

## **Minutes of 2024 Spokes EK Annual General Meeting held on 25 March 2024, by Zoom at 19.30**

**Apologies** were received from Terry Croft (Treasurer), Phil Pittock & Oliver Waldron.

**Present:** Gregory Williams, Matt Banbury, Dave Goddard, Lucy O'Meara, Beatrice Shire, Andrew Wyver, Phil Quirk, Chris Read, David Clarke, Jonathan Butchers, Pip Chapelard, David Lane, Paul Rees (chairman)

- 1) **The Minutes of the 2023 AGM** were unanimously approved & matters arising were dealt with in the current agenda
- 2) **Chairman's Report:** attached as appendix 1
- 3) **Treasurer's Report** and presentation of the audited accounts:

Terry Croft gave his apologies and sent the following by email:

*This is the last year we will be calling our contributors Members, from June 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 they are referred to as Supporters.*

### **Breakdown of 2022-23 expenditure:**

*A breakdown of the Charitable donations is £100 for Cancer Research (In lieu of paying for an auditor), £50 for Climate Coalition, £250 for Cyclists Defence Fund.*

*Bank charges all relate to PayPal commissions.*

*Office Expenses are web hosting and Insurance.*

### **Current bank balances:**

<i>Cheque Account</i>	£ 945.45
<i>Deposit account</i>	£6,717.84
<i>PayPal</i>	£ 18.33

*This year's income constituents 74 supporters and £10 from the Chartham Fete.*

*Costs this year so far are only PayPal commission, web hosting and £100 to Cancer Research.*

*If we want to donate anything this financial year it needs to be done by 31<sup>st</sup> May.*

**The audited accounts are attached as appendix 2**

4) **Membership secretary's report:** that Spokes had 180 current signed up supporters who had donated in the past 2 years. The past year had seen 16 new supporters sign up.

5) **Questions to the committee:** the questions were about the rides. Beatrice and Paul explained that the recent rides had been based on Canterbury as that where the demand seemed to be. They had also been of short distance- around 20 miles on cycle paths and quiet lanes, to encourage less experienced cyclists to join in. The attendance over the winter had been small- up to 5 riders.

Spokes tradition was that rides started at railway stations, though not all stations had suitable quiet roads or paths reaching them. Distances could vary if there was demand for longer rides, for example.

Jonathan asked whether the nature of the surface could be indicated in ride notices as he had suffered a spoke breakage on the traffic free section West of Chartham. Generally this was done but it was agreed that we would indicate this in future.

Various riders had suggested that they would be more likely to come if the date was known well in advance, even if the route had not been decided. This was agreed.

Finally, Dave asked whether rides could be on a day other than Sunday as he was usually not available then. He and Chris agreed to organise a Saturday ride, and after the meeting emailed to say "they agreed to do a ride from Minster on Saturday July 6<sup>th</sup>. start time 9.40 from Minster – that is after the 9.35 from Canterbury had arrived.

Approx 20 miles, will have a look at routes, back via Sandwich

## **6) Election of committee:**

Paul wished to make public there committee's appreciation and thanks to Frank Guthrie for his service to Spokes over many years. He had not indicated that he wished to be re elected this time.

The committee members who served during the year and who are prepared to stand again are:

- Paul Rees, Chairman & Folkestone and Hythe area representative
- Beatrice Shire, Vice-chair and rides co-ordinator
- Terry Croft, Treasurer
- Pip Chapelard, Newsletter and *Update* editor
- David Lane, Webmaster
- Andrew Wyver, Membership Secretary
- Gregory Williams
- Matt Banbury
- Phil Pittock (Thanet rep)
- Oliver Waldron- co opted.

All were unanimously re elected and there were no others put forward for election

David Ledger - co opted to act as Ashford area representative, has agreed to do this for the new year.

## **7) Any other business:**

Lucy O'Meara offered to help Spokes in any way she can, especially on specific matters. Her help at the Walmer Sports event in summer of 2023 had been invaluable. Paul appreciated her offer and agreed to contact her in future, as he was sure that the committee would be pleased for such assistance.

There being no other business the meeting closed at approximately 20.25.

**Appendix 1: Chairman's report, Appendix 2 Accounts for y/e 31 May 2023**

