

Chester Cycling Campaign

Minutes of Meeting Held on 1st August 2018 018 at the Old Custom House Pub

Present: Craig Steeland (CS), Sue Steeland (SS), Simon Brown (SB) (Minutes), Arnold Wilkes (AW), John Holiday (JH), Monica Robinson (MR) (Chair), Stephen Perry, Peter Williams (PW) and Stephen Pemberton (SP) (Cycle N Cheshire) & Cathey Harrington(CH).

Apologies: Trevor Jenkins (TJ), Helen Pulford (HP), Carol Convey (CC), Ashley McCraight (AM), Jayne Rodgers (JR), Dave Parry

1. Minutes of July 2018 meeting:

Amend reference to “Paul Tudor?” as “relevant person in CWaC”. Also amend “New House Building Fund?” to “funds available from local planning approvals”. Otherwise agreed as a correct record.

Action: minutes to be posted on website (CS)

2. Matters Arising:

- **Family Cycle Rides** – CC reported setting up of new Twitter a/c @ChesterRides to help publicise Family Cycle Rides – she asked all those with Twitter accounts to follow and share posts. Next ride to take Saturday Aug 18th. Details on CCC website: <http://www.chestercyclecity.org/family-bike-rides/>
CC also reported that the website : <https://nextdoor.co.uk/> brought in 1 new person to join the last Family Cycle Ride on July 21st.

Action: SB to “follow” twitter account from Chester Cycle Campaign Twitter a/c and to share posts as appropriate (Also others who have access to CCC Twitter a/c to ensure this is carried out in timely fashion)

- **Rail & Ride maps** – JH reported that at a recent event at Chester Station celebrating 130 yrs. of Chester Stn. being in operation the Mid Cheshire Community rail Partnership were distributing cycle maps, along with their attractive free guide “Great Days Out on the Mid-Cheshire Line” which features all stations along the line to Manchester.
- **Monthly letter to the editor** – Mark Bayliss submitted letter for July. SS agreed to submit a letter for August. (Potentially in addition to Richard Barrett)

3. Active Travel Forum:

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting in June were eventually circulated to participants – the impression was from some that attended that they seemed a partial record and not including input from Campaign, even though more comprehensive mention was made of Sustrans input to meeting. It was noted that despite discussion of CWaC Cycling Strategy being discussed at meeting and a degree of consensus being reached about an update/revision being required it was not recorded in meeting minutes.

Following discussion and input from SP (from Cycle North Cheshire) it was agreed there was value in developing a common position from both Campaigns to the CWaC Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan. SP agreed to draft a position paper for discussion amongst Campaign activists before submission to CWaC.

Action: SP to draft initial ‘position paper’ & circulate to activists for discussion & amendment.

4. Sustainability Forum Cycling Subgroup

Concerns were expressed about the survey devised by the subgroup that had recently been circulated, in that it had some fundamental weaknesses. i.e. the sample it was circulated to, the phrasing of questions and the design of the questions. It was agreed that the Campaign members should make special effort to circulate the questionnaire to those that are known not to be confident or regular cyclists to ensure the points of view of those less confident are included.

Actions:

- > **SS** to feedback concerns to Colin Watson over survey design & circulation
- > **All** to ensure circulation to non-cyclists or infrequent cyclists with the encouragement to submit responses.
- > **SB** to include details in next CCC electronic newsletter.

5. Start Time for future meetings

Following a request that we consider bringing the start time of meetings forward it was agreed that it would be sensible to ask members for their preferences.

Action: SB to circulate a Doodle Poll in the next CCC electronic newsletter with the following options: 6, 6.30, 7 or 7.30 pm start for the 2 hour meeting.

6. Cycle Nation Membership

TJ had received a membership renewal from 'Cycle Nation' to which the Campaign had previously been a member. In view of a consensus that it was unclear how the Campaign benefited from the organisation and how the Campaign could usefully contribute to it or its activity together with the fact that CCC funds might need to be conserved in order to potentially contribute to the printing costs of the quarterly "Cycling Matters" in the event of no sponsorship being obtained for 2019 it was agreed not to renew membership of "Cycle Nation".

7. List of proposed cycling infrastructure proposals circulated by Chester Sustainability Forum Cycling Sub-Group.

SS requested that any comments or amendments to the previously circulated infrastructure list and map be submitted to her before 3rd September so that they could be input at the next sub-group meeting by her.

Actions:

>**All** to review list and maps at the links below:

Infrastructure Map : <http://www.chestercyclecity.org/chester-cycle-map-updated-25062018-1/>

Infrastructure List : <http://www.chestercyclecity.org/chester-cycling-strategy-list-05072018-2/>

>**SB** to include details in next CCC electronic newsletter.

8. Bulletin Circulation List

MR reported that she had edited and "cleaned" the circulation list for the Campaign electronic newsletters so that only existing full and life members were on list and would receive newsletters in future.

9. Dr Bike Session (Blacon)

AW reported that next Dr. Bike Session in Blacon would take place on 15th August at Old Library Building, Western Avenue, Blacon – details to be circulated on Chester Used furniture Enterprise Facebook page [@Chesterusedfurnitureenterprise](#)

Action: JH & AW to attend to assist **Dave Parry** (Campaign Member) previously from Bike Factory.

10. 20mph limits

CH reported that Cheshire Police CSO's had recently carried out a speed monitoring exercise on the Stock's Lane 20mph zone in Chester in response to residents' requests. Being an informal exercise, registration numbers of motorists exceeding

20mph limit were noted and would receive a letter informing that they broke the 20mph limit and should reduce their speed in future in 20mph zones. Internally the stats would be reviewed and a more formal speed monitoring exercise may be set up with sophisticated Digital Number Plate Recognition technology linked to speed monitoring equipment being used if it was discovered there were a significant number of speed infringements being recorded.

Action: **SB** to include details in next CCC electronic newsletter.

11. Cycle North Cheshire Newsletter

SP asked whether the Cycle Cheshire North Newsletter could be circulated to CCC members. It was suggested he circulate this via the activists' e-mail group for members to see.

Action: **SP** to circulate newsletter via e-mail list. **SB** to include details in next CCC electronic newsletter.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7.30pm at Custom House Pub meeting room.