

Chester Cycling Campaign

Minutes of Meeting Held on 6th September 2017 at the Custom House Pub

Present:

Stephen Perry (SP) Chair, Cathey Harrington (CH), John Holiday (JH), Craig Steeland (CS), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Sue Steeland (SS), Simon Brown (SB)

Apologies: Monica Robinson (MR), Peter Williams (PW), Ken Thomas (KT), Jayne Rodgers (JR), John Spain (JS), Helen Pulford (HP), Trevor Jenkins (TJ), Helen Southall (HS)

1. **Minutes of August 2017 meeting** – agreed as a correct record
2. **Matters Arising**

CWaC Cycling Strategy – CH - When searching on the website the Cycling Strategy was not available in the strategy section and CH has emailed the Council to request it be added.

Hoole Bridge Petition – CH has emailed Adam Dandy as agreed.

Ferry Lane Speed Restriction Issue – JH has raised this issue with the Councillor and Flintshire Highways. Christine Jones (Sealand Councillor) visited the site and unfortunately was verbally abused by a cyclist on the bridge and she requested that JH raise this issue with the Campaign.

Actions: JH will go back to Flintshire Highways to return to the speed/ safety issue on Ferry Lane. He will also inform them that the Campaign will put information about 'share with care' and giving way to pedestrians on our website and ask Flintshire to clarify their approach to anti social behaviour by certain cyclists.

CS will add information on website as above.

Chester Sustainability Forum (CSF) – SB updated the meeting about the CSF. The next meeting is to take place on 28/09/17 and the topic will be Air Quality. Martin Doyle, Lead Environmental Protection Officer from CWaC will be making a presentation. The CSF will keep a shared calendar of relevant events for all participants. This calendar will be made public to view and representatives from the CSF will be able to add events. For the next CSF meeting on 28/09/17 ideas from the Campaign to include measures to reduce volume of motor traffic and to encourage changes of use of modes of transport, to continue to support reduced speed limits. Other ideas to consider would be car free day and cycling 'superhighways'.

CS contacted two potential reps for the CSF as agreed at the last meeting. One has now withdrawn and SS was therefore appointed.

Actions: SS to attend CSF meeting on 28/09/17. SP will email Councillor Louise Gittins to ask about the Active Travel Forum and whether the Forum has an update for the CSF.

Crane Bank – the issue of cycling infrastructure along Crane Bank is ongoing - to create a riverside path to join up with the original path along the back of the new development being built by Watkins Jones. SP has attempted to contact Chester Renaissance but got no response. Unsure whether it still exists or has been subsumed into CH1Bid.

Action: To wait for TJ to update on his contact with the Canal and Rivers Trust. AW and KT to represent the Campaign at the next Garden Lane Community Meeting and to update on any response from Cllr Bob Rudd.

Wrexham Road development – Defer this item to next meeting so that TJ and MR can give update.

Cycle Parking Chester Station – The new cycle racks behind Costa Coffee at the station are not well used, whereas the car parks are full to capacity.

Action: SB will devise a leaflet to place under windscreen wipers of cars promoting cycling to the station and using the cycle racks; he will circulate proposed text. CH to add item in next newsletter raising awareness of the cycle parking.

Tube Map – HS has said the first draft of the tube map has been completed and will be available for students at this year's Freshers' Week. Bath has a similar map that has been used to highlight obstacles on cycle routes and those areas to be targeted for improvement action. Chester could do the same. Once the map has been launched at the University, it will be updated with further routes to cover the whole of Chester.

Bren Bikes will have a stall at Freshers' week and will run Dr Bike sessions for students.

New Funding – When SP reported a pothole to CWaC he was contacted by Helena Crawford from Highways dept who said that CWaC had received additional funding specifically for cycling.

Action: SP to contact Helena Crawford to obtain further details about this additional funding and how it can be used.

George St Bus Station – Awaiting update from TJ to see where this issue is up to with CWaC Highways. If there has been no progress then a photoshoot could be arranged with the press and Councillors to put pressure on the council in order to have the issue addressed.

Action: SP to email TJ to ask for update of progress.

Local Sustrans Action Group – There is a promotional event on the Greenway on 7th October and the Campaign could be represented.

Action: CS to contact Jayne Rodgers with offer of help and to take the Campaign's display stand to the event. JH to ask if any other help is needed.

AOB

Letter of the Month

September is the turn of PW. October will be SB.

Action: CS to email PW to remind him.

Café.Com in Hoole

CH reported that Cafe.com has suggested the Campaign could put a poster on their notice board.

Action: SB will create suitable poster and circulate for comments.

Stocks Lane

CH reported that residents of Stocks Lane have been notified that 20mph speed limit is to be introduced.

Action: CH will write letter to the council in support of the introduction.

Date of next meeting: 4th October 2017 at the Custom House pub on Watergate Street.