

Eden Valley Group of Cycling UK - Minutes of AGM Meeting

25th October Langwathby Village Hall 02:00pm

Present:

John Patrick, Pam Patrick, Claire Barron, Eileen Anderson, Jen Callis, Rachel Wilson, Geoff Anderson, Simon Butcher, Tony Lake, Len Williams, Anne Faulder, Phil Blanshard, Bill Holmes, Keith Smith, Bill Openshaw, David Fenna, Adella Smart, Jeff Smith, Gary Smart, Ernest Philips, Tony Sharples, Mike Korner, Nigel Longworth, Alison Smith, Nigel Patrickson, Mike Barron, Chris Johnston.(27)

Apologies:

Mike Graham, Les Meer, Pam Radcliffe, Stuart Fletcher, John Howell, Ian Ludlam, Rosie Blanshard, Dallas Brewis, Ian Brewis, Pam Roelich, John Roelich, Ivan Welsh, Karen Blackburn, James Rawes. (14)

Paul Cumella

We started with a pause for silence in memory of Paul Cumella, a long-standing member and former Secretary for the club who sadly died earlier this year.

2024 AGM

The minutes of the last AGM held on the 19th of October 2024 have been reviewed, no corrections required and approved by the committee.

There are no matters arising that do not appear elsewhere on this year's agenda.

Chairs Report (Alison):

Reading through the emails I have been sending out since November last year reflects the highs and lows of the past year. One low point was the loss of Geoff as secretary and the difficulty we had in finding a volunteer to replace him. A high point was when Nigel Patrickson stepped forward.

Other highs include:

- Reflecting on the success of our 2024 Challenge ride which raised nearly £3,000 for Eden Valley Hospice

- The buzz at our post-Christmas festive lunch
- The new club strip (thanks to Adella and Gary)
- The successful delivery of our Trivets challenge rides in July despite appalling weather – and the willingness of people to lend a hand producing fine food and delivering it on the day was amazing, with special thanks to Claire for masterminding it all
- The continued attendance on our rides – on the Wednesday 3 bike rides 8, 15 and 22 October there were 12, 11 and 10 riders and although our coffee stop numbers have been a bit down in October (8 at Morland on 22 October) there were 17 at UpFront at the end of September

There have been lows:

- The holiday idea didn't work out to be as popular as we hoped and, in the end, there were just 8 of us at Cote Ghyll Mill
- The shortage of runs leaders which has been mentioned, I think, in each of my emails since March. We are very grateful to those of you who have come forward but we need more and younger people to volunteer
- Accidents – Tony and I have been in debate about whether accidents are inevitable. In so far as you can usually look back and say what you could have done to avoid an accident, maybe they are not inevitable but where human error is, I believe, a fact of our existence I think they will always happen. In the last 18 months – I date it from my own tumble in April last year – there have been many more accidents than we would like to see.

In my July email, I said that the future of our club is in doubt. I really believe that. The average age of the Committee today is very close to 72. 72 isn't at all old, but that is the average age which means that quite a few on the committee are quite a bit older than that.

I think I can count on one hand the number of ride leaders under 70.

I have been wondering whether the club has simply run its course? Very few organisations last forever. The club was set up as a structure around which people can go on rides together. That structure requires a Chair, a Secretary and a Treasurer. To have a runs list it needs a Runs Co-ordinator. To capture statistics, it needs a CJ – I mean a runs registration and data officer.

I'm not getting at any single individual and especially not those of you here who have given up your Saturday afternoon, but I fear that increasingly people are only willing to pursue the things they enjoy – obviously the riding – but it is essential that members also have input into the infrastructure that makes it happen.

We need a new Chairman

We need a new Runs Co-ordinator

We need someone to take over from Geoff as Webmaster.

Without those roles being filled, the future of the club is in doubt.

What would we lose?

What would happen without the club? Well, we have WhatsApp groups. Individuals can carry on meeting and riding together, covered by their individual insurance, as a friendship group.

Nigel and I have experience of this when the Scottish Canoe Association abandoned its touring calendar. For a while, we were able to carry on paddling with the people we already knew. But they grew older, and less ambitious and we didn't meet new people to paddle with. We lost the means of communication with other people which was previously fostered at every event. I believe the losses because of losing the club would be significant. I hope we can avoid it happening.

