David Trippier

Membership Registration Officer: Mike Wigley

Website Administrator: Mike Wigley

Peak Audax Secretary Mike Wigley

9) ReBranding: CTC is now known as Cycling UK with the strap line The Cyclists' Champion. We can still use the Winged Wheel!

CTC Member Groups will not need to change names, jerseys or other aspects of branding unless they want to. Many Member Groups are more focused on touring than on our other activities, such as undertaking campaigning or supporting inclusive cycling projects. Therefore, they have built in a way, should our group so choose, for the name 'Cyclists' Touring Club' to be used alongside the new brand identity.

For example, we can choose to incorporate the new brand into our group name, such as **Cycling UK Manchester & District**.

Or we can retain your group's existing name and identity but add the new brand name as **Manchester & District CTC, part of Cycling UK**, which is the approach we will take.

9) SUPPORT GRANT: All formal CTC Member Groups are entitled to a grant of £200 to support the basic administrative costs of running a group. This should be sufficient for our needs and the meeting decided that we should apply.

10) FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:

The Beard Cup is to be run on Sunday 17th September 2017 by Rochdale CTC

Peak Audax will put on a full calendar of events during 2017; these will be listed in Cycle magazine, the CTC Tourist Competition list of events, on www.PeakAudax.co.uk and www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk.

11) DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING: Wednesday in March at Welcome Inn (provisional-see www.ManchesterCTC.co.uk for confirmation)

12) ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Nothing raised

Meeting closed at 15:20

