

Minutes of Eden Valley Group of Cycling UK AGM 22 April 2023 (unapproved)

1 & 2. *Present:* Eileen and Geoff Anderson, Claire and Mike Barron, Phil and Rosie Blanshard, Mike Graham, Bill Holmes, John Howell, David and Heidi Jackson, Chris Johnson, Michael Korner, Ian Ludlam, Les Meer, Bill Openshaw, Ernest Phillips, John Roelich, Tony Sharples, Keith Smith, Ian Stewart, Sue Watson.

Apologies from: Alison Sith and Nigel Longworth, Simon and Debbie, David Harrison, Martin and Diane Young, Laurie Eason, John and Pam Patrick, James Rawes, Rachel Wilson, Dallas and Ian Brewis, Jen Callis.

3&4. The minutes of the last AGM 9 April 2022 were accepted P:Mike B S:Tony S
No matters arising

5&6 Since no Chair the *Secretary's report* follows:

We have only had one committee meeting this year and that was mainly to sort the TriVets though a number of other matters were discussed. At that point and for the rest of the year we were without a Chairperson. Efforts were made to inveigle someone into the job without success! More on this later.

Thinking back over the year despite no Chairperson the club has thrived - I have been looking through the blog over the last 12 months and it's interesting to highlight a few events. The TriVets was a great success and all thanks to those that took part and helped organise the event. From the emails sent to Bill everyone thoroughly enjoyed the day and as usual kudos to the crumble makers!!

On a sadder note we have lost two great friends of the club - Sue Cumella and Peter Angood both of whom have been an example to us all in their fortitude and ever positive attitude to life. We will miss them.

The Blog is our social network and many charity lunches were attended, events highlighted and of course rides flagged up. As a club we are getting more IT sophisticated and route maps and photo albums appear alongside the details of the rides. The summer months were clearly very active with rides going much further afield including the Trough of Bowland and Buttertubs as well as the Lakeland Passes. Thanks to all our ride leaders for taking the trouble to put on rides. Anyone can do it - all you need is to be registered with Cycling UK via the club. There is even an online leader training package available if you are at all in doubt of your responsibilities; and you are fully insured!

Activities slow down somewhat in the winter months but the post Christmas Lunch was well attended and acted as a focus for everyone to gather during shorter darker days.

During the year we have welcomed new members but not surprisingly our numbers have taken a bit of a dive over the Covid years. Membership now stands at 93. Please encourage any cyclists you know or meet in the area to join us even if just to come to our coffee stops to meet and ride a short distance. We need to continue to attract and encourage others to get involved in this sport that we all enjoy. Geoff Anderson

7. *Treasurers Report:*

There has been one major event this year in our finances: the Tri Vets in June 2022. There were Entries bringing in income of ££747. The Hall Hire and Refreshments for the event came to £132.50 and £313 respectively leaving us a surplus of £274. The only other cost has been the website of £25. We started the year with a bank balance of £2,573 and have finished with £2,847. The only other item on the Balance Sheet is cash of £13. Cycling UK invited us to not claim our subscription for 2022-23 to allow them to redistribute funds for other causes and the committee agreed to this. Cecilia McCabe Treasurer - The report was accepted and it was agreed that we should not claim subs from Cycling UK
(Detailed table at end of report)

8. *Runs coordinator report:*

First of all, a huge thank you to all our runs leaders. Without you the club would not really function. It will be clear to all of us, however, that we rely too much on a core of half a dozen or so leaders who regularly put on runs.

Despite an attempt to publish a full quarter's programme in advance, it seems that we must continue to use the "rolling programme" for the foreseeable future. It always looks a bit blank as you will see if you peer into next month. However, if you look back over the last year, the actual number of rides offered turned out surprisingly well:

There were 100 opportunities for rides to be offered (every Wednesday and Sunday barring Christmas etc). Our gallant leaders did in fact offer 100 rides. This was made up of 18 days with no rides available and 18 days when two rides were offered.

The cafe stops have continued to be quite popular (on occasions, very popular). I have stuck to the original rota where possible although cafes closing permanently has been a feature of the times and closures over winter too has necessitated changes. The latest closure is 4Eden Cafe at Brougham Castle. We think it might relocate near St Andrews Church, Penrith.

Please let me know if you have any other cafe locations which you might like to suggest. Finally, please let me know if you could offer to lead rides. The registration process is very straightforward and we certainly need

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more leaders whether you can lead regularly or only occasionally.

9. *Runs Registration officer report:*
to follow from CJ

10. *Campaigns/Promotions officer*

A66 Penrith to Scotch Corner: National Highways scheme is to have the whole of this road made into dual carriageway. It was hoped that it will be completed in / by 2029, work on the road commencing in 2025. In the last 12 months the schemes have progressed and travelling along the route reveals that surveying is already being undertaken in several places. It is such an important project that it is to be hoped that the scheme does not suffer delay or worse still abandonment. Being an optimist, we should see cycle friendly routes crossing the A66 for both local cycle traffic and for cycling across the country Penrith to Scotch Corner. I have remained as someone attending meetings, mainly remotely, on behalf of the Club.

