

## MINUTES OF THE SOUTHWARK CYCLISTS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON 11 OCTOBER 2006

19.00 at Blackfriars Settlement, 1-5 Rushworth Street, London SE1 0RB

Attendees: Barry Mason (Co-ordinator), Hugh Bolton (Treasurer), Kit Reynolds (Webmaster), Sue Richards (Newsletter Editor), Andrew Rodgers, Ann Warren, Cheryl Williams, Alastair Hanton, Barry Milne, Leder Wiethage, Stephen Maxers, Jacqueline Saunders, Ten (Rides Co-ordinator), Ray Walsh and Eleanor Purser (Planning and Campaigns Leader) – part.

Apologies received: James Barber, Colin Hartridge-Price (Secretary), Paul Mcquillen, Cllr Richard Thomas, Rebecca Lack, Frances Northall.

### 1. Minutes of the meeting on 13 September 2006 and Matters Arising

The minutes of the above meeting were approved.

Ann Warren asked that it be noted that she did not want to share the road.

Freshers Fairs (item 3) – Barry reported that the fairs at the four local colleges were successful, with 60 students leaving their email addresses for the eGroup. A report is to follow from the students. **Action Barry** to forward list to webmaster to combine with list of new member emails received from LCC.

Ceilidh (item 13) – Barry reported that the band was booked with the date set for Saturday 16 December. Three venues had been shortlisted, OYB Arches London Bridge, Rockingham Community Hall and Wilson Hall Camberwell College. There was discussion around other venues but it was decided these were too small. Following discussion by email and at the meeting it was decided that Barry would book Wilson Hall. **Action Barry** to book Wilson Hall.

There was a discussion around the ticket price, it was felt a slightly higher price than the last Ceilidh in 2004 would be acceptable at around £17.50 including buffet to cover the increased cost to hire Wilson Hall, with 10 concessionary allocated at Barry's discretion. Sue has volunteered to organise the bar. Barry is to arrange the bar licence. Kit to set up online ticket sales once Barry has confirmed details and venue booking. Barry will then open up sales initially to the eGroup before they're advertised on the SC website. **Action Barry** to confirm event details.

### 2. Jeremy Deller T-Shirt Sales update

Hugh confirmed following a meeting with Richard Reynolds from Good At Magic (GAM) the original batch of 150 shirts had been sold, with a further two batches of 200 and 275 produced. The majority of the new batches were to supply Tate Modern where T-shirts are selling well. 80 remain unallocated, and GAM propose Southwark Cyclists purchase these for sale by Southwark Cyclists direct at events etc. GAM propose paying Southwark Cyclists £630, which is net of the discounted cost for 80 T-Shirts, giving Southwark Cyclists a £200 profit on the money originally invested in the Jeremy Deller T-Shirt project. Hugh proposed this deal be accepted and that he would store the 80 T-

Shirts on behalf of Southwark Cyclists, this was supported by the majority at the meeting and agreed. **Action Hugh** to confirm with GAM

### 3. Planning

Eleanor advised that the Southwark cyclists response to the Council's unitary development plan would be online shortly, and asked that members comment by Friday 27 October.

**Action Kit** to place online – now complete. **Action Eleanor** to send out around eGroup

### 4. Finances

Hugh advised a surplus was forecast for 2006 with around 3k in unrestricted funds forecast, on the 2.4k unrestricted at present, refer to detailed accounts circulated at the meeting.

The 31 March 2006 accounts were unanimously agreed.

### 5. Annual Report

#### Co-ordinators report

#### **BM's review of year since 2005 AGM on 12 October 2005**

"We've had a good year.

Just after last year's AGM we did our John Peel ride on his remembrance day, it took top listing on the BBC website for a while.

And the rest of the year in no particular order:

Bike Magic Day at Surrey Quays in March on the coldest day of the year. 250 bikes marked. 3 easy rides.

20 to Bala for the Wild Wales Weekend and the CTC's toughest ride in the big hills.

We're doing big school training projects in Dulwich – Cycle Saturation 2.

Two fine Whitstable Weekends. 55 miles to Whitstable. Sleep over. Same again to Dover. Fine weekends with amazing contrasts and wonderful scenery.

The Last Ferry Ride to use and celebrate the last Suffolk ferry of summer.

We've had 60 people who asked trained by CTUK using our funds. And ended the year with stronger finances than ever.

An amazing Bike Week....16 rides and 160 hours of bike events to include Reinventing the Bike Shed 1. Great partnership stuff with the London Architecture Biennale, Blueprint Magazine, Design Against Crime, On Your Bike and St Martin's College of Art and Design. 6 rides led by celebrities. 70 people on 2 of them. 90% new faces.

