**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 wellbeing, 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.

Tim Newbery

Chair Cycling UK Lincolnshire