

Chester Cycling Campaign Meeting

Custom House Pub - 2nd June 2010

Present - Alexander Ford AF (minutes secretary), David Robinson DR (chair), Tom Walker TW, Craig Steeland CS, Heather Lannin HL (new member), Bethan Vaughan BV(Cycle Chester), Gemma Easter GA (Chester Renaissance)

1. **Apologies** - Peter Black, Mary Gillie, Andy Burwood
2. **Minutes of Meeting 5th May 2010** - Accepted as a true and correct record. Craig to put on website.

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.
- Mary to initiate a Freedom of Information request regarding the paving of the canal towpath if she continues to receive no response from the council.
- Craig to obtain copy of Chester Cycle Masterplan and upload it to the Campaign website.- Delayed as CWAC Executive is yet to rectify the Chester Cycle Plan.

4. Cycle Chester

DR welcomed BV to our meeting; her visit was in direct response to the Campaign's concerns that CDT were not communicating all their cycling actions/plans to the Campaign. Which were raised at the recent CDT Steering group CWAC meeting .The campaign also voiced its increasing frustration, in discovering new initiatives developed by CDT via third party reports?

BV acknowledged that efforts would be made to keep the campaign abreast with developments in CDT. BV then followed on with a current report of cycling activities:-

Deva Link -Sustrans route

This project is now complete and an official opening would take place in the following week. BV inquired if any CCC members would like to be included in a Press photo shoot?

Curzon Park -Bridge

The consultation workshop was a successful with over 300 members of public visiting. CDT is now in further negotiations with Curzon Park Golf club and Network Rail.

Dee Bridge

Selection for consultations had now closed; four companies had entered bids of which two had referenced in the CCC. Who ever gets selected will have the remit to research & design a suitable bridge and gauge community feedback.

Cycle Maps

BV announced that the CDT were in the final draft stages of producing 10 cycle maps based on a colour coded cycle way scheme. CCC members where startled with this revelation as this was the 1st time we had heard about such Maps?! DR welcomed the idea of the Maps but insisted that the Campaign must view the maps before full production.

Action - BV to email a couple of Maps to DR & AF.

Cycle Routes

Three Hundred coloured signs are to be placed across the city centre, marking out planned cycle routes. The delay has come from the Department of Transport as all new signs need approving.

Bike Week 19th -27th June

CDT has a raft of initiatives planned to celebrate National Bike Week

Corporate Challenge (Tuesday to Friday) a cycle competition between companies
Milkshake making Cycling
Tea & Toast dynamo Cycles -Make your own Tea and Toast by producing electricity
Mountain Bike Stunt Team

A BMX Track in the Amphitheatre
Scalelectric car racing
21st June Tour series
22nd June a Cycle festival

AF asked if CCC could have a stall on the Sunday?

Action BV will try to organise an appropriate location.

Bike Ability

708 primary school children trained up in cycling this cycling skills scheme

Bike for the Future 3

Life after the CDT project - new possible cycle funding from Cycling England

5. CCC -Cycle ride Leaflets

BV inquired if the Campaign would allow CDT the rights to reproduce and update our cycle ride leaflets? Attending members thought this was a good opportunity; however DR & AF thought it would be best to consult founder members on this proposal.

Action to consult with Simon Brown and others and if need be put any caveats on this offer?

6. Chester Renaissance - Business Quarter

GE explained that the Business Quarter framework Development document was currently still in the Draft Stages. Chester Renaissance had extended the deadline for comments to 18th June. DR would try to formulate a response to the development. GE would also consider comments submitted after this date if received.

Action - DR to response with a campaign letter to GE.

7. A540

Amendments' had been made to the Questionnaire but no further news as Peter Williams our lead was away from the meeting.

8. Chester Zoo

Grateful thanks were received from Chester Zoo in relation to our helpful input into their Green Travel plan. They kindly printed out some campaign leaflets free of charge.

9. Cycle Nation/CTC Conference

AF mentioned that this year's conference was being held up in Edinburgh on the 6th November 2010.

10. AOB

Chester World Development

DR welcomed new member Heather Lannin. HL explained briefly the aims of Chester World Development and offered limited assistance to the campaign.

Next Meeting: 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 7th July 2010 at the Custom House Pub