**CYCLING UK LINCOLNSHIRE**

**AGM 2025**

**VENUE: Fiskerton Village Hall: Sunday 6th of April 2025**

1. **INTRODUCTION**

Chair gave an update of events and cycling UK activities for 2024/2025. Welcomed everyone to Fiskerton Village Hall

 **2. FORMAL NOTICE OF THE MEETING**

Cycling UK Lincolnshire Annual General Meeting on 6th April 2025. 11.00am

1. **APPOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Lincoln: No apologies received: Louth: none received.

Gainsborough: Pete Allenby, Daniel Nicholson, Barry Markham and Dave Jacklyn

**4.** **MINUTES OF THE 2023/2024 MEETING**

Available via the Cycling UK Lincolnshire website.

Proposed: Melanie Carroll; Seconded: Mark Lilley

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing Arising.

1. **CHAIRPERSONS ANNUAL REPORT**

**CYCLING UK LINCOLNSHIRE CHAIR’S ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

Thanks to Andy Townhill for organising the AGM at the Village Hall in Fiskerton.

Cycling UK Lincolnshire’s annual Audax event the ‘Lincoln Imp’, took place on 27th

April 2024 which saw about 75 riders enjoy the hilly route providing valuable funds for the Member Group. Congratulations to Andy Townhill for organising the Audax ride and to his team of helpers. This year there’ll be the usual 100 km ‘Lincoln Imp’ and also a new 50 km ‘Mini Imp’ event.

In June 2024, Cycling UK Gainsborough under Trevor Halstead’s stewardship organised a number of events for Cycling UK’s Bike Week including a Charity Ride in aid of Lincolnshire and Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance. From sponsorship, donations and additional monies from selling donated cycles, a grand total of £2,520 was raised and presented to the charity at Saint Georges Hall in Gainsborough on 4th November 2024. Trevor Halstead started raising funds in 2000 and to date, £32,765 has been collected. Quite an achievement.

With regard to Campaigning, it’s once again been a busy year, Melanie Carroll attending and participating in a number of online discussions, forums, presentations and events. Melanie is a passionate campaigner and continues her volunteering across many positions including Cycling UK’s Cycle Advocacy Network and remains a Cycling UK Trustee. Melanie has also been promoting the Love to Ride App with data being used by Lincolnshire County Council and it’s good to know that LCC now have two active travel sustainability officers in post.

We look forward to a busy and successful year ahead across Lincolnshire, with a full programme of rides and events to include the Lincoln Imp and Mini Imp Audax events on Saturday 10th May and an organised ride as part of Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival on Saturday 31st May. Volunteers’ Week from 2nd to 8th June and Bike Week from 9th to 15th June are further highlights.

Cycling UK Lincolnshire welcomes current and would be volunteers and with invitations to this year’s AGM reaching 270 addresses, it’s hoped to gain valuable support for our future endeavours.

Cycling UK’s aim is to create a society where everyone sees the well-being, health and environmental benefits of cycling, even if they don’t cycle themselves and to make positive changes for cycling, for cyclists and for all potential cyclists. Indeed, later this month sees the launch of Cycling UK’s updated brand to better reflect who we are and what we stand for. The name won’t be changing, we’ll still be Cycling UK.

**7.** **SECRETARY’S ANNUAL REPORT**

As Tim alluded to in his report, we eagerly await the new Cycling UK national revamp including a new logo. In the last magazine while nothing was shown, apparently it went down well with focus groups.

In February, Cycling UK received £8.5 million from the UK Government to be spent on the Big Bike Revival (BBR) over the next 3 years.

With regards to the subject of funding, local campaigner Roy Redman is in the process of launching the King John Way in Lincolnshire, taking in historic sights with a route around the whole of the county based on the legend of King John and his lost treasure. There will be branches off the ride taking in historic sites for example the Civil War battlefields. He has worked very hard on this and asked Cycling UK National Office for funding but got turned down due to no money being available. He asked our local councils for support and funding but nothing forthcoming. Not surprising with local politician attitudes to Active Travel and it looks like getting much worse. I plan in any other business to hold a vote on Cycling UK Lincolnshire to give the sum of £100 in support of Roy’s hard work and dedication.

At present the Lincoln Imp Audax has nearly 60 entries and the Little Imp 3 entries.

Thanks to everyone who supported Cycling UK in 2024/2025 rides and activities and thank you for attending today’s AGM.

