**CYCLING UK EAST MIDLANDS REGION**

**ANNUAL REGIONAL MEETING – 29TH APRIL 2023**

**SWAN IN THE RUSHES, LOUGHBOROUGH**

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

I'm sorry to not be with you today in person but age has caught up with me. My mobility problems have meant that I'm joining you via Zoom.

Welcome everybody to the Annual General Meeting held today at the Swan in the Rushes, Loughborough.

I'm particularly grateful to Tim, our secretary, for setting up today's AGM and the other numerous committee meetings.

Years ago, there were a number of CTC regional committees. However, one by one they dwindled down to the East Midlands being the only one. We owe John Allen thanks for his persistence in keeping the East Midlands Region going.

The committee initially met in Nottingham in a pub after enjoying a pub lunch. However, it was concluded that we should try having meetings in Loughborough which gave easier access. The Swan in the Rushes has served us well but I'm open to other venue suggestions. Somewhere locally with car parking would be ideal.

# My thanks go to Ian Hill for organising the Cycling UK East Midlands Audax events and John Catt for arranging the annual Mince Pie Run which raises a considerable amount for the local Rainbows Hospice for Children and Young People

I am mindful that our secretary Tim, who does a fantastic job, travels nearly a 200 mile round trip to attend our meetings. Under these circumstances I would ask the committee to consider only holding the AGM at The Swan in the Rushes and committee meetings by Zoom.

Ray Clay

Chairman