

# Milton Keynes Section AGM

Held on Saturday 21 May 2022 2pm at 11 Winslow Road,  
Little Horwood. MK17 0PD

## Minutes

Apologies:- Harry Clements, Colin Middlemiss and Carmel Schmidt.

Present:- Phil Ashbourn; Mike Chopping, Sue Chopping, Deborah Cooper; Sheila Dawson; Ritchie Dixon; Andrew Eelbeck; Pippa Fenton; Andrew Floyd, Jane Floyd; Mike Harris; Gary Haynes; Paul Hunter; Douglas Jackson; Tony McGuinness, Sylvia McGuinness; Allen Pearce; Steve Rogers; Mike Slater; Barry Webb

Election of Officers:- Chair - Andrew Floyd; Treasurer – Pippa Fenton; Ride Co-ordinator/Webmaster/Membership Secretary/ Social Secretary - Gary Haynes; Right to Ride – Phil Ashbourn; Safeguarding and Welfare Officer – Colin Middlemiss; Secretary – Sheila Dawson.

A special thank you was given to Gary for all the work he does for the club which is very much appreciated by all club members.

Minutes of last meeting:- Accepted as a true account of the meeting

Treasurer's Report :- An overview of the two accounts was given. In 2021 there was £688 in the account. This year there is £807. There has not been a lot of activity this year. The £200 Subscription Allowance was applied for last year and it was decided that we would not apply for it this year. Money has been spent on an annual subscription for the website; website hosting and domain. Also money in for a couple of club shirts. Thanks to Tony and Sylvia for organising the club shirts.

Website:- Everyone is very happy with the website. Thanks to Gary for all his hard work on it.

WhatsApp Groups Discussion about how we use the Group Information and Chatter groups. Gary will change the picture on the Group Information to encourage correct usage.

Ride Leaders/Rides Policy We have two new rides leaders - Colin and Douglas. Ritchie is also leading rides again. We need to have a 'Sweeper' so that no-one gets lost on rides. Stops should be made at junctions. We should split into smaller groups if the group is more than 6.

MK Cycling Forum Gary will put a link on the website so members can see what has been discussed at the Forum. Deborah gave an overview of the Cycling Forum which has dealt a lot with infrastructure issues. They have a good working relationship with MK Council e.g. regarding the MK East Development. They also work alongside The Parks Trust. The Council's Road Safety Office has offered to do a half days training (3 hours) on Cycle Training/Road Safety; what to do in the event of an accident. There was discussion about First Aid Training for all Rides Leaders.

Right to Ride Phil's report has been circulated to members. Phil has concerns about the redways and whether they continue to be funded. They are shared usage and currently don't fulfil the national guidelines for cycleways. Nothing we can do at the moment. Watch this space!

Special Events Beaumanor trip, Bike Week Breakfast Ride to Salcey Forest. Discussion about a possible Summer Social. Any member can organise an event.

New Members Phil is happy to design an Easy Riders Programme which would be publicised through The Parks Trust Programme. The Duty of Care expands with an Easy Riders Group. Discussion about a form with contact details. The U3A cycling group have a list of members contact details that leaders have. Do we need something like this? There is an official Risk Assessment form on the Cycling UK website. Sheila will contact Head Office for further information/guidance. Discussion about shorter/easier paced rides. Both the Wednesday and Saturday rides currently fulfil this criteria.

AOB Milton Keynes is now a city - any implications for cycling. Jubilee Celebrations? A mention again about ride etiquette/stopping at junctions/sweeper on rides etc.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm