



FLEET CYCLING

Annual Report 2017

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I Officer's Reports

I.1 Chair (Peter Narey)

This is my final report to the members for our 2017 AGM. I am sad that this is the case but our move to Worcestershire has meant that this had to be. I can only say that it has been very enjoyable to have been involved in the development of Fleet Cycling and I am grateful for the support I have enjoyed from the Committee.

As I have now been away from Hampshire for nearly six months I really cannot comment on what has been happening within our club but this is an apt opportunity to remind our membership of some of the work that makes it possible for people to turn up and enjoy riding with a very diverse group. The Committee work very hard to ensure that issues are dealt with in a professional manner. A lot goes on in the background to make sure that we comply with rules laid down by Cycling UK and that rides are run in an efficient manner. We should also give thanks to those members who put themselves forward as Ride Leaders. Without their willingness to create new routes and lead them we would really struggle.

Since moving to Worcester I have ridden with three different clubs and am obviously discovering new and challenging routes. I have to say that we as Fleet Cycling should be proud of what we offer in our variety and number of rides. We are ahead of what is on offer here, even though the clubs I have ridden with have been in existence for over a hundred years. Fleet Cycling has come a long way in a relatively short time.

Thanks for some great times and I wish you all the best for the future. I look forward to joining you on a ride when I am back in Hampshire visiting our families there.

I.2 Secretary (Colin Waters and Andrew Johnston)

Secretarial activities this year have been shared with Andrew Johnston and I am most thankful for his work as Secretary for most of the year. We have: -

- Annual submissions to Cycling UK (CUK);
- Liaising with the national CUK Member Group co-ordinator as required – passing on information and seeking policy advice as required;
- Contacting our regional National Councillors for advice or to pass on our views;
- Meeting with Managers for Everyone Active who manage Hart Leisure Centre;
- Maintaining Social Media feeds, etc. We would like to thank Andrew Perkins, joint webmaster with Colin Waters, undertaken the majority of the workload;
- Sending monthly Fleet Cycling Newsletters to members and others who have subscribed;

- Replying to enquiries from cyclists looking to join a local club and following up with them;
- Promoting Fleet Cycling and pedal2gether in Hart Leisure Centre and Pedal Heaven by stocking cards and flyers on their counters.
- Organising and minuting committee meetings - we have held 3 committee meetings since the last AGM.
- 5 CUK members attended the Semaine Federale in Mortagne-au-Perche, in Normandy from 30 July to 6 August 2017.
- Andrew Johnston participated in discussions in Hampshire with Cycling UK about the Big Bike Revival and the Women's Festival of Cycling. However, neither initiative coincided with the ongoing programme of Fleet Cycling although we retain an active interest and engagement with Hampshire Cycling UK groups and maintain good relationships with key staff at Cycling UK nationally.

Finally, we would like to thank the many members and committee colleagues who have given us support and help during the year.

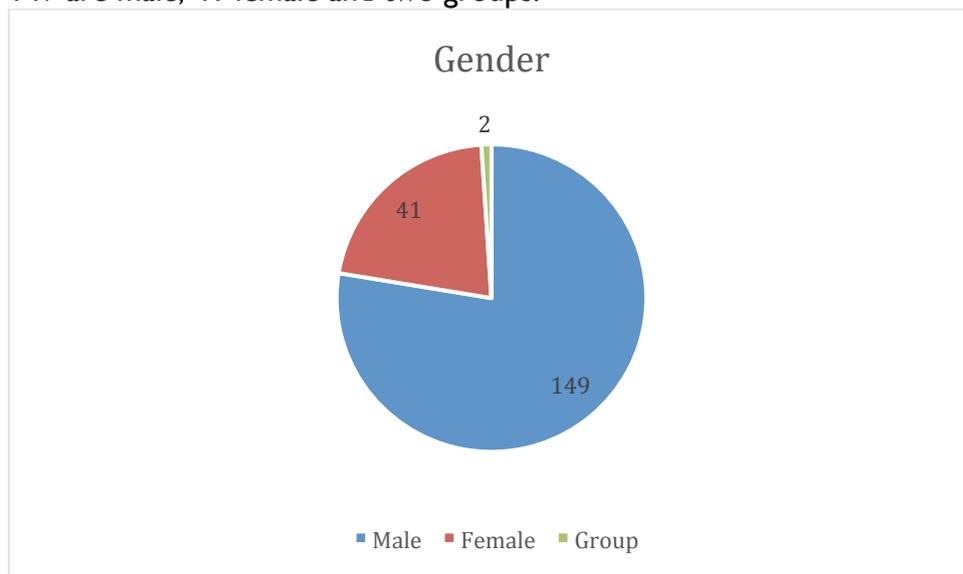
1.3 Registration Officer (Fiona Titcombe)

Registrations officer report – 28/10/2017

As of 6 October, we have 192 members, an increase of 11 members (6%) since last year. 25 members have joined this year, and 14 have left.

