

Cycling UK AGM MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

With the general election out of the way, we're asking you to put your 'x's in boxes again – for Cycling UK this time

ur AGM takes place on 27 September, and this is your opportunity to get involved and help determine the direction of the charity. Your ballot papers, setting out the proposed resolutions, are included with this issue of Cycle, along with a booklet that goes into more detail.

This year we are proposing some changes to our governance structures that will help us attract the skills, experience and diversity of background we need on the board. These changes are the result of engagement with members, experts and the wider cycling community. They'll help us attract new people to cycling and to secure a sustainable future for Cycling UK.

"It's vital that Cycling UK has an effective, appropriate and agile system of governance in place to support the charity's work and enable the delivery of our new strategy," said chair of the board Janet Atherton. "This is why we're proposing some changes to our governance. As members, it's important that you engage with this process and help us shape the future of the charity by voting ahead of our AGM."

When we talked to Active Travel England commissioner Chris Boardman about the

challenges facing the board, he shared his support for the trustees' proposals on governance changes. "I know firsthand the difference having good advice and guidance can make to steering a business towards success," he said. "It's also important to ensure oversight is rich in diversity, to properly represent the communities we wish to serve, engage and represent.

"To get this balance is not easy, so it's important to ensure processes and procedures work for you not against you. I'm very supportive of the proposed amendments to Cycling UK's governance structure. They are very much in line with achieving your aims, delivering your new strategy, while remaining true to Cycling UK's values."

In addition to the governance proposals, there are also motions from the trustees to streamline decisions on membership pricing and to modernise the Articles to make them gender neutral. There are important motions from members, including the promotion of a network of routes accessible to all and improvements to our groups offering.

Please do get involved and vote – it's easy to do and full instructions can be found in your ballot papers. cyclinguk.org/agm-2024

Procedure

HOW TO REGISTER AND VOTE

Our AGM for 2024 will be held at 11am on Friday 27 September. The meeting will be online. To book your place, email us at AGM@cyclinguk.org by 9am on Friday 20 September, including your membership number. Further instructions will be provided prior to the meeting. You don't need to attend in order to vote. You can appoint a proxy to vote in your place, or you can vote by post or online; it only takes five minutes. Full details are in your papers.

Paperwork CHANGES EXPLAINED

As we're proposing some important changes to our governance in this year's AGM we are required to communicate these to you in full. We appreciate that this means a lot of paperwork - something which doesn't sit well with us for environmental reasons – but it is a legal requirement for us to print and post this to all members. The inserts set out these changes. explaining why we're proposing them and why we think they're necessary. There will also be an online Q&A or you can email queries to membership@ cyclinguk.org.