Registrations: Membership now stands at 377 members in Lincolnshire.

**8. TREASURER’S ANNUAL REPORT**

Bank balance £2,010. Proceeds from The Lincoln Imp and Mini Imp Audax to be added later but minus the AGM expenses and £100 donation to King John Way project. Mark to apply for the groups £250 allowance from Cycling UK.

Proposed: Andy Townhill; Seconded: Tim Newbery

1. **CAMPAIGN'S OFFICERS REPORT**

In truth at this time, Andy and Tim know as much or more than I do as they have both been

active in keeping the ear to the ground and watching out for issues as they arise.

I can say that there are 2 active travel sustainability officers Dom & Tom at Lincolnshire County Council, their emphasis at the minute is on Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP’s) but with a particular focus currently on Boston & East Lindsey (particularly Skegness and Mablethorpe) to prove the need for more and better cycle infrastructure. They are very much asking us to get people to use the Love to Ride App that allows route grading and also to pinpoint and report issues such as potholes, bad surfaces, dangerous junctions and anything else. I'm suggesting people cycle (or walk using the app) and mark where they want and need improvements to infrastructure in red and put down that they want to cycle it but can’t for whatever reason. The app is free and easy to use now. Please do encourage people to do this. This is going forward as key method they are using to get funding and to push things forward as it is provable data. The silent majority Strava users that want these things too cannot afford to be silent if we want to see change. Use the Love to Ride App.

There are of course going to be changes with the unitary authority when it happens. We

need to keep a watching eye on this ... we don't need NE Lincs infecting the

rest of Lincs with their particular stance on cycling in towns.

Spalding and Grantham cycle campaign groups remain active working on issues in their

areas, as do groups that are not always specifically cycle focused but rather about active

travel in Stamford, Louth, Sleaford, and Lincoln. True and sad to say most cycle plans

have been watered down or axed entirely after public consultations, but again part of that

is that the silent majority gift their desires to the vocal minority by being silent, and we

need to try to encourage our friends, families and networks to speak out and say they

would like safe infrastructure. On the plus there is talk of green lanes work still etc.

Sleaford are having an active travel day in May with a focus on cycling. South & East Lincs Climate Action Network (SELCAN) in Boston and East Lindsey are also looking to start a cycling and reusing old bikes project in May too.

Love to Ride has its bike months in May and June and Cycling UK will have its own Cycling Pedal for Your Medal in May. Funding has been approved for Cycling UK’s Big Bike Revival (BBR) and there will also likely be funding for community cycling clubs targeting areas of diversity and deprivation again. The focus is on getting people to cycle and keep it up. Activities are planned to help engage others with this and the more we can show cycling as active, involved and needed, the more chances and hope we have of reversing the negative political argument that Lincolnshire is a car necessary area that ignores the needs of a younger, older or those with health issues population for whom car driving isn't a possibility for them, along with the many who can't afford to own and run a car. We need to push and support these projects more.

Let's Move Lincolnshire would love it if we would put our rides on their website (via Playwaze), they want to support more cycling. Also, the active voice survey is up and it would be great to have the cycling voice represented by more than just me.

In Lincoln the news of the bridge that leads to the NCN1 being removed is deeply sad and

concerning. The way it came about even more so given the previous objections put in.

**10.** **AREA / ACTIVITY REPORTS**

**Lincoln:** Cycling UK Lincoln report.

Rides during 2024 were affected by the continuing heavy rain up until July. Thankfully the beginning part of 2025 has seen much dryer weather and hopefully long may it continue. Sadly, we have lost Bardney Heritage Centre a long-standing coffee stop for cyclists over the years. Best wishes to Barry on his retirement.

**Louth:**

**CYCLING UK LOUTH’S ANNUAL REPORT 2025**

It’s been another busy and rewarding 12 months for Cycling UK Louth with average numbers attending the rides typically four to six and on occasion we’ve had attendances of ten. In addition to the club stalwarts, we welcomed new member Ty Harness into our fold and we’ve also had some guest apparencies with Paul Reynolds more recently joining us on our Sunday and Wednesday rides. Great too to have had John Weeks and Mike Housley joining us on a number of our rides.

