

Minutes of the 2018 AGM

The Building Centre, Store Street, WC1E 7BT
Thursday 18th October 2018, 18:00-21:00



APOLOGIES & MINUTES OF THE 2017 AGM

1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda & Housekeeping

The Chair, Terry Patterson, opened the AGM by welcoming all those attending and expressing her hope that the meeting would be enjoyed and found valuable by all.

2. Apologies for Absence

Andy Cawdell, Charles Martin and David Love.

3. Minutes of the 2017 AGM

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

BOARD ELECTION RESULT

As Returning Officer, Ashok Sinha said that three nominations had been received for the four vacancies on the Board; and that each of the following will therefore be appointed to the Board without the need for an election:

Amy Foster
Matt Sparkes
Christian Wolmar

FINANCE REPORT & MOTIONS

4. Finance Report

- 4.1 Simon Clark made his first report to the AGM as Treasurer. He noted that the 2017-2018 accounts (available on the LCC website) showed a welcome significant surplus after a period of unplanned deficits. He thanked the staff team for their work in achieving this turnaround.
- 4.2 He added that it appears that the charity's financial position is more stable, and that charity is budgeting for another surplus in 2018-2019 in order to further build our reserves up to the level that the Board would like to see them reach.
- 4.3 He concluded his remarks by saying that the positive outcome achieved this year shows that a lot of small changes can make a big difference, and that this is something we aim to repeat in the new financial year; our position has improved but there is still a lot more work to be done.

5. MOTION 1: Approval of Accounts

The 2017-2018 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 2018-2019 financial year. This was approved unopposed by the AGM.

GUEST SPEAKER & PANEL DEBATE

7. **Guest Speaker: The Mayor's Deputy Mayor for Transport, Heidi Alexander**

- 7.1 Ms Alexander started her address to the AGM by thanking LCC for the opportunity to speak, and for the work LCC staff and members do to campaign for action to make cycling safer. She said that while there will always be disagreements, LCC's activism really does help in overcoming obstacles to the Mayor delivering his cycling promises, especially those he made to LCC at the last election (in response to LCC's Sign for Cycling campaign).
- 7.2 Ms Alexander continued by examining each major strand of the Mayor's cycling strategy, stressing that there is an excellent team in place to make sure the record investment the Mayor is devoting to cycling is spent in a timely and effective way.
- 7.3 In response to LCC's criticism of the Quietways programme she said that standards do need to be raised in some areas but that the way to do it is to constructively engage boroughs and seek continuous improvement; many boroughs have made big strides forward and a bottom up approach is needed rather than top down pressure from the Mayor (which is likely to be resisted in any case). That said, she and the Mayor recognise that some boroughs are more enthusiastic than others, and that she and TfL will prioritise working with the willing.
- 7.4 The Deputy Mayor concluded by running through the next tranche of cycling projects, including the upcoming set of six major new cycleways.
- 7.5 In responding to questions Ms Alexander said that:
- She has cycled on some of the new routes that have attracted criticism, and whilst it is true that further improvements are needed they are transformed in comparison to the way they were before.
 - The promise the Mayor made to LCC in 2016 to triple the extent of protected space for cycling will be met, but that doing so will require a fair wind.
 - Borough co-operation cannot be enforced by the Mayor; but she can assure the AGM that she and the Cycling Commissioner Will Norman are working as hard as they can to engage boroughs and make progress.
 - She will try to persuade the Mayor to cycle more often, and be seen to do so.
 - TfL is looking into the possible carriage of cycles on the front of buses through the new Silvertown Tunnel.
 - TfL is making strong progress in redesigning dangerous junctions; some of the work is intermediate with further improvements possible after the effectiveness of the initial work has been assessed
- 7.6 The Chair gave her thanks to Ms Alexander for her presentation and for taking questions. The AGM showed its warm appreciation.

8. Panel Debate

There followed a panel debate addressing the question “how can LCC Groups influence major cycling schemes & area redevelopment projects?”

REPORTS

9. CEO’s Report

- 9.1 The AGM received a presentation from the CEO, Ashok Sinha (see the written report published on the LCC website for details).
- 9.2 His principal focus was on: laying out progress the Mayor has made so far in meeting the promise he made to LCC at the time of his election to meet our three-point policy agenda; describing the extent of progress still to be made and the nature of political and other obstacles to be overcome; and the areas on which we will have to concentrate in the next 12 months.
- 9.3 He concluded his remarks by thanking LCC’s volunteer activists for the tremendous work they do, and to Terry Patterson and the rest of the Board for their stewardship of the charity.

10. Chair’s Report

- 10.1 The Chair of the Board, Terry Patterson, gave her perspectives on the past 12 months. She made particular reference to the moving and powerful experience she had when meeting grieving families following cyclist deaths in road collisions.
- 10.2 She noted that the priorities for the Board over the last 12 months were: establishing a new Safeguarding Policy and Guidance and establishing associated new procedures; pursuing the recommendations of the Women & Cycling Working Group; and improving risk management.
- 10.3 Terry concluded by thanking her fellow trustees as follows: James Heath (Business Committee Chair) and Simon Clark (Treasurer) for their outstanding work in improving financial oversight; Megan Starkey for the very good work being done to improve the effectiveness of LCC groups; Rachel Aldred (stepping down from the Board) for all her years of giving expert policy advice; Neil Webster for his work to help find new consultancy opportunities for LCC; Chris Kenyon for his advice on developing individual activism; Amy for new thinking on campaigning with schools; and all other trustees for their diligence in governing the charity so well.
- 10.4 The Chair concluded by thanking members, the CEO and staff for their campaigning efforts, after which she and the CEO then took questions from the floor.

E. Other Motions

The AGM passed the following resolutions

Buses and Cycle Safety

That LCC campaign for the inclusion of explicit contractual obligations in relation to pedestrian and cyclist safety when Transport for London are tendering bus contracts and requires robust, transparent and timely reporting on how these are met.

Obstruction of Cycling Schemes by Westminster City Council

This AGM notes and condemns Westminster Council's obstruction of schemes to make cycling and walking safer, and to reduce the negative impacts of excess motor traffic, including:

- The Mayor's scheme to remove motor traffic from Oxford Street;
- Transport for London's proposed safety improvements at the Lambeth Bridge north junction;
- The planned Cycle Superhighway 11;

And *believes* that the Council, by laying down endless conditions for supporting vital cycling and walking schemes, is in fact attempting to prevent those schemes from being implemented to the intended safety and quality standards.

And *calls* on Westminster Council to reverse its car-centric policies and instead demonstrate genuine commitment to making it safer and easier for the many Westminster residents and other Londoners who wish to cycle, thereby reducing the air pollution and congestion that is blighting our city.

Special Resolution

That Article 37.1 of LCC's Articles of Association, which currently reads:

- 37.1 Membership of the Board shall for elected Trustees be the period until the conclusion of the next but one Annual General Meeting after their last election, except that the Chair shall continue to be a Trustee until he has been replaced. All Trustees shall be eligible for re-election.

be amended to read:

- 37.1 Membership of the Board shall for elected Trustees be the period until the conclusion of the third Annual General Meeting after their last election, except that the Chair shall continue to be a Trustee until he has been replaced. All Trustees shall be eligible for re-election.

E. CAMPAIGNER AWARDS 2018

Fran Graham, Campaigns Co-ordinator, conducted this year's Awards ceremony, with awards presented by the Chair of the Board, Terry Patterson. The winners were:

Best Rides & Ride Leader

Winner: **Harry Clark** (Bexley Cyclists)
 Highly Commended: **Keith Jones** (Tower Hamlets Wheelers), **Oliver Brukauf** (Enfield Cycling Campaign), **Arnold Ridout** (Newham Cyclists), **Roger Mace** and **John Dunn** (Kingston Cycling Campaign)

Best Infrastructure Campaign

Winner: **Newham Cyclists** for their Stratford Gyatory campaign
 Highly commended: **Hounslow Cycling Campaign** (Boston Manor) and **Enfield Cycling Campaign** (A105)

Best Campaign Initiative

Winner: **Tower Hamlets Wheelers** for their local elections campaign

Highly Commended: **Hounslow Cycling Campaign** (CS9) and **Sutton Cycling Campaign** (Get Sutton Cycling film)

Best Family-Friendly Event

Winner: **Enfield Cycling Campaign** for their try-a-bike event at the Palmers Green Festival

Highly Commended: **Waltham Forest Cycle Campaign** (Walthamstow Family Bike Club Newcomers Ride), **Hounslow Cycling Campaign** ("Back in the Saddle" course), **Hounslow Cycling Campaign** (Biking Belles initiative) and **Newham Cyclists** (Bike from Boleyn/West Ham FC)

Campaigner of the Year

Winner: **Michael Robinson** (Hounslow Cycling Campaign)

Highly commended: **Dan Kelly and Gen Ford** (Waltham Forest Cycling Campaign), **Nick Moffitt** (Ealing Cycling Campaign), **Selena Calder** and **Grant Gahagan** (Haringey Cycling Campaign), **John Chamberlain** (Camden Cycling Campaign) and **Matt Stephenson** (Kingston Cycling Campaign)

There being no other formal business the AGM was closed.