

Minutes of Cycle Chesterfield AGM 14/10/25 (held at St Thomas Church Centre)

Present: Alastair Miekle (Chair), Martin Farr (Secretary), Dean Sas (Website and social media), Sharon Stone (Committee), Alan Ashburner, Tony Ford (Committee), Ian Menzies (Treasurer), Sue Russ, Kathy Farr, Malcolm Ward, David Seabrook

Apologies: Chris Radcliffe, Andy Dunn, Jason Dent, Graeme Challands, Chris Allen

Alastair welcomed everyone to the meeting and all present introduced themselves

Minutes of last AGM 12/11/24 were approved

Secretary's Annual Report

Martin reported on key activities and events as follows:

- Distribution of new Cycle Chesterfield map has been ongoing with various retail premises, libraries and public buildings included. Electronic versions shared with Poolsbrook campsite and schools sports partnership. 300 maps sent for distribution among the 13 scout groups in Chesterfield
- Inclusive Pedals organised a new ride leader course with Cycling UK which saw 5 new ride leaders join IP and CC
- The running of another successful summer cycling Festival which saw lots of new and returning riders. About 170 people attended rides and about 40 the speakers event. Good publicity and support for CC and for cycling in general with recognition and publicity from CBC and DCC and Destination Chesterfield. Thanks recorded for all those who helped plan the event and the ride leaders. Also thanks to the 3 cycle clubs who supported with rides – Bolsover, Spire and Dronfield Clarion
- Cycle Friendly Employers promotion ongoing. Tony Ford leads on this and has sent out 260 letters and has an engineering company at Sheepbridge and the Royal Hospital interested. This project will continue next year
- Cycle Audit is ongoing. After a scoping Members meeting in the Spring there have been 4 audit rides and a report is being prepared for initial review and feedback.
- Organising the first East Midlands Cycle Forum since 2019. This event has just taken place at St Thomas Centre, Chesterfield with about 35 attendees representing CUK, ATE, Sustrans and various campaigning groups from the East Midlands Region (Talks from Pedals, Derby Cycling Group, Leicester and Cycle Chesterfield). An Afternoon ride on the East West route from Chatsworth Road to the Station was also organised. Well received and to be hosted in Nottingham next year. Thanks recorded to those involved in organising and supporting this event.

Treasurer Annual Report

Ian shared copies of the annual financial report for the period 1/10/24 to 30/9/25. Room hire is a noticeable increased cost and needs to be reviewed next year. Newsletter costs are down as more members choose the electronic version. It was also suggested that Teams replace Zoom for meetings. This will be explored in the next online meeting.

Money in A/C at year end £3799, a reduction of £36 from last year's accounts for the same time period

Membership Annual Report

Martin presented a bar diagram charting membership numbers over the past 2 years showing the trend of increased membership numbers after Festivals in the summer and reduced numbers during the Jan / Feb renewal period. The trend is generally up from 170 in Feb 23 to 240 members at the end of September 2025

Planning Update

Alastair gave an outline of the routine ongoing work commenting upon planning applications and the lack of progress on the EW route and the Dronfield link scheme. Positive developments included

- TPT resurfacing
- Staveley new bridge over the planned canal for TPT
- Some repainting of cycle route markings in Chesterfield
- New developments now routinely seem to include cycle parking

The 2 planning priorities in 2026 will continue to be Waterside (bridge connection to TPT) and the upgrade of Avenue Washlands paths and removal of barriers. Alastair will seek to arrange meetings with interested parties.

Alastair also gave an update on cycle counter numbers on Hipper Valley Trail and Station Link which are generally up from the previous year

Social Media, Website & Newsletter Annual Reports

Dean reported that website updating ongoing with both content and broken links. There has been a small increase in followers on our social media channels.

Jason was not present at the meeting but will be standing down from the Newsletter. Thanks were recorded for his work on the Newsletter over many years. Trudy Foird will take over formatting the newsletter and Tony will manage distribution to deliverers going forward.

A discussion about revamping the newsletter format and content resulted with a suggestion to launch a new look Newsletter in the Spring. We will seek members views about content. There will be no Winter newsletter

Election of Committee Members & Officers 2024/25

There have been nominations received to fill the positions of Membership and Newsletter. Other committee members have indicated their willingness to continue in their current roles.

No further nominations or objections were received at the meeting.

All nominations were accepted and approved

The committee structure was therefore agreed as follows

Chair: Alastair Miekle

Secretary: Martin Farr

Treasurer: Ian Menzies

Membership: Sharon Stone

Planning: Alastair Miekle

Newsletter: Tony Ford

Social Media/Website: Dean Sas

Committee Member: Tony Ford

The Year Ahead

- Glow Ride 22nd Oct
- Christmas Social – Brampton Brewery 9th Dec
- Completion of Audit Report / Consultation by March 2026
- March Members Meeting – Alan Simpson, EMCCA Sustainable Travel Ambassador
- Cycle Friendly Employers Focus
- Audit official Launch in March members meeting
- Summer Rides Programme
- Planning Priorities as agreed
- New Newsletter launch

Following the AGM, Alastair and Martin gave a short presentation on the main content from the EMCF.