Finally, a big 'thank you' to each of the members of the committee:

To Geoff, who has been by my side for so many of the years I have been Chair and who made it so easy for me. Note: webmaster position doesn't mean you have to be on the committee too – it is a discreet job and if you think you can do it, please step forward.

To CJ – probably the longest serving member of the Committee with an irreplaceable knowledge and capacity to manage detail.

Mike – who was secretary when we joined the club in 2010 and I think has been on the committee ever since. Mike is a giver and a do-er and his geographic expertise makes him a master route planner which has been invaluable (although he has a bad habit of adding in unnecessary hills). Someone really needs to relieve him of the role of Runs Co-ordinator – he really has done his bit – and more.

Nigel and I have been in the club since 2010 – nearly half of the life of the club. I'd like to thank Nigel for being my sounding board and for his ability to put up with me when I'm grumpy!

Bill was Chair from 2018 and had the difficult task of steering us through covid. I was so pleased when he rejoined the Committee last year and I don't know how we would have managed the Trivets event without him – it is the 3rd for which he has taken the lead and I hope he will be available for the next one – but we do need more support. A great deal of the work immediately before the Trivets fell to members of the Committee and it would have been much better if we had been able to spread those tasks within the club.

Tony – our Treasurer – has brought us into the 21st century by introducing us to internet banking. Tony puts in masses of work to keep us on the financial 'straight and narrow' and we haven't made it easier for him by holding our AGM in October when the Cycling UK financial year runs to April. Additionally, Tony has a wealth of experience in Health and Safety and has been invaluable in producing the risk assessments which are becoming an increasing priority in club events.

Nigel joined the committee last year and then found himself as the only potential candidate for the role of secretary. We are immensely grateful to him for taking on that position. The club has a very safe and conscientious pair of hands there.

Rachel was one of the founding members of the club nearly 30 years ago. A big 'thank you' to Rachel, and to Jen, without whom we wouldn't be here today.

Mike K is always thoughtful, kind and generous-spirited, it is a privilege to call him – and all members of the committee – my friends.

Secretary's Report (Nigel P):

I officially took over secretarial duties from Geoff in April of this year after serving as a committee member since the last AGM.

In my short time in this role, I haven't had too much to do as the rest of the committee, especially Alison and Geoff, go out of their way to keep my workload low and look after me keeping my many errors to a minimum. The committee members have proved to be a great bunch of people to work with.

I do receive an occasional email from Cycling UK when their systems work! I share these with the rest of the committee when required. One complaint (of possibly many you could make) I have with Cycling UK is, I don't know when it's only me receiving information from them and when it has gone out to the rest of the committee and maybe a wider audience.

I have only needed to contact Cycling UK a few times, but on all occasions their responses back to me have been very prompt and helpful. Their web site is rubbish and finding anything of use is a challenge, but recent correspondence would suggest things might be improving and they may put some efforts back into looking after their long-standing member clubs, time will tell.

Cycling UK have now launched a new Quarterly Groups Newsletter, the first edition came out in September and was only delivered to club secretaries. It is worth a read as it highlights and suggests that Cycling UK is trying to address some of the issues we see as a club, so it doesn't appear to be just us with issues filling roles of the committee members. As an action from this AGM, I will send out a link using the WhatsApp group for the newsletter. If you have time, have a read of "You said we're doing".

It also discusses our issue with lack of advertising and support with events (Tri-Vets for us). They have plans to improve this going forward.

I have also received new club member applications and the occasional request to join us as a guest on a led ride. I am always as prompt as possible in replying to these and try to give an enthusiastic reply with as much useful information about the club without overloading them, I also always include links to the blog and the runs list. These contacts normally end up as a short exchange of a handful of emails to and from. Generally, I feel like I am getting positive feedback. However, I then rarely see their names appear in CJs attendance records or hear any more from them again. This is something I should follow up but haven't yet done so. We currently have around 113 members, I have had 6 new members and 2 guest rider requests in my short span as secretary but only ever seen 1 of them appear on any ride or cafe stop.

