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Dear member,

Charitable Status, and Annual General Meeting

Our AGM is coming up on 4th November, and this year's meeting will be especially significant as a motion to consider conversion of the Campaign to a charity will be put. Please read on below, and please do come if you are able to. If you need printed copies of any of the documents on our website, please just get in touch and we can send these.

AGM: where and when, and our speaker: Rod King (20's Plenty For Us)

The Annual General Meeting of the Campaign will be held on Tuesday 4th November, 7.30pm for 8pm (ending 10 pm), at the Friends' Meeting House on Jesus Lane. Even if you have never been to a monthly meeting before, we do hope you might consider attending on this occasion: you will be made very welcome.

We are delighted that our speaker this year will be Rod King of 20's Plenty For Us (see www.20splentyforus.org.uk), campaigning for the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit on residential roads in the UK.

Charitable status

The key part of this year's AGM will be a vote on charitable status. As a result of changes in the law governing which organisations can become charities, the Campaign is now in a position to apply for charitable status. This could bring many benefits for our work to improve cycling.

In formal terms, this will require changing our Constitution to that more in line with what the Charity Commission expect. The Agenda attached sets out the formal motion.

The proposed **new Constitution** (on which members will be asked to vote), is on our website at www.camcycle.org.uk/about/charity/ together with some explanatory notes. We strongly urge members to consider this in advance of the meeting. If you don't have internet access, please leave a message on 01223 690718 and we will post one to you.

There was discussion of the draft constitution at the October monthly meeting, which we hope will have ironed any outstanding issues.

Motions or amendments to any motion on the agenda **MUST** be submitted by 31st October at the absolute latest. We would also welcome submission of questions regarding charitable status by this date, so that the meeting can be run as efficiently as possible.

Elections – have you thought about standing for the Committee?

The AGM is the time at which a new Committee is elected. The Committee represent the 'front line' of the Campaign and assist with consultation responses, attend meetings, administer aspects of the Campaign, all depending on their time available, on your behalf. It is an excellent opportunity to help make a real difference to cycling in Cambridge.

The posts are: Co-ordinator, Liaison Officer, Membership Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Treasurer, Events Officer, Recruitment Officer, Press Officer, and Five Officers Without Portfolio. Although it would be helpful to know in advance of people intending to stand, nominations can be accepted up to the election at the AGM. We remain particularly keen to step up media operations and enhance our events programme – are these areas you could help with?

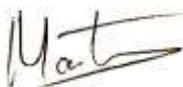
Should the Charitable Status motion be passed there will also be elections for the new Charity Officer positions of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, to take effect only if our application is successful. All posts would become Trustees, and advice is available on our website about this, at:
www.camcycle.org.uk/about/charity/ .

You may also be interested to read the article published in Newsletter 49: 'Behind the scenes of the Campaign', also available online at:
www.camcycle.org.uk/newsletters/49/article20.html .

While writing ... can you help with the Newsletter design / page layout?

We are need of more page layout specialists to help with the Newsletter. Please do get in touch if you may be able to help with what is our most important regular publication and would like more information about what is involved.

Yours sincerely,
on behalf of Cambridge Cycling Campaign,



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