

Minutes of the 2017 AGM

Held at the Keyworth Centre, LSBU
Thursday 19th October 2017, 18:00-21:00



A. APOLOGIES & MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda & Housekeeping

The Chair, Mustafa Arif, opened the AGM by welcoming all those attending and expressing his hope that the meeting would be enjoyed and found valuable by all. He then ran through the agenda.

2. Apologies for Absence

None.

3. Minutes of the 2016 AGM

There were no corrections or matters arising and the Minutes were approved unopposed.

B. FINANCE REPORT & MOTIONS

4. Finance Report

- 4.1 The Treasurer, Tony Levene, began his report by saying that he would be retiring from the Board at this AGM after six years as a trustee. He added that it could be a good thing for LCC to consider limiting the number of consecutive years a trustee may serve to six or seven, as some other charities do, to enable a healthy turnover of trustees and hence new ideas and perspectives to be regularly brought to the Board.
- 4.2 He summarised the financial position as represented in the annual accounts (2016-2017), noting that the charity had again run another unplanned deficit due to continuing difficulties in generating income. He thanked staff in managing the situation proactively and minimising the impact on the bottom line and informed the AGM that, despite the extra costs that the charity will face this year from having to move office, we are currently on track to run a balanced budget for 2017-2018. He concluded his remarks by stressing that careful monitoring of performance will still be required, with particular attention being paid to the reserves, which are lower than the Board would like, so the current positive performance should be treated with caution.
- 4.3 In answer to a question as to why LCC no longer claims Gift Aid on membership subscriptions nor third party insurance as a stand-alone product, Tony first explained that the latter had originally been introduced solely to enable LCC to continue to claim Gift Aid on memberships. However, the relaunched membership now contains a scale of benefits that mean we can no longer claim Gift Aid on membership subscriptions, which in turn removes the need to offer a separate third party insurance product (which raised little money in any case).
- 4.4 Ashok answered a question regarding services in kind, saying that so far as he was aware they did not need to be monetised and included in the statement of financial activities in the audited accounts, adding that a quantification of services in kind has not to date been requested by our various auditors.

5. **MOTION 1: Approval of Accounts**

The 2016-2017 Audited Accounts were moved by the Treasurer and approved unopposed by the AGM.

6. **MOTION 2: Appointment of Auditors**

The Treasurer moved that Moore Stephens be approved as auditors for the 2017-2018 financial year, which was approved unopposed by the AGM.

C. **GUEST SPEAKER & OTHER REPORTS**

7. **Guest Speaker: The Mayor's Cycling and Walking Commissioner, Dr Will Norman**

7.1 Dr Norman gave a presentation on the Mayoral Transport Strategy and TfL's Healthy Streets programme. He stressed the important of growing cycling in helping to meet the Mayor's 2041 target of increasing the share of journeys in London being made by walking, cycling and public transport from 63% to 80%. He noted that this expansion would be achieved despite a 20% growth in London's population, mainly in outer London where reducing car trips is hardest.

7.2 He also reaffirmed the Mayor's commitment to meeting the three-point agenda to which he agreed following LCC's "Sign for Cycling" campaign - including tripling the extent of protected space for cycling during this term of office.

7.3 Dr Norman assured the AGM that, now that much of the reorganisation of TfL had been completed and the preparatory work undertaken, LCC members should expect to see an acceleration of delivery of good cycling schemes on the ground. He thanked LCC members for their support and also welcomed our campaigning to keep him, TfL and the Mayor to task.

7.4 In responding to questions Dr Norman said that:

- Achievement of the tripling demand would be very much dependent on the boroughs, noting and welcoming our local campaigning.
- Now is not the time to consider withholding funding from un-cooperative boroughs, as he felt that things were slowly beginning to change as councils appreciate the value in the Healthy Streets agenda.
- LIPs guidance and the Mayor's policies to reduce air pollution will stress the need to ensure safe, unpolluted routes school.
- Road user charging is an important potential future tool in reducing motor traffic as well as direct measures to make walking, cycling and public transport more attractive.
- TfL is working to make sure provision for cycling will be made during road works, and that cyclists should therefore not have to dismount.
- Although he is new in post he is already having better oversight of design to make sure there isn't a fall in the quality of new cycling schemes, noting the problems with the Nine Elms scheme that LCC vigorously opposed.
- Attention would be paid to outer London boroughs – they are not being neglected – for example through TfL's London-wide strategic cycling analysis and subsequent strategic route identification; in response to a question about the potential for multi-modal journeys he said that all factors (not just the potential for cycle-only journeys) will be taken into account in planning the cycling and public transport networks.

7.5 The Chair gave his thanks to Dr Norman for his presentation and remarks, and the AGM showed its warm appreciation.

8. Other Reports

The AGM received presentations from the CEO, Ashok Sinha (whose written report was published as part of the AGM paperwork), the Campaigns Co-ordinator, Fran Graham, and the report by the Chair of the Campaigns & Active Membership subcommittee, Terry Patterson, on the implementation of 2016 AGM resolutions.