As many of you know my time as secretary has exactly coincided with me not being out and about on my bike, due to throwing myself off it and landing on my collar bone at a rather inconvenient angle – not recommended by the way! So, I have not been showing the best example. The healing process and getting back to normal has proved to be a bigger problem and

challenge than I ever expected, and I am to be honest disappointed with my progress, but hopefully I will at some point be a more regular rider on club runs again.

Additional notes.

I will send out a link to the club WhatsApp group for the new “quarterly groups newsletter”, when I can work out how to do it!

Treasurer’s Report (Tony):

EDEN VALLEY CYCLING UK Interim Summary for April 2025 to October 2025.

So far this year the accounts show receipts and payments for Club Clothing and the TriVets Ride. A second order was placed for 11 items of club clothing with 6 members making their first purchase and therefore benefitting from the £15 subsidy. This shows as a cost to the club of £90. Also, on this order we had to pay P&P @ £12.60. So, the total cost for the club was £102.60. As the new club clothing has been introduced to help promote the club, the committee agreed that we should request our Annual Subscription Allocation of £250 from Cycling UK to offset some of the clothing subsidies. This has been done as part of the 2024 / 2025 year-end submission and was received at the end of September. The Trivets event was a great success and made a surplus of £269.41. (Although only £104.41 is in this year's accounts) At the beginning of this financial year the committee agreed to the club having an additional bank account that has the advantages and convenience of online banking. This is now in operation and will be used for the day-to-day running of the club, with a reserve in the Cumberland Building Society.

	Opening Balance	Closing Balance	Surplus / Deficit
Cumberland Building Society	£2,335.64	£2,314.64	
RBS Digital Account	£0.00	£284.41	
CBS & RBS Accounts	£2,335.64	£2,599.05	
Petty Cash	£15.29	£3.69	
	£2,350.93	£2,602.74	£251.81

Tri-Vets 2nd July 2025	Income	Expenditure	
Entry Fees (24/25)	£165.00		
Entry Fees	£788.50		
Event Costs (Hire of Hall in Dalston)		£150.00	
Refreshments		£534.09	
Totals	£788.50	£684.09	£104.41

Club Clothing	Income	Expenditure	
Receipts	£876.00		£876.00
Over Payments refunded			£0.00
Payment to Alison Smith		£966.00	
Direct Payments to Alison of £99.60 not included in club accounts. Total payment to Impsport £1078.20			
Package & Postage		£12.60	
Subsidies (20 @ £15.00= £300)		£90.00	
Totals	£876.00	£978.60	-£102.60

	Income	Expenditure	
AGM			£0.00
CUK Annual Subscription Allocation	£250.00		£250.00

Website Fees			£0.00
			£0.00
Totals	£250.00	£0.00	£250.00

Approximate Club Account Year End Values			
Year	Total of monies in the Bank & Cash	Surplus Deficit	HQ Contribution
Oct-25	£2,602.74	£251.81	£250.00
2025	£2,350.93	-£422.58	£0.00
2024	£2,773.00	-£87.00	£0.00
2023	£2,860.00	£274.00	£0.00
2022	£2,586.00	-£88.00	£0.00
2021	£2,674.00	-£10.00	£0.00
2020	£2,684.00	-£240.00	£0.00
2019	£2,924.00	£484.00	£0.00
2018	£2,440.00	£380.00	£200.00
2017	£2,060.00	£229.00	£200.00
2016	£1,831.00	£25.00	£200.00
2015	£1,806.00		£200.00

Approximate Club Account Year End Values



Eden Valley Cycling UK TriVets Ride (2nd July 2025)

Final Accounts

Income			
	Entries	Fee	
Entries 24-25	11	£15.00	£165.00
Entries 25-26	40	£15.00	£600.00
With over payments	3	£18.00	£54.00
Late BACs	1	£15.00	£15.00
Cash (on the day)	4	£15.00	£60.00
	59		£0.00
Refreshment Payment (TS)	1	£10.00	£10.00
			£0.00
Badges and Date Bars	1	£49.50	£49.50
Total Income			£953.50

