

Chester Cycling Campaign

Minutes of Meeting Held on 6th June 2018 at the Old Custom House Pub

Present: Simon Brown (SB) (Chair), Arnold Wilkes (AW) John Spain (JS), John Holiday (JH), Monica Robinson (MR) (minutes), Carol Convey (CC) Ashley McCraight (AM)

Apologies: Trevor Jenkins (TJ), Sue Steeland (SS), Craig Steeland (CS) Ken Thomas (KT), Peter Williams (PW) Cathey Harrington(CH), Helen Pulford (HP) Stephen Perry (SP)

Ashley McCraight was welcomed as a new member.

1. **Minutes of May 2018 meeting:** agreed as a correct record.

Action: minutes to be posted on website (CS)

2. **Matters Arising:**

Active Travel Forum - Full report will be tabled at the July meeting. Brief summary from JH that it was a general introductory meeting with no clear strategies outlined.

Cycle Safety Course - there was no one present who had attended.

Family Cycle Rides – CC, MR and SP booked in to attend First Aid training run by Sustrans on 13 June. JS also hoped to attend. CC asked about the best way to publicise the rides when volunteer leaders fully trained. SB offered to help CC create an internet based booking form on Eventbrite.

Action: SB to liaise with Jayne Rodgers over dates for rides and any advertising required on Campaign's social media. SB and CC to set up Eventbrite form.

Report back on the **Bus Station/Gorse Stacks issue and the Dept for Transport Safety Review** were not discussed as members involved were not present.

Group emails – All agreed the new 'activists' email system is working very well. Thanks to CS for setting this up. AC asked to be added to the mailing list.

Action: CS

3. **Frodsham Marshes**

AM explained to the meeting that he was also an active member of the Cycle North Cheshire campaign group and gave a short summary of some of the current activities of the group. He distributed copies of a map of the Ince Marshes. The land over which the cycle routes are located is owned partly by Peel Holdings and partly by CWaC. Some improvements have been carried out by Peel (to a good standard) and barriers put in to dissuade motor vehicles, motorbikes etc, from getting through. Areas owned by the council have not yet been improved. Sections of National Cycle Route 5 are in poor condition and it was recommended that Sustrans be asked to get involved with seeking funding for that. AM also brought copies of detailed cycling maps of Frodsham and Helsby sponsored by the Town Councils.

AM highlighted CNC's campaign to identify and report potholes in an organised way. They survey a specific area, take photos and report each one via the CWaC website. In addition a member keeps a record of all reported potholes and the outcomes are monitored. He wondered if CCC would consider a similar approach. It was suggested that, for now, all members could be reminded to report potholes whenever possible.

Action: SB agreed to put something in our next Bulletin to members.

4. Rail Rides in Mid Cheshire

SB updated us on the Mid Cheshire rail/cycle rides. Funding has been confirