

Minutes of the 2022 AGM

Saturday 15th October 2022, 10:00-11:00

Coin Street Neighbourhood Centre
108 Stamford St, London SE1 9NH



Welcome

The Chair, Eilidh Murray, welcomed those attending and outlined the timetable for the day.

Approval of the Minutes of the AGM 2021

The minutes of the 2021 AGM were approved with an overwhelming yes vote with 3 abstentions and no votes against.

Treasurer's Report, Q&A & Finance Motions

The Treasurer, Simon Clark, introduced the annual accounts. He said that the charity aimed to spend roughly what it took in and this occurred last year on a turnover of £950,000.

He spoke about the funds held by local branches and noted that balances had fallen slightly. Simon thought this a good thing and urged local groups to use their funds and not sit on them for a rainy day.

He spoke of the reserves held by the charity, explained the need for them and noted that we were not yet quite at the target of £140,000 that the trustees had set.

He noted the cash position at the end of the year with £150k held centrally with £50k held by the local groups.

He said that we were currently on budget.

The meeting was informed of a generous donation left in a will by Alastair Hanton. There was applause. He noted that Alastair hoped that his example might encourage others.

The chair invited questions from the floor of the meeting.

There was a question whether LCC held any investments. The answer was no.

A further question related to potential threats to collecting gift aid. The treasurer said that we collected about £50k of gift aid on membership fees, dependent on the size of the benefit received. Potential changes to gift aid regulations were monitored.

There was a question regarding the allocation of cash from the centre to the branches. The treasurer explained that the membership fees were collected at the centre. The membership

database was set up to provide a breakdown of membership by borough. Annual grants were made to local groups based on membership numbers

A member noted that staff costs had increased from the previous year and asked whether they would continue to increase. The treasurer said the increase in staff costs were caused by individual and general pay increases and an increase in staff numbers or hours for part time staff. The charity would shortly set a budget for next year and if more money was forthcoming, more campaigning time would be funded.

Approval of the Accounts

The motion to approve the accounts was passed unanimously.

Approval of the reappointment of Auditors.

The reappointment of the auditors was passed with one vote against.

The Chairs Report

The chair said that she was honoured to be elected chair by her fellow trustees. She thanked them all, in particular Simon Clark the Treasurer and James Heath.

Eilidh noted that the D&I work stated by her predecessor, Terri was making progress with work still to be done.

She further noted that we needed to make sure that the £149 million money available should be spent effectively.

Eilidh ended by thanking the staff team, the CSS champions, The local group activists, the patrons and the members.

The CEO's Report

The CEO, Ashok Sinha presented his report.

He talked about the value of being a membership organisation. He noted that the membership was crucial in providing weight to the discussion with politicians.

He talked about the need to accelerate efforts on climate change and how cycling was an important component of that work. There was applause for the CSS champions.

Ashok talked about the work on dangerous junctions, green jobs, the Urban Hill Climb and cyclebuddies.

Looking forward to the next year, he talked about holding council leaders to account on CSS, dangerous junctions, the 2024 mayoral elections, systems safety and diversifying our reach and partnerships.

The CSS video that was produced in the spring was shown.

There were a number of questions to the CEO.

Priority for the next year? Ashok said CSS would dial up in 2024 so the work on the dangerous junctions was the key.

Funding to get cycles and cycling into schools? Ashok said that LCC advocates support for schools but needed to prioritise efforts on Dangerous Junctions.

There was a specific question about rides in Bexley which Ashok noted and said should be picked up after the meeting by a member of the team.

A request was made for the risk assessment paperwork prior to a ride be simplified. Ashok said he would arrange for it to be looked at. The RA provided info for LCC and for the insurance.

There was a question about traffic lights for cyclists. Tom Bognanowicz answered that LCC worked with TFL and others on this question.

The final question was what is the single biggest barrier for change? Ashok said ultimately most important decisions were made by politicians and pressure and friction was necessary.

Close

The chair closed the meeting at 11.12.