Expenditure			
Village Hall (7:00 to 19:00)	1	£150.00	£150.00
Tray Bakes & Flapjacks	1	£70.00	£70.00
Quaker House	1	£280.00	£280.00
Port Carlisle	1	£25.00	£25.00
Misc Refreshments	1	£45.59	£45.59
Custards	1	£5.00	£5.00
Soup & Crumble	2	£10.00	£20.00
Refunds			£0.00
Entries BH & CJ	1	£5.00	£5.00
BH & CJ over payments	2	£3.00	£6.00
Steve Donson	1	£3.00	£3.00
			£0.00
Entry Cecilia Emery	1	£15.00	£15.00
Refreshment Refund (TS)	1	£10.00	£10.00
Donation to Cycling UK for Badges & Date Bars	1	£42.54	£42.54
Postage for sending out Badges & Date Bars	1	£6.96	£6.96
Total Expenditure			£684.09

Event Surplus / Deficit	£269.41
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Effective Cost per Entry	£11.79
4 members who entered but worked on the day or provided soup I feel should have be refunded.	£60.00
18 members provided soups or crumbles but only 2 accepted payment. Assuming all accepted a payment of £10	£160.00
Club members have effectively subsidised the event by.	£220.00
Effective surplus if event not subsidised by members	£49.41

Additional notes.

The RBS account only requires one signature to authorise transactions; this is not what we understood when opening this account. We will therefore only keep a small amount of funds in this account; the Cumberland BS will remain as our main account.

We need to review the signatories with access to the RBS account.

Runs Co-ordinator's Report (Mike):

First, the good news and where things are going well. If you look back over our recent activities you can see that there have been some great days out, especially for those who have led and attended the longer rides. For instance, 6 rides in August which were all over 50 miles long, all attracted between 9 and 14 riders. This year has produced a regular group of keen riders, and I will come back to this point later.

The other good news is that café stops have been very well attended and provide members with a great opportunity to socialise. One August café stop attracted 21 members! These have been very popular with those who prefer to cycle from home, for members who enjoy cycling shorter distances and for older members who just want to keep going!

This shows that in someways the club is thriving and providing members with the activities they want.

Now the not so good news! We have had only 18 ride leaders from January this year and most of these rides have been offered by only half-a-dozen stalwarts. A big thank you to them. We have also had very few grade 2 rides, although some very successful ones have linked with the café stop – 13 members cycling together to the Mosedale Meeting House for instance.

Another difficulty, which I'm certainly aware of and I suspect many of you are too, is that our website projection of the Runs List always looks incredibly thin. This is the first thing a prospective member might look at. It's not a good look, nor is it a true picture of the good things that we do.

So, what are the ways forward? First, I'm going to put myself in the firing line here! I am rarely out on the longer rides these days. I feel it would be better if some of the newer members from the regular group I have mentioned above would come forward onto the committee and perhaps volunteer for this job. They are in a better position to cajole other members of this group to become leaders and to put on rides.

Secondly, we have had two very helpful ideas put forward by two of our most long-serving leaders (Ian Ludlam and Ernest Philips). One suggestion was that we had a fixed rotation of starting points spread across our catchment area and we nominated a named leader for that date to plan an appropriate route. We have looked at the practicalities of this but when we realised that we only have 18 leaders who have offered rides this year and only a hard core of perhaps six, it was obvious that this was a very big ask.

Another suggestion was that we provide a list of specific routes of about 30 miles that link up with the day's café stop. The routes would have a GPX file. I have provided a mock up for this November's Sundays to look at. These would be self-led informal rides. We wrote to Cycling UK to see what they thought of this proposal. The Senior Engagement Officer (a very efficient lady) replied that "you are welcome to publish suggested routes on your runs list, but we recommend clearly labelling these as "informal, self-led rides" and noting that they are not official group rides. This helps avoid any confusion about insurance coverage and responsibilities." But at this stage I can still think of a few ways we could improve the idea such as trialling it with Wednesdays instead of Sundays. Finding a suitable method to flag up members intention to ride is another issue. The committee is actively discussing our safe riding codes, and we are aware of the need to clarify our Documents page so all in all I would rather delay our implementation of any new scheme until we have a new committee up and running. (The key issue I guess at this AGM), but this scheme does help to partially address our empty Runs List on the website AND it partly addresses the lack of grade 2 rides. I would welcome your thoughts to aid the new committee.

