



## Draft Minutes of the 2023 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Poynton Methodist Church Hall

**Present:** Peter Bond, Phil Bridge, Kath Collins, Simon Cullen, Bob Dewes, Martin Flowers, Eileen Green, Peter Hammond, Paul Anders Johnson, Kath Kirton, Fliss Mathews, John Mooney, Darryl Nolan, Damien O'Dowd, Steve Rainton, Michael Roberts, Ian Ross, Mavis Ross, Mike Wigley (19 members)

- 1) **MINUTE'S SILENCE:** in remembrance of those members deceased since our previous AGM. We particularly remembered Graham Trunks, a long time and loyal member of Manchester DA, and editor of the Northern Wheel.
- 2) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**  
Received from David Trippier, Ellen Knowles, Brian Holbrook, David Watson, Steve Willetts, Claire Dwyer, Janine Day, Peter Barnes
- 3) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM:** The meeting received the minutes from the AGM of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023 and agreed that they were a true and accurate record of the proceedings. (*proposed: Eileen Green, seconded: Peter Bond, accepted unanimously*).
- 4) **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:** Mike Wigley stated that, following a poor turn out at the previous AGM where we failed to achieve a quorum except by counting those on the pre-meeting ride but didn't stay for the meeting itself, he needed to propose changes to our structure to better match our activities.
- 5) **REPORTS FROM OFFICERS:** The meeting received reports from the following officers:

**Secretary (Mike Wigley):** There is very little to report. I called a meeting with the Chairman, Treasurer and Vice President to discuss my restructuring plans and received some very useful feedback.

**Treasurer (Dave Trippier):** Dave is on holiday and has given his apologies for absence. He outlined the club's financial position at our March meeting and our balances are very healthy. Our expenditure has been minimal, with just this AGM and the March meeting making very little inroads to our funds.

Our March meeting was partly prompted by Barclays Bank, who had querying if Manchester & District CTC was still active as they had seen little activity with the Club's account. We were able to reassure them that we still exist.

**Membership Registration Officer (Mike Wigley):** I contacted all 933 Cycling UK members in our postcode area to invite them to this meeting.

**Website Administrator (Mike Wigley):** I've recently made an amendment to the website. All pages had an address DelphCyclist.Info, but I've now split off the Peak Audax Calendar pages and they have an address beginning www.PeakAudax.co.uk. Paul Anders Johnson suggested that we should consider using HTTPS as some browsers do not permit access to HTTP.

**Peak Audax CTC (Mike Wigley):** We have been our usual busy selves again this year. I am delighted to welcome 2 new members (denoted \*) to our team of event Organisers:

David Darricott	Paul Anders Johnson	Phil Scott
Bob Dewes *	Fliss Mathews *	Darrell Whittle
James Rees	John Mooney	Mike Wigley
Peter Hammond	Chris Keeling Roberts	Oliver Wright
Terry Hodges		

We ran 24 events and attracted 780 riders. We have won Organising Club trophy within Audax UK for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive season (not counting the 2 Covid affected seasons when competitions were suspended).

We also won the Audax Club award for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive season (ignoring the 2 Covid seasons). Thanks to the full team of Peak Audax riders and especially to the top 6 (\*) who contributed to the winning score.

Paul Anders Johnson *	Janine Day	Lee Killestein *	Tim Rusbridge
Chris Asher	Robert Dews	Andrew Kirsfelds	Christopher Squires
Will Benton	Claire Dwyer	Katherine Kirton	Peter Summers
Phil Bridge	Greg Elwell	Joe Macdonald	James Summers
Eddie Brooks	Shaun Hargreaves *	Louise Mainwaring	Paul Summers
Steven Butterworth	Terry Hodges	Fliss Mathews *	Kwun Tak Andrew Chan
Rob Bywater	Matthias Hohmann	Graeme McCulloch	Darrell Whittle
Philip Cadd	Joe Howie	John Mooney	Mike Wigley
Daniel Campbell	Mark Hudson	Damien O'Dowd *	Andrew Wilkinson
Ben Colman	Tim Hughes	John Perrin	Nigel Wragg
Chris Crookes	Darrel Hunneybell	Steve Rainton	James Wragg
Simon Cullen *	Mat Ivings	James Rees	Oliver Wright
Stuart Day	John Jackson		

We also played a part in last season's LEL. Well done to the riders who completed the ride, commiserations to those who started but were DNF for whatever reason. And a special thank you to those who helped put on the event. We had a good team up at East Harlsey helping to run the secret control. Darryl Whittle also did a great job running the Eskdalemuir control.