The club has two cups which we award annually and having had the ‘Effort Cup’ presented to Tim Newbery back in April (Tim’s been religiously polishing the cup ever since), we were delighted to award Paul Linder with the ‘John Ambler Louth Cup’ on 27th November at the Winter Rides meeting held in Louth. Great too to have had John Ambler available to present the cup. This award was in recognition for the resilience and great effort Paul has made in recovering from his injuries sustained in the Spring. Certainly a ‘Best Newcomer’ award having had to wait several months before joining us again in October. Special thanks to Steve and Kerry for the presentation of an expertly crafted ‘Temperature Blanket’ which was awarded to Tim.

Rides have included familiar destinations but we’ve also returned to those we haven’t been to for years along with some new venues. We’ll return to the likes of The Little Village Tea Shop at Saltfleetby and Annex Café at Market Rasen again. Thanks to Steve for suggesting lots of new venues and it’s good to try something different. Some venues have closed for good such as Claythorpe Water Mill.

In May we organised a ride as part of the Lincolnshire Wolds Outdoor Festival, promoting all that our organisation has to offer whilst on 15-16th of the month Tim, Steve, Paul, Martin and John rode to Beverley for a night away. The weather just about behaved. Steve enjoyed a challenging cycle holiday in Wales in the summer whilst John chose a diagonal route from Chepstow to Holyhead. Tim meanwhile chose the flat Zuiderzee Route of the Netherlands for his cycle camping holiday but encountered very unseasonal mid-summer weather. Rob too had some mixed weather on his epic cycle camping ride to Sweeden. We were able to provide a contingent for the Blood Cancer Charity Ride in May and the DS Smith Charity Ride in September.

Tim Newbery and Rob Cook took part in Cycling UK Louth’s Spring Camp in Rutland whilst also enjoying cycle camping around Beccles for the Autumn Camp where we’d meet up with Alan and Barry Jepson. Rob would extend his travels into Essex eventually reaching Jaywick. A return to continue into Kent next year.

We look forward to more adventures in 2025 with a ride and overnight stop at Beverley in May and a ride and an overnight stop at Southwell in June. Cycling UK Louth’s Camps start off with a Spring edition to Rutland in April. A full and varied Sunday and Wednesday programme will also continue throughout.

**Gainsborough:** Rides every Sunday. A reasonable attendance with 9 or 10 on some occasions. Shorter and longer rides offered on most Sundays.

**11.** **ELECTION OF MEMBER GROUP COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**OBLIGATORY POSITIONS / ROLES**

**SECRETARY: Andrew Townhill**

Proposer: Melanie Carroll;Seconded: Trevor Halstead

**CHAIRPERSON: Tim Newbery**

Proposer: Melanie Carroll; Seconded: Barbara Boyd

**TREASURER: Mark Lilley**

Proposer: Melanie Carroll; Seconded: Tim Newbery

**SAFEGUARDING**: **Trevor Halstead and Daniel Nicholson**

Proposer: Andy Townhill; Seconded: Melanie Carroll

**OTHER ROLES:**

**REGISTRATIONS: Andy Townhill**

**PROMOTIONS:** **Tim Newbery**

**DIVERSITY AND INCLUSIONS OFFICER:**  **Tim Newbery**

**Hon. PRESIDENT: Trevor Halstead**

**(Invited by the Lincolnshire Committee)**

**HON AUDITOR: Jim Brennan**

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

Max 2 positions on the committee to represent the general membership: **Geoff Garner**

**Elected on block vote** Proposer: Melanie Carroll; Seconded: Ian Enright

**12. FUTURE EVENTS**

Most events on [www.cyclinguklincs.co.uk](http://www.cyclinguklincs.co.uk)

**AWARDS**

West Lincs. Trophy to be presented to Geoff Garner

BSA Merit Trophy: Ian Enright for his rides during the week and work with Development Plus and their Cycling UK affiliated Community Cycle Club.

Award from National Office presented by Trevor to Tim Newbery to recognise his hard work over the past 20 years - plus!

Photography Award: Presented to Trevor Halstead

**13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Vote on £100 to be donated to Roy Redman to promote the King John Way. Carried unanimously.

Trevor Halstead raised an issue with traffic lights. He had a ride in Gainsborough and had a word with a traffic engineer working on some new traffic lights. He asked about lights not acknowledging cyclists. The sensors are not designed for cycles in some cases but new sensors are coming out that do change for cyclists. Lights do talk to each other with appropriate technology. Toucan crossing at Skellingthorpe; can we have one at Odder?

Geoff Garner confirmed that the committee has 2 webcams for meetings, including its use at future AGM’s. Consent to use at an AGM carried by unanimous vote.

**14. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

Next committee meeting to be held later in 2025.