

BRISTOL CYCLING



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at The Create Centre, Bristol at 17:30, 26 November 2019
50 Members and ten non-voting non-members in attendance.

1. Chair's Annual Report: Nicholas Davies (ND)

ND began his Annual Report by emphasising that Bristol is renowned for its extensive uptake of cycling. The level of interest in promoting cycling has been strong historically since the early days of Cycle Bag and the founding of Sustrans in the late 1970s. Over recent years Bristol Cycling Campaign has built on these foundations and continues to campaign for safer cycling through: better cycling infrastructure; addressing issues surrounding road justice; and campaigning alongside other organisations seeking to promote healthy pursuits of walking and cycling on health and well-being grounds. Moreover the Campaign has been actively engaged in consultations around the Clean Air Strategy for the City.

The continuing growth of car usage and the increasing pressures of greater car ownership alongside the poor public transport infrastructure across the city remains a major challenge to all concerned - city authorities; neighbourhood communities and other stakeholders.

Improving the cycling infrastructure so that all cyclists are catered for effectively - irrespective of age, gender or type of cycle use - underpins the Campaign's objectives.

ND, in summing up, expressed the view that while the cycling infrastructure continues to improve both in extent and quality, there is much more that can be improved and achieved. He went on to outline the extent of campaigning undertaken in recent years with an emphasis on our activities over the past year. He outlined examples of our activities in consultations with Bristol City Council and developers through the auspices of the Campaign's infrastructure committee, Space4Cycling, led effectively by Richard Williams.

ND thanked the Committee for their hard work and commitment. He also expressed gratitude for the active commitment and relationship with City Council officers with whom the Campaign works very effectively. He noted that the Campaign needs to continue

building high level commitment among Councillors and Senior Officers to reinforce the value of Cycling in contributing to a better City based on building Living Neighbourhoods, reducing and restricting car dependency, promoting better public transport and ensuring all developments provide for sustainable, healthy communities.

ND noted that we, as a campaign cannot do it alone and that it is necessary to work closely with other stakeholders and communities. The challenges remain substantial but together with others we can have a major impact. The time is ripe for expanding our efforts given that Bristol: has declared a Climate Emergency; is seeking to implement its Clean Air Strategy; and has major development plans such as Weston Harbour, Temple Meads and Temple Quarter, as well as developments across the City. He concluded by looking at some of the challenges and campaign opportunities in the coming year:

- Mayoral Election
- Local Cycling and Walking Plan
- Living Neighbourhoods
- Temple Meads/Temple Quarter

ND invited all to get involved to help make a difference and extend the Voice of Cycling.

2. Financial Report and Approval of Accounts: Treasurer, Martin Tweddell (MT)

MT introduced the accounts for April 2018 to March 2019. He highlighted that although there had been a slight reduction in membership, this was building again quite well. The past year's level of activity was reduced due to pressures of time by our volunteers and the sheer workload.

MT went through the accounts (details on the website) leading to a surplus of circa £11,000, surplus in year of circa £1,000.

The Campaign accounts remain healthy, however the committee will be meeting to look at how we might invest in communications and marketing to improve our reach through the website and social media to members and non members.

Members voted to approve the Accounts as a true record.

3. Election of Officers

Members proposed and seconded three candidates who were all elected unopposed:

- Chair - Nicholas Davies
- Treasurer – Martin Tweddell
- Secretary - Pete Hodgson

Q and A - none