D. BOARD ELECTION RESULT

As Returning Officer, Ashok Sinha said that six nominations had been received for the six vacancies on the Board (one more than the usual five, as Lucy Carter had resigned shortly after being elected last year), and that the following were therefore elected (in alphabetical order):

Simon Clark
James Heath
Chris Kenyon
Terry Patterson
Megan Sharkey
Neil Webster

E. Other Motions

MOTION 3: Implementing the Mayor's Cycling Commitments

Moved by Terry Patterson on behalf of the Campaigns & Active Membership Subcommittee of the Board and approved overwhelmingly.

This AGM *notes and welcomes* that, in response to LCC's Sign for Cycling campaign in 2016, the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, gave his full commitment to:

- Triple the extent of "protected space for cycling" (as defined by the LCC AGM Resolution of 2013) on London's roads;
- Enable every borough to access funding for a Mini-Holland style walking and cycling project;
- Make Direct Vision Lorries the norm on London's streets;

And also *notes and welcomes* that, since making this commitment, the Mayor has:

- Created a new, Liveable Neighbourhoods programme as the successor to the Mini Hollands Programme;
- Created a new Direct Vision rating system for lorries and announced targets for taking the most dangerous lorries off the road;

But *expresses its great concern* that:

- The rate of installation of protected space for cycling is too low to triple its extent in London by the end of this Mayoral term;

- Many recent planning proposals, especially at Nine Elms, Croydon Fiveways and Camberwell Green, are of are of poor quality and do not provide protected space for cycling throughout;

And *calls on* the Mayor's Walking & Cycling Commissioner - as the person with prime responsibility for implementing the Mayor's Sign for Cycling commitments as well as achieving the Mayor's manifesto pledge to make London a "byword for cycling" - to take urgent action to:

- Ensure that the rate of installation of protected space for cycling is sufficient for the Mayor to achieve his commitment to triple its extent on London's roads by the end of this Mayoral term;
- Ensure there is high quality provision for cycling in all planning proposals, including those published for public consultation.

MOTION 4: Impact of Cycle Hire Operators on Public Cycle Parking

Moved by Dominic Fee and approved overwhelmingly after minor amendments to read as follows:

LCC supports the provision of cycle hire for realising the potential to cycle. The use of public cycle parking to store hire bikes that are not currently on hire has recently come to public attention. We note that the relevant authorities have few powers to remove hire bikes from public cycle parking and that this parking is a finite resource.

We therefore call on cycle hire operators to engage in dialogue with councils to resolve the impact of their operations on existing but constrained public cycle parking and provide additional infrastructure.

MOTION 5. Bayswater Road to Edgware Road Quietway

The Chair accepted the proposal of this Emergency Motion by Colin Wing, which was approved overwhelmingly after minor amendments to read as follows:

Noting that:

1. The final plan for the Bayswater Road to Edgware Road Quietway has been curtailed to remove its previous core element – segregated cycling provision on Sussex Gardens;
2. This is the latest in a pattern of behaviour of Westminster City Council thwarting or undermining cycling provision in planned schemes, yet continuing to receive Mayoral controlled funding, including from the cycling budget;

LCC *calls on* the Mayor of London to draw a line in the sand and start withholding funding from Westminster schemes that do not make adequate provision for cycling.

E. CAMPAIGNER AWARDS 2017

Fran Graham, Campaigns Co-ordinator, conducted this year's Awards ceremony and the winners were presented with the trophies by guest of honour Stuart Kightley of Osbornes Solicitors (LCC's legal scheme partner).

The winners were:

Best Ride & Ride Leader

Winner: **Nick Moffit** with **Ealing** and **Hounslow Cycling Campaigns** for the David Eales Memorial Ride

Highly Commended: **David Senior** (Southwark Cyclists)

Best Infrastructure Campaign

Winner: **Brent Cyclists** for the Carlton Vale cycle tracks

Highly commended: **Hounslow Cycling Campaign** and **Timothy Harris** for the Church Street Isleworth closure to motor traffic

Best Campaign Initiative

Winner: **Enfield Cycling Campaign** for the Surprise breakfast for Enfield Cycle lane workers

Highly Commended: **Brenda Puech** for the People Parking Bay and **Newham Cyclists** for the Women's Institute rides

Best Family-Friendly Event

Winner: **Hackney Family Cycling Library**

Highly Commended: **Enfield Cycle Campaign** for 'Try a bike' at the Palmers Green Festival

Junior Campaigner of the Year

Winner: **Ben Chico** for his HGV petition and fundraising for LCC

Campaigner of the Year

Winner: **Ruth-Anna Macqueen**

Highly commended: **Tabitha Tanqueray** (Cycle Islington), **Jono Kenyon** (Hackney Cycling Campaign), **Elizabeth Eden** (Southwark Cyclists), **Charles Martin** (Get Sutton Cycling), **Clare Rogers** (Enfield Cycling Campaign), **Paul Gasson** (Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign), **Selena Calder** and **Grant Gahagan** (Haringey Cycling Campaign), **Alex Jenkins** and **Julie Plichon** (Tower Hamlets Wheelers)

There being no other formal business the AGM was closed.