Additional notes.

This topic prompted a lot of discussion, to highlight a few of the points.
(In no particular order).

Self-led ride guests unless they are already members of Cycling UK or another similar association would be uninsured?

Guests could not see who to contact if they wanted to join the self-led rides?

The use of risk assessments and dynamic risk assessments on the rides?

How do we make sure the ride takes place in a safe manor with no ride leader?

In case of emergency contacts (ICE), who will keep them, and if you provide to everybody what does that mean for data protection?

As a club we have a several ride leaders registered (39) but relatively few lead rides (18 this year but in the main 6 who provide the majority of all led rides), what are the reasons for this?

Can we link more rides together, for example 2 and 3 rides all stop at the suggested cafe stop – could be a problem if there was a very large turnout?

Should Cafe stops be adjusted for greater variety and further afield than the current list which is mostly centred around Penrith?

Our riding standards are not always the best when we are in a large group, for example singling out to allow traffic to pass, splitting into smaller groups to present an easier overtake for cars?

Include more photo updates on the website to better show the amount of activity in the club.

Currently they tend to appear on the WhatsApp group which is available only to members.

We did go off topic with some of these, but they are all fair points, so I include them all here for further discussion.

Runs registration officer report (CJ)

ATTENDANCE FIGURES and STATISTICS : EV CUK AGM – 25 th Oct 2025

Summary of performance From 1 st October 2024 to 30 th September 2025

Active Members = **66** (Members who attended at least 1 ride)
 Total Attendance = **1431** (Ride outings achieved by all members and all guests)
 Rides Ridden = **205** (Cat C = 114, Cat 2 = 29, Cat 3 = 60, Off Road = 2)

Active membership (Number of EV members who rode at least one ride during the year)

Table 1 – Active EV members over past 10 years										
Year	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22	# 2023	23/24	24/25
Active Membership	81	90	96	86	73	19	61	62	58	66

Notes

- # From April to September 2023
- Cuk HQ listed EV Membership = 113 as of 8 th Sept 2025