We use Poynton Methodist Church as a venue for many of our rides. They have recently adopted a policy of using only Fair-Trade products and ask all their users to consider this for themselves. I am happy for us to comply with this.

Last week we used a new venue, Bob's Bijou Café in Cheadle. Bob seemed very happy with how this went, there is no expectation from us that he should feel obligated to repeat or extend this usage. But if Bob wants to offer his premises, I'm happy to accept.

**West Manchester (Ian Ross):** Almost continuing in name only, with various factions doing their own rides. It's worth while keeping West Manchester section running within the local structure.

**Rochdale (Dave Trippier):** Darryl told us that numbers were down now that the active youngsters have left for University and in a lot of cases their parents no longer ride with us. We are down to about 32 active members, out on Saturdays, Sundays and a Thursday Vets group. Still running the Reliability Trial, 150 mile and 250 mile events and a BAR competition.

**Bury (Stephen Willetts):**..Numbers are way down. Bury Clarion were traditionally the racing club but now they have various club runs and seem to have taken over the role formerly provided by Bury CTC.

Oldham & Tameside (Eileen Green): Very quiet, activities have not really resumed since Covid. Still active with 16 on a Club Tour and 18 going to York Rally

## 6) **Proposal 1: to restructure Manchester & District CTC**

- i) rename the Manchester & District CTC Member Group as Peak Audax CTC
- ii) we retain our Informal Member Groups: Bury CTC, West Manchester CTC, Rochdale CTC, Oldham & Tameside CTC
- iii) to create a new Informal Member Group of Manchester CTC

Mike Wigley outlined the rationale behind the proposal. Historically, the CTC was structured with District Associations (such as Manchester DA) split into Sections (IE Peak Audax, Bury, West Manchester, Tameside & Oldham and South Manchester).

The DAs were subsequently rebranded as Member Groups (such as Manchester & District CTC). They provided the necessary administration for their Sections, which were now branded as Informal Groups. Both Tameside & Oldham and South Manchester have since set up as Member Groups in their own right.

We have seen a big drop in interest at Manchester & District CTC. Last year's AGM failed to attract a quorum and there is little competition to fill the official posts.

On the other hand, we have plenty of enthusiastic members at Peak Audax and they should be encouraged to take the club forward, developing our Social Media, arrange Club tours and weekends away, Audax teams, produce a club jersey etc.

We could either set up Peak Audax as a Cycling UK Member Group in its own right, but that would no doubt mean having to wind up Manchester CTC and our informal groups and our funds would probably revert to HQ.

Instead, I want to propose that we change our structure, that Peak Audax becomes the parent body and that we create a new informal group called Manchester CTC, alongside West Manchester, Bury, and Rochdale.

We might subsequently decide that Bury is no longer viable, but that is for next year.

Rochdale CTC is also interested in becoming a Member Group, and will receive every encouragement when they are ready. I'm sure we can allocate our funds appropriately when that time comes.

The new Manchester subgroup is for anyone wanting to be a part of a Cycling UK club but feels that Audax is not for them. We'll support anyone who wants to promote club rides from Manchester, although I am the only person to have done so over recent years, and only as an encouragement to involve Cycling UK members in the AGM.

Our geographical area is defined by postcodes

'BL0', 'BL1', 'BL2', 'BL3', 'BL4', 'BL5', 'BL6', 'BL7', 'BL8', 'BL89', 'BL9', 'BL11', 'BL78', 'BL80', 'M10', 'M11', 'M15', 'M16', 'M18', 'M24', 'M25', 'M26', 'M27', 'M28', 'M29', 'M30', 'M31', 'M32', 'M33', 'M34', 'M35', 'OL1', 'OL10', 'OL11', 'OL12', 'OL13', 'OL15', 'OL16', 'OL2', 'OL3', 'OL4', 'OL5', 'OL6', 'OL7', 'OL8', 'OL9', 'SK13', 'SK14', 'SK15', 'SK16', 'WA1', 'WA13', 'WA14', 'WA15', 'WA2', 'WA3', 'WN1', 'WN2', 'WN3', 'WN4', 'WN5', 'WN6', 'WN7'

But Peak Audax membership is for anyone who rides or supports our events, even if that is as a second claim. Membership is free but we charge entry fees for our Audax events. Strictly speaking only Cycling UK members can vote, but we'll listen to all voices and only need to start checking voter ID if things get a bit heavy. We recommend Cycling UK membership anyway as it gives you 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance for all your cycling activities. Audax membership only confers insurance while riding a formal event, Calendar or Perm, so if we put on informal rides, we would need to insist that participants have such cover.

We accepted the three motions together

*(Proposed: Mike Wigley, Seconded: Fliss Mathews, accepted unanimously)*

## **7) Proposal 2: not to apply for the Cycling UK grant this year**

Mike Wigley outlined this proposal. Although we are entitled to a £200 grant from Cycling UK to assist us with our admin and to promote cycling in our geographical area, we have sufficient funds for our immediate needs and no plans for what to do with those funds. Mike also felt that Peak Audax ought to be able to self-fund our activities. Our funds are sufficient for the present but we may want to consider levying a surcharge on our Audax event entry fees in the future.

**8) ELECTION OF MANDATORY OFFICIALS:**

Ian Ross agreed to remain as **Chair**

*(Proposed: Peter Bond, Seconded: Eileen Green, accepted unanimously)*

Mike Wigley agreed to remain as **Secretary**

*(Proposed: Peter Bond, Seconded: Peter Hammond, accepted unanimously)*

Claire Dwyer was elected as our new **Treasurer** to succeed David Trippier who had indicated that he wished to stand down.

*(Proposed: Fliss Mathews, Seconded: Simon Cullen, accepted unanimously)*

**9) APPOINTMENT OF HONORARY OFFICIALS:**

Ian Ross agreed to remain as **Honorary President**

Mavis Ross and Eileen Green agreed to remain as **Honorary Vice Presidents**

**10) ELECTION OF COMMITTEE POSITIONS**

The following people volunteered to hold the following posts

**Membership Secretary:** John Mooney

**Events Secretary:** Fliss Mathews

**Wherehouse manager:** Peter Hammond

**Web design:** Paul Anders Johnson

**Club Jersey:** Janine Day

**Safeguarding officer:** Kath Kirton

We would also welcome volunteers for other posts such as:

**Social Media Coordinator:**

**Teams:**

**Tours:**

**10) FUTURE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES:**

Our long-standing event, the Beard Cup hill climb, is to be run on our behalf by Saddleworth Clarion, taking over from Rochdale CTC. Ian Ross agreed to help with the timekeeping. (Following the AGM, Kath Kirton agreed to run this on 11<sup>th</sup> September, date to be confirmed)

We have our Calendar of Events with the aim of having something in each month of the year.

**11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Mike asked how many were hoping to ride PBP, as we could organise a chat about how to enter, how the qualifiers are going, how to get there, approach to the ride etc. Only one person present was planning to ride, so that idea was scrapped.

Paul Anders Johnson as the new Web designer outlined some of the possibilities to be included, such as access to a membership register, social media and an upgrade to HTTPS.

Fliss suggested we include the activities of our informal groups on the website by listing times and venues for regular club ride.



**12) Let's go for a ride!**

The meeting closed at 11:30 with a number of those attending taking part in the Budworths 100 (MW45) or the Elementary 50 (MW25). There were no takers for the Marple 20 led ride.