A dozen monthly meetings and full agendas.

Lots of good press coverage.

London's noisiest bike group?

A different Bike Magic Day at Tesco's. 3,200 cars offered very subsidised cycle training. Shopping Centred Cycling. Only 10 phone calls. Odd? Or not.

We've got a lot of major projects in planning with TfL and Southwark Council....  
Bermondsey Street, Jamaica Road link into Southwark Park, the South Bermondsey rail bridge path, demolition of the Bricklayers arms roundabout (whew!), bike contraflows down Rye Lane, Tabard Street, Neckinger....and much more.

Lots more training and events at St John's Primary School.

30 on our Bermondsey History ride during that festival.

Ride to celebrate the opening of the Thames Path Mast Pond Wharf section in Woolwich. It wouldn't have happened without our pressure.

Herne Hill Velodrome on Good Friday.

Training for 10 black Peckham women set up at their request. We arrange free crèche spaces, medical checks. They loved it.

The Bermondsey Street walkabout with Council officers to consider pedestrianising and bike access.

The mad Deptford Jack in the Green event. One of our shortest rides, but real May Day revels.

Dunwich Dynamo 14. 120 miles overnight. 700 riders. A tragic death. We bought 350 bikes back.

Rotherhithe Festival. Dr Biked dozens of bikes. 4 easy local rides.

Burgess Park Bike Track improvements go on. 40 local kids there now every Tuesday night. Our grant applications go on. Burgess Park Bike Heaven edges closer.

Ride to Jeremy Deller in Broadstairs continued that T shirt/Turner prize link.

Afterworkers every Thursday from July onwards.

2007 Tour de France stage 1....to Canterbury. We preview rode it on the hottest day of the year.

Now up to 780 LCC members in Southwark...and 290 on our email list.

One the way.....Locks Docks ride for the Food Chain...our first ever ceilidh.....our 25/12 ride.....

Our website lists 115 rides since the last AGM and our website now gets 7,000 hits a month.....I've probably rushed past too many excellent things I've not mentioned.

I must thank Colin as Secretary, Kit as webmaster, Hugh as Treasurer, Sue for the wonderful newsletter....Cheryl for putting up with all this.

Thanks to all."

#### Website update 2006 – Kit Reynolds Webmaster

Mar – September 7k visits per month average up 150 % from last year, average of 2.9 pages viewed per visit, up 0.2 from last year

Busiest month was July with 10.7k, up 152 % from last year.

326 active members of the eGroup, record number of messages in June 2006 at 172

Major changes to the website this year:

- New Picture Gallery on Flickr site, lots of contributions from Dunwich Dynamo
- Processed Dunwich Dynamo payments online
- Books section via Amazon Associates, so far we've earned £16 on £260 sales, don't forget this at Christmas!

Cost to host the website is around £20 per year, but Simon Wilks has kindly waived this fee.

Infrastructure Report – Alastair expressed disappointment in Southwark Councils progress allocating their 700k LCN+ budget. The council now employs management consultants – Michael Partners – to manage the cycling infrastructure projects. Southwark Cyclists has not been given progress reports. There is expected to change with a new head of transport planning, Barbara Selby. Alastair is to attend the next consultants meeting, and suggests Southwark Cyclists arrange a meeting with Barbara Selby, Lisa Rajan (Executive Member for the Environment) and Annie Shepperd the new Southwark Council Chief Executive.

Alastair also suggested that Southwark Cyclists co-ordinate campaign activity with Living Streets who are lobbying to improve conditions for pedestrians, with a campaign aimed at the Thames bridges.

#### 6. Management Committee Elections (chaired by Alastair Hanton)

**Coordinator** – Barry Mason was unanimously re-elected.

**Secretary** – Colin Hartridge-Price - was re-elected.

**Treasurer** – Hugh Bolton was re-elected.

Planning and Campaigns – It was agreed the post should be split:

**Planning** - Ray Walsh was elected

**Campaigns** – there where no nominations, the post is vacant

**Newsletter Editor** – Gwen and Gary although absent from the meeting where both voted in after advising before the meeting they where both willing to stand.

**Rides Coordinator** – Ten was re-elected  
**Webmaster** – Kit Reynolds was re-elected  
**Press Officer** – Eleanor Purser was elected  
**Sustrans Liaison** - Andrew Rodgers was elected

A management meeting date will be confirmed.

7. Next meeting

Wednesday 8 November 7pm at the usual location -- Blackfriars Settlement, 1-5  
Rushworth Street, London SE1 0RB.

8. Depart for Thai Silk, 94-95 Isabella Street

There being no further business, the meeting was closed.