

# Minutes of the 2020 AGM

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020, 18:00-20:00  
By Videoconference



**Due to Covid-19 restrictions the 2020 LCC AGM was held online, and limited to short reports from the Chair, Treasurer and CEO, plus a short Q&A session (with participants submitting written via a “chat” facility).**

## 1. Welcome, Introductions, Agenda & Housekeeping

The Chair, Terry Patterson, opened the AGM by welcoming all those attending and expressing her apologies that a stripped back, virtual AGM was being held. She nonetheless hoped it would be found valuable by all.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

None.

## 3. Minutes of the 2019 AGM

There were no corrections or matters arising, and the Minutes were approved unopposed.

## 4. Finance Report

- 4.1 The Treasurer, Simon Clark, summarised his written report, which had previously been posted online.
- 4.2 In particular he said that LCC's finances remained healthy, with the charity doing well to not only protect but expand income during the pandemic so far. The risk of difficulties ahead remained however, given the uncertainties regarding the pandemic, and vigilance will still be required.
- 4.3 He concluded his remarks by thanking the staff team for the efforts to win greater promoting of active travel during the pandemic and gain more support for LCC and our campaigning.

## 5. CEO'S Report

- 5.1 The CEO, Ashok Sinha, summarised his written report, which had previously been made available online.
- 5.2 In particular he reminded the AGM of the rationale and strategic thinking behind choosing climate change as the topic for LCC's 2020 London Mayoral Election campaign (following the postponement by one year of the 2019 contest), stating that the overarching demand would be for London's roads to be decarbonised by 2030. He encouraged all LCC groups and activists to prepare for that campaign.

5.3 He also highlighted that LCC over the last 12 months had:

- Played an important role in advocating for, and then supporting the delivery of, large scale temporary cycling infrastructure measures (via the Mayor’s Streetspace Plan).
- Worked hard to advocate and support a London-wide accelerated implantation of Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- Provided support to Londoners through a new, multi-platform advice service and offering free, three month LCC membership to NHS staff.
- Put on a new, well-attended and well-regarded webinar series.
- Launched our flagship Climate Safe Streets Campaign, which will roll over to 2021 following the subsequent one year postponement of the Mayoral and GLA elections.
- Played an important role in the development of thinking about micromobility in London, including through our research report and its key findings.

5.4 He added that staff had adapted extremely well to the “virtualisation” of the office, thanking them for this as well as for their successful campaigning, membership recruitment and fundraising efforts.

5.5 Ashok concluded by recognising how difficult, challenging and at time bruising campaigning had been at the local level, especially as regards Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. He assured activists that their fortitude, energy and positivity was recognised and hugely valued, wishing them every success for the year ahead.

## 6. Chair’s Report

6.1 The Chair, Terry Patterson, summarised her written report, which had previously been made available online.

6.2 She made particular reference to well the charity had coped during the pandemic, congratulating trustees for their effective oversight (especially as relates to LCC’s finances), and praising staff for their commitment and achievements.

6.3 She also stressed that the Board was very much aware of the difficulties many activists had experienced whilst campaigning at the grassroots level, thanking them for dealing with these so well.

## 7. Q&A

7.1 The Chair, Treasurer and CEO took written questions from the floor, with prospects for the next year of campaigning and how this may relate to future pandemic conditions being a key theme.

## 8. Concluding Remarks

8.1 The Chair, brought proceedings to a close, thanking attendees for their understanding of the constraints under which the AGM was running this year, wishing them every success for their future campaigning, and hoping that next year’s AGM would once again be an in-person event.

There being no other business the meeting was closed.