Annual Report of the Directors OSMUK CIC for Year Ending March 31 2018

Our first year has been one mainly focussed on internal organisation, creating everything from new. This has included opening a bank account, a Paypal account, selecting and installing an online registration system for acquiring and managing members, selecting and using Loomio as our online discussion tool, and creating a website. We have continued to use Loomio as a discussion forum for members and Directors. Our first year has also been a learning curve for the Directors in how to manage the Company's affairs and organise Board meetings.

Our registration as the official UK chapter of the OpenStreetMap Foundation was approved and 3 of our Directors received the Approval Certificate at the annual global OpenStreetMap conference 2017 in Japan. Subsequently we appointed one of our Directors Rob Nickerson to represent us on the OSMF Advisory Board. Our OSMF Local Chapter status means that the OSMF recognises us as the body to represent the interest of the local community within our geographic area. It gives us a voice and ensures that our community is heard on a global scale.

We have been active in furthering the interests of members in the following ways:

1.Holding a face to face members' workshop in Birmingham to discuss which activities should take priority.
2.Purchasing a 360 degree camera for surveying which is available to members for hire
3. Continuing to organise Quarterly Projects in which all members can contribute to improving UK data

We have been active in furthering the availability of suitable Open Data in the following ways:
1. Submitting a response to the newly-created Geospatial Commission's requests for comments
2. Working with Emuanalytics to align licences to ensure that their Building Heights dataset was suitable for inclusion in OpenStreetMap.
3. Gaining recognition from Highways England alongside satnav companies for release of data. This has still to produce results
4. Discussions are ongoing with a number of sources for data.
The company's stakeholders are volunteer mappers who have a registered username with OpenStreetMap and either contribute to or are interested in the data for the UK in OpenStreetMap, or are organisations who support the aims of the company.

1. A workshop was held in Birmingham on 4th March 2017 to discuss the priorities for the company's activities for the coming year. It was attended by 9 members. The top 3 priorities were:

Welsh/UK rendering (6 votes)

Notes photo app (5 votes)

Case studies (5 votes)

Welsh rendering was taken up separately by a project from ODI Cardiff and Satori Labs and can be seen at http://cardiff.theodi.org/2018/01/26/map-i-gymru-adeiladu-map-agored-yn-gymraeg/
We participated in the preparation of bid for a grant and one of the Directors (Rob Nickerson) provided advice during the project (e.g. guidance on data compatibility with OSM, use of OverPass API to extract data).

UK rendering failed to attract sufficient technical interest and was postponed.

The Notes photo app has progressed slowly and we now have a wireframe/site map of how the screens could be laid out and connect together which is available for members' comments.

4 case studies have been published, written jointly with the relevant user: Cambridge University, Megalithic Portal, Bexhill OpenStreetMap and CycleStreets

2. An online discussion forum is in continuous session at https://www.loomio.org/g/M3fz1PkQ/openstreetmap-uk.

3.Website & email newsletter(newsletter goes out roughly monthly): where we share news with the community. The website gives an online presence which increases our networking capability and gives our members a greater voice. We have started to receive leads from this activity and are following these up to maximise benefit to the community.

We have purchased a 360degree camera for assistance in surveying and made it available to members for hire. This benefits members in giving them access to technology they might not be able to purchase

We have organised Quarterly Projects to focus on improving map data, and encouraging members to work together and share information.

We have submitted documentary input to the Geospatial Commission, and one of our Directors (Greg Marler) attended one of the regional workshops organised by the Commission to put our case forward.

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