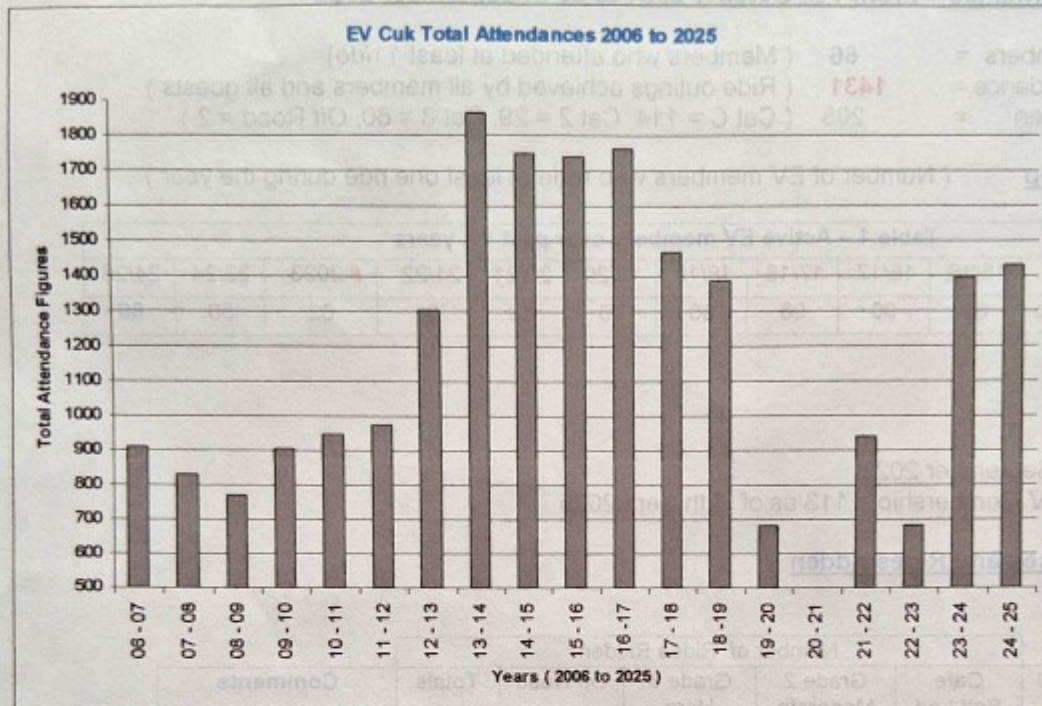
Overall Attendances and Rides ridden

Year	Total Att	Number of Rides Ridden					Comments
		Cafe Self Led	Grade 2 Moderate	Grade 3 Hard	Off Road	Totals	
14 – 15	1748	104	12	102	0	218	12 months
15 – 16	1741	105	33	82	0	220	October to September
16 – 17	1763	96	62	87	0	245	
17 – 18	1471	98	67	67	1	239	
18 – 19	1388	104	66	62	15	247	
19 – 20	682	46	32	32	4	110	Covid restrictions
20 – 21	57	7	2	8	0	17	
21 – 22	937	56	51	56	12	175	Cuk AGM changes
Apr/Sep 23	774	52	29	40	1	122	Apr 23 to Sept 23
23 - 24	1394	94	53	66	2	219	Oct 23 to Sept 24
24 – 25	1431	114	29	60	2	205	Oct 24 to Sept 25

Resume

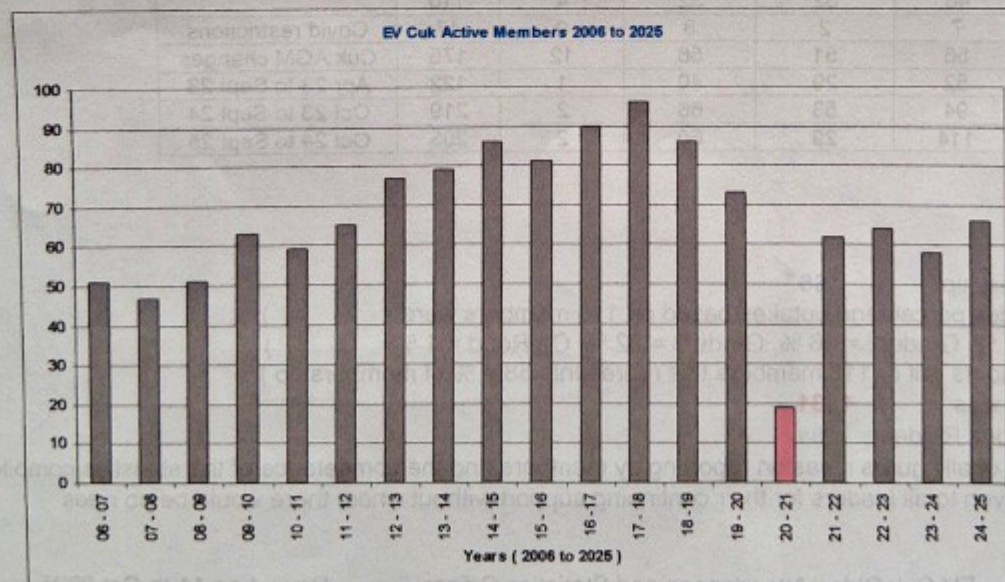
- Active membership : **66**
 (Ride Grades percentage uptakes based on 113 members were : -)
 (Café = 52 %, Grade 2 = 16 %, Grade 3 = 32 %, Off Road = 1 %)
 (With 66 riders out of 113 members this represents 58.4 % of membership)
- Total Attendances : **1431**
- Number of Rides Ridden : **205**
- The accuracy of all figures relies on reporting by members and the competence of the statistics compiler
- Thanks are given to all leaders for their continuing support without whom there would be no rides

Appendix 1 – Total Attendances 2006 to 2025



Note : Pandemic restrictions in force between 2020 and 2021 – Attendances only 57

Appendix 2 – Active Membership 2006 to 2024



Note : Pandemic restrictions in force between 2020 and 2021 – Only 19 Active Members

Webmaster's Report (Geoff)

