



Derby Cycling Group – Members Meeting

Tuesday 3rd Sept 2019 – 7:30pm @ The Tap Public House

Round the Table Introductions

1. **Present:** Mark Hicklin, Tony Roelich, Ian Dent, Dave Clasby, Ken Timmis, Cathy Tester, Tim Saul, Kim Plaskett, Patric Harting, Martin Aldred, Paul Taylor, Lucy Giuliano, Hardy Saleh, Lucy Care, David Shield
2. **Apologies:** none
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:** August Minutes approved.
4. **Actions from previous Meeting:** N/A

5. Membership

- **DCG Mission Statement & Objectives**

It is felt that an updated statement is required for the DCG website. An excellent second draft proposal or the text was produced by **Ken**. The final draft was discussed and a few edits were suggested. Any further suggestions or feedback should be sent to Ken before October meeting.

- **Free Membership system**

The topic of free membership was discussed as a potential way forward for 2020. Cycle Sheffield explained their success of this formula at the East Mids Cycle Forum (EMCF). The Facebook group could be used as official member numbers and members could sign up for an eMailing List for newsletters, events, etc.

Pros	Cons
Make membership easier (hence increase membership)	Lack of funds
Less Admin	Reliant on donations/crowdfunding
Grants may be available for funding?	Less 'official' membership numbers
Paying by cheques is 'outdated' / off-putting	Could not afford annual printed newsletter
Most of membership fee spent on annual newsletter	Not all members have email
DCG do not spend a lot of cash	Not all members are on Facebook

Overall it seems to be a more modern & simpler way of operating the group.

General consensus for this change at the meeting is positive.

- **Transforming the DCG into Charity status.**

Thanks to **ID** for an in depth look at this topic and circulating the information by email. There are many pros/cons for the change to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Charity status is used by other similar groups, however there are also many aren't charities. The DCG has operated for 40 years in the current set up and there is no immediate reason for change.

Recommendations were summed up as follows:

Currently get more feedback from other organisations who are charities.

Try to identify a lawyer who is keen to provide pro bono (free) advice and check paperwork.

Consider the CIO-Association model and ensure that it works with the planned fee free structure definition of member.

Create a template constitution (should be useful as an improved constitution even if we don't move forward with charity status).

Decide on timing of charity change and, if agreed, fee free structure change. Suggest doing fee free structure first (late 2019?). Then charity change at AGM 2020?

6. Newsletter

- An excellent draft Autumn Newsletter was presented by **Tim**.
- **MH** to email to members via Mailchimp
- Articles & suggestions are welcomed by all members for future newsletters
Contact: articles@derbycyclinggroup.org.uk

7. Events Diary

- **Cycle September** – hosted by Love to Ride <https://www.lovetoride.net/> register to record your rides for the chance to win a number of prizes. Events as follows:
- **Tues 3rd September – ‘Be Active in Derby’ – 11am – 3pm**
launch event for Cycle September to be held at the Spot
- **Tues 10th Sept - Cycle Republic Maintenance Class** – FREE - @ Cycle Republic shop
- **Weds 11th Sept – Sustrans Travel Advice Stall** – 101m - 2pm – Derby Council House
- **Mon 16th Sept – Air Quality Workshop** – Derby & Derbyshire
- **Weds 18th Sept – Derby Green Forum** – 6:30pm – Derby Council House
- **Thurs 19th Sept - Cycling in Derby: Where do we go from here?** – 7:30pm – Film & panel discussion - Uni of Derby Enterprise Centre, 67 Bridge Street, Derby, DE1 3LJ
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cycling-in-derby-where-do-we-go-from-here-tickets-69711620333>
- **Fri 20th Sept - Global Youth Strike 4 Climate** – 11am - Derby Council House
- **Tues 26th Sept - Cycle Republic Maintenance Class** – FREE - @ Cycle Republic shop
- **Tues 15th October – Active Travel Forum**
- All members are encouraged to make suggestions for suitable future events & lead the organisation of the event.

8. Campaigns & Strategy

- **Tandem Donation** – a long serving member has kindly offered to donate his tandem to DCG, the bike to be sold and proceeds to go to DCG. After discussion, it was agreed that if agreeable with the member, the bike could be sent to Derby BikeBack charity for a full-service replacing any parts required (tyres, chains, etc.). BikeBack then to sell the tandem & split any profits 50/50.
- **Derby Air Quality Proposal**
The Air Quality topic and its effect on Friar Gate & neighbouring streets is still on going.

- **A38 Improvements** – plans are continuing, with engagement for any non-motorised routes around the 3 roundabouts.
- **DCG Suggested Projects / Improvements**
<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/suggest-projects/>
A list of suggested improvements for the Derby cycle infrastructure is being compiled. This list includes anything from quick fixes, repeat problems, large projects etc. All DCG members are encouraged to add topics.

9. AOB

- **Derby City Cycle Maps** – to be discussed at the next meeting
- **Kedleston Road Housing proposals** – cycling improvements required for large housing project - to be discussed at the next meeting.
- **Derby Bike Shop Discounts** – listed on DCG website:
<https://derbycyclinggroup.org.uk/blog/become-a-member/>



Meeting Closed @ 09:30pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 1st October 2019 @ The Tap pub