Cumbria Cycling Strategy 2017 – 2023: since the workshop I attended on the 4th December 2019, I have heard nothing as to how this is / was to be progressed. I hope that, once the new administrative bodies have settled, coordinated schemes are devised and get further than the ill-fated Cumbria Cycling Strategy.

Penrith Local Cycle and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP): I hope that this will progress with the new administrative area reorganisation.

Locally I made representations:

1. (October 22) supporting proposals for a number of villages in the Eden area to have more speed restrictions imposed, and
2. (October 22) on proposals for pedestrian facilities in Corney Square Penrith (in which there had been no thought given to cyclists' use e.g. parking of bikes) by attendance at a drop-in session and in writing.

The Cycle Mayor: in July 2022 I did not seek re-election to the Committee.

I have maintained some contact with **Sustrans** (email mainly). It is intended that area to be covered by the Mayor remains within the (old) Cumbria boundaries.

Caldew Cycleway: For some time, starting in about July last year and uninterrupted months since then, the Cycleway between Dalston and Carlisle has been closed to cyclists. I wrote on behalf of the Club to augment the representations being made locally (January 23). Sadly there does not appear to have been progress on this. Being an optimist, I hope that I shall be able to report that access has been reinstated and structure has been put in place for coordinating maintenance and suspension of access for the future.

It is disappointing to note that cycle access, at least in relation to this Way, is not given the respect that interruption of motorised vehicle access was afforded by Cumbria County Council; regularly vehicle owners were informed of interruptions in advance, told when there were to be closures, told that the interruptions would be kept to a minimum and apologies extended for the interruption.

If elected again, I look forward to building productive relations with the new administrations in the County. *Nigel Longworth, Campaigns Officer*

11. *Webmaster Report:* There was no report other than to say the webmaster would be glad to hand over in the future to anyone who was willing to take on the job, and that the charges may increase as 123-reg is upgrading their hosting hardware.

12. *Appointment of someone to verify the accounts:* Bill Openshaw volunteered.

13. *Elections:*

Chair: Geoff read out a statement from Alison Smith who is prepared to stand. Alison was duly elected
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Secretary: Geoff A prepared to stand again P: Claire S: Bill H

Runs Coordinator: Mike Barron prepared to stand again P: Geoff S: John H

Runs registration and data officer: Chris Johnson(CJ) prepared to stand again P: Bill O: John R

Treasurer: Antony Sharples P:Phil S:Geoff

Promotions/Campaigns Officer: Nigel Longworth prepared to remain in position

Mike Korner and Rachel Wilson were prepared to be *additional committee members*.

It was thought that David Harrison might be asked to take a new position of Vice Chair alongside Alison

14. *Any Other Business:*

Returning the AGM to Autumn – There was general agreement that notwithstanding that the returns to Cycling UK would need to be done in April it was probably better from a point of view of planning the coming year and the enthusiasm of the club to return it to October. It was left to the committee to deal with the details of this change.

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Challenge Ride: It was thought that some form of Challenge ride or Reliability ride would be a good idea and that July/August or September might be a good time. Riding a gps route away from a suitable base where we could lay on refreshment at the end of the ride to simplify catering.

Pic Nic Event

Away week/weekend book a hostel?

The Committee agreed to meet at 10.00 on May 2 - provisionally at Daffodils Cafe Penrith

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The report has been audited by Geoff Anderson

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE REPORT				
12 MONTHS TO 31 MARCH 2023				
	2022-23	2021-22	2021-22	2019-21
Income:				
OUTDOOR EVENTS	747			742
SOCIAL EVENTS		386	645	35
ADVERTISING/HANDBOOK				
INCOME FROM CLOTHING SALES			0	40
GRANT FROM HQ				
ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION ALLOC FROM HQ			0	200
DONATIONS			35	
NET INTEREST RECEIVED			4	3
Total Income:	747	386	684	1019
Expenditure:				
EVENT HIRE/ACCOMMODATION HIRE	135		60	123
PRINTING				
FOOD/REFRESHMENTS/SOCIAL	313	386	645	509
TRAVEL/TRANSPORT				
TROPHIES/MEDALS/PRIZES				
CLOTHINGCOSTS/BADGES		20		178
OTHER EXPENDITURE (2 Refund for Challenge Ride)				30
ADVERTISING/WEBSITE COSTS	25	68	94	24
PHONES/INTERNET ACCESS			15	
INSURANCE				
POSTAGE				7
STATIONERY				
DONATIONS			200	
Total Expenditure	473	474	1014	871
WRITE OFF OF STOCK VALUE			(62)	
Surplus (Deficit) for year	274	(88)	(392)	149
EDEN VALLEY CYCLING UK BALANCE SHEET				
As at 31ST March 2023				
Current Assets:				
Stock			20	82
Bank	2847	2573	2641	2971
Cash	13	13	13	13
Total Current Assets:	2860	2586	2674	3066
Creditors:				

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Unpresented cheques				
Social Fund			0	
Net Assets:	2860	2586	2674	3066
Financed By:				
Accumulated Fund B/F	2586	2674	3066	2297
Surplus/Deficit for Year	274	(88)	(392)	620
Total Funds	2860	2586	2674	2917

Cecilia McCabe
Treasurer EV Cycling UK