1. New style blog instituted which is responsive i.e. formats for device.
2. I'm closing the webspace that I share with various other websites in the New Year so edenvalleycyc.org.uk will become edenvalleycyc.co.uk and the site will be converted to WordPress which means it will be easy to maintain and evolve without resort to coding and will be responsive (work seamlessly with different devices). How and what is included is a job for the committee to decide and I am happy to help in the decision making but want to step away from maintaining the site asap. The site is hosted with Hostinger who had a four-year deal so at the end of that time the price may increase but until 17th Feb 2029 its sorted!
3. The committee had mentioned the possibility of a bought in site and I am sure that would be a great improvement on what is at present a site that was initiated 20years ago (and it looks that way) and that I have simply maintained. I would just point out that if any changes are needed to a bought in site, they would be much slower if they had to be dealt with by a third party (cf CUK site) whereas a WordPress site could be maintained by a committee member or enthusiastic member of the group?
4. The WordPress site could easily incorporate a blog page (initially this was the idea of WordPress sites but they have become much more sophisticated) or if the committee wanted a really simple set up the Blog (Google Blog - free) that we use at present could be extended to include more pages.
5. I think the committee needs to decide which of these alternatives they favour and then spend some time sorting out the details of what they want on the site - let me know asap so that I can put up a redirect on the present site by say the beginning of December 2025 as the present site is due to lose hosting on 7Jan'26

Campaigns/Promotions Officer (Nigel):

- (After open discussion in the meeting particularly on paucity of '2 cycle' rides)
Commented on features when advocating to interested public riding with the club 1. 11s stops introduction of club activities and membership
- 2. Look at Club Website and Blog
- 3. Runs List - Ignore the blank spaces (especially of 2 cycle rides)
- 4. Explain history of 3 month printed Rides list / Covid and computerised list
- Reported additional comment on Rides List from conversation with the Club Secretary prior to commencement of the Meeting – that the List could be amended to entry of 2 and 3 Cycle Rides in the same column (reducing impact of blanks in the present discreet 2 cycle rides).
- Cumbria Bicycle Mayor: Referred to the continued operation of his Post

- A66 dualling: Reported history since the last AGM
 1. last minute objection with Court proceedings initiated.
 - 2, Government suspension of project for re-examination of funding.
 3. End of March 2025 the Government authorised project to be undertaken with completion thought to be scheduled for 2029.
- Appleby and Brough PAG (Place Action Group) organised by the Local Authority (Westmorland & Furness) – their object being to ‘work together for community improvements’.
 1. The Local Authority provided funding for projects. One of these was getting people (young and older) cycling.
 2. There were beginners’ riding sessions and bike maintenance sessions.
 3. ‘The Bike Inn’ running these events based in Appleby. One of these projects specifically referred to was ‘An Introduction to road riding’. For the Club it had been explained the sort of riding the Club provided (and that it did not undertake teaching cycling) which had been well received.
 4. Other projects that had been adopted were use of ‘Pump Tracks’ in Appleby and Brough, events promoted which appealed especially to the ‘young’.
- Sustrans: reported re-naming to ‘Walk Wheel Cycle Trust’.

Appointment of person to verify the accounts next year:

Gill Sharpe has kindly agreed to audit our accounts again next year.

Elections:

As agreed in the meeting the new committee going forward will be as follows: -

Chairman and Welfare Officer – Alison is standing down; David Fenna will take over.

Secretary – Nigel Patrickson

Registrations Officer – Geoff Anderson

Runs Coordinator – Mike Barron will continue but we require a replacement as Mike would like to stand down, any volunteers? Mike will gladly help with any handover. If you are interested in this role, contact any member of the committee.

Runs registration and data Officer – Chris Johnston

Treasurer – Tony Sharples

Promotions / Campaigns Officer – Nigel Longworth

Additional committee members – Rachel Wilson, Mike Korner, Bill Openshaw, Adella Smart (new).

Any Other Business

- Festive Lunch, Alison will contact the Roundthorn Country House to check on availability, more details to follow.
- Holiday 2026, last year's holiday did not prove to be as popular as hoped, we are considering the same location again this year, but maybe with more advanced notice so we have a greater chance of attracting more people.
- Challenge ride 2026, to be discussed when the new Committee meets, but perhaps we use a weekend date rather than a weekday to attract more riders?

Date and venue of 2026 meeting (unless changed Sat 17th October Langwathby Village Hall (If available)).