Gender

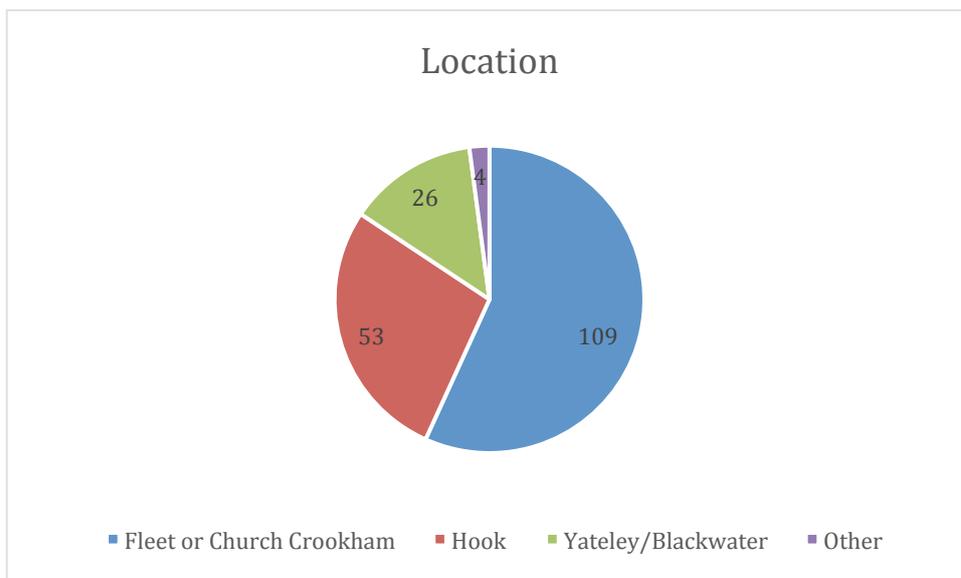
149 are male, 41 female and two groups.



Location

The majority of members 109 live in Fleet or Church Crookham 53 live in Hook, which includes Hartley Wintney and Odiham

26 live in Yateley and Blackwater



The number of subscribers to Fleet Cycling email newsletters, etc:

Total Mail Chimp subscribers	271	242
Twitter Followers	490	457
Facebook Closed Group, members	122	93

1.4 Treasurer (Graham Ellicott)

Balance Sheet at 30 September 2017 (provisional)

Monies at Bank £463 (includes late deposit of £200 from CUK)

Income and Expenditure 1 October 2016 to 30 September 2017 (provisional)

<i>Income</i>	
CUK	£200
Pedal2Gether	£25
Kit Sales	£735
Donations	£55
Total	£1015

<i>Expenditure</i>	
Website/email	£68
Bank Charges	£3
Purchase of club kit	£1470
Total	£1541

Surplus for Year

-£526

1.5 Promotion (Pauline Taylor)

Our Facebook page is a good communication tool, not only duplicating ride destination information from the website but providing a message board for last minute changes due to inclement weather and ride leader emergencies. It also provides a medium for members to share ride photos and other information. The latter promotes the club as a fun and friendly organisation.

The website continues to be a good form of publicity with details of the club, the rides and contacts. To my knowledge we have attracted a number of new riders recently, including some from out of our catchment area. In addition, it promotes rides by other cycling clubs in Fleet and surrounding area, this includes the unofficial “Jack’s Group” to which the former Ladies group have joined to offer a better choice of rides.

In September, we once again provided our support for the Fleet 20 charity bike ride with some members acting as marshals. This is good publicity for the club, but does not appear to encourage participants to join our regular rides.

Having received sponsorship from Everyone Active (Formally Hart Leisure Centre) we approached them with a view to being part of their opening ceremony but they declined this offer.

In previous years we have taken a stand at the Fleet Christmas Festival and also in the spring a stand in the shopping centre to promote the club, Despite a huge interest in what we do there was no conversion to new members - so it was decided against continuing with this promotion.

The club continues to run regular interesting and well run rides, but unfortunately there has been nothing out of the ordinary which could be reported in the local press.

1.6 Welfare (Graham Ellicott)

This is a formal role required by CUK HQ. There have been no issues this year that have required any formal welfare response.

2 Ride Secretary’s Report (Charles Herbert)

Fleet Cycling has continued to run rides from the New Hart Leisure Centre on every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, weather permitting which it almost invariably does.

There has also been a ladies ride on Friday morning organised by Linda Jeffs , but

there have not always been sufficient riders and they are therefore being discontinued. That decision was made easier because of the rides organised by Jack Watts on Fridays, which are well supported and have several regular lady riders.

There have been several away days rides that have started a little further away for a change of scenery; the New Forest, Surrey Hills, IoW and Whitchurch, so thank you to those who have planned them for us. Particular thanks to Sandra and Alan Holbrook who provided teas, coffee and cakes to the 18 riders for the New Forest ride at their home in Ringwood, raising £67 for Royal Bournemouth Hospital.

The number riding on the club rides has averaged about 10 with little variation between days of the week. The data is little sparse for greater accuracy particularly as riders join and leave rides at the coffee stops or at the Thursday pub lunches, which is good because it gives a better chance for members to select rides to fit their own preferences or the need to attend to other things that need to be done. These numbers do not include the shorter rides that Mick Ansty has lead on Thursdays during the summer and which Mick has promised to start again in the spring.

The club needs more of the regular riders to agree to lead rides. Our thanks are due to those who do and particularly to Nigel Hicks who often steps in as leader at late notice.

I have been greatly helped by Jim Mercer who draws up the Tuesday and Sunday schedules and to Andrew Perkins who runs the IT to bring the lists together

3 pedal2gether (Pauline Taylor)

As reported at the last AGM, the pedal2gether group was held in abeyance during the winter months following a irregular attendance during the Autumn. The committee then decided against restarting the group. I suspect that the younger riders moved to the new club in Fleet for cycle and race training which is probably more interesting to their age group.

4 Campaign Reports (Peter Merriman)

The Right to Ride team has not met this year, there seems little point in continuing to press local authorities at the present, as there is no money for anything other than emergency stuff. I expect we will still try and take an interest in new developments in the hope of influencing the quality of any cycle paths they may be intending to link into the existing networks.

We have had no contact from members raising issues so have no knowledge of any concerns they may have.

We will hopefully and positively look forward to better times.

Note – reports collated by Colin Waters, Secretary on 1st November 2017.