

Chester Cycling Campaign Meeting

Custom House Pub – 9th April 2010

Present Craig Steeland (Chair for the meeting), David Robinson (Minutes Secretary for the meeting), Mike King, Peter Williams, Tom Walker, Andrew Burwood, Ross Adams, Alex Ford, Malcolm Russell, Geoff Brandt, Simon Brown, Mary Gillie.

1. **Apologies** Anne Peak, Glennys Hammond, Bethan Vaughan
2. **Minutes of Meeting 3rd March 2010** accepted as a true and correct record.
3. **Matters Arising**
 - Simon still awaiting invitation to CWAC regulatory services board from Cllr Jill Houlbrook.
 - Simon to formulate message to campaign members re discounted CTC membership through our affiliation.
 - The 'Vote Bike' manifesto had been circulated to local candidates.
 - It was noted that CNWCTC had an excellent and comprehensive list of cycle friendly cafes on their website and it seemed sensible that a link from the campaign site to this would be sensible.
4. **Bike Club (Ross Adams)** Ross employed by CTC as part of a UK Youth and Continyou consortium, funded by Cycling England is attached to Southport and Chester . His brief is to promote cycling in the 10 to 20 age range. Ross invited campaign members to the launch of Bike Club in Chester which will be held at the County Officers Sport Club (Upton) on 30th April from 10am to 12pm.

Action –

 - distribute invite to event to members and post on website
 - Ross to provide copy on Bike Club to Craig (for the website) and to Mary (for the Newsletter)
5. **A540** A report was given on the recent (17/03/10) successful meeting held at the Eureka cafe that was attended by Cllr Neil Ritchie (Exec Member for Environment), Richard Nickson (CwaC Highways senior officer) and a large number of cyclists. There seemed to be little movement on possible speed limit changes and significant structural changes to the highway. Five action points were agreed the main one of which was the shared use of footways north and south of Two Mills. Malcolm reported that 35% of the accidents in this area in the last 5 years had involved cyclists.

Action

 - A540 action group (led by Malcolm, Peter and Jeff) be thanked
 - The group should negotiate regular progress meetings with CWAC and early contact with the new exec member for the environment. (name to be agreed at annual council 13th May)
 - Mary to contact Cycling England (specifically Phillip Darnton – chair) re funding for A540 project and other projects
 - Campaign members to use CWAC fault reporting tool to highlight the overgrown footway to the north side of A540 between Badgers Rake Lane and Two Mills that could be easily turned into a shared cycleway.
6. **Website** Craig reported the campaign's first on line membership payment and the three to four contacts he deals with each week.

Action

- Malcolm agreed to supply Craig with a synopsis of the A540 issue for the website and questions for an on line poll.
7. **CDT Steering Group** – little directly to report as due to communication failures no members of the campaign were able to attend the Feb meeting. David R reported that he had attended a meeting with Phillip Darnton (Chair Cycling England) on 23rd March on his tour of CDT towns. Clearly he was keen to praise the success of the first five towns and said he was happy to receive direct communications from campaign groups.
Action suggested agenda items for next steering group (20th April) to include information dissemination and Curzon Park bridge progress and community involvement.
 8. **Portsmouth Cyclenation Conference** no campaign members available to attend.
 9. **Bike Week Ideas** Following debate it was felt that City Centre permeability was the big issue and that activity be targeted at this.
Action Detailed ideas for the May meeting
 10. **Cycle Parking** Whilst welcoming the CWAC initiative of promoting free bike racks it was disappointing that the campaign had not been consulted, particularly after the extensive cycle parking audit completed last year. Nevertheless the campaign agreed to distribute promotional leaflets.
 11. **Sponsorship.** Following a discussion on sponsorship of campaign activities it was agreed that generally commercial logos were not appropriate for campaign material. A local company had kindly paid for for the printing of the campaign newsletter to the value of £250. Use of the company's name in the newsletter's imprint was discussed.
Action Andrew B to discuss with the company future support following the end of the present funding and report back.
 12. **Request for Publicity** following a cyclist being attacked by a motorist on the A41, and the subsequent conviction of the motorist, a request has been made for campaign to give the incident some press publicity. The campaign supported this action.
Action Simon agreed to submit a press release.
 13. **AOB** Tom raised representations that had been made to him concerning the poor muddy condition of NCN56 on its descent from the Zoo to the Caughall canal bridge.
Action David R to pass on E mail of Anna Geroni who would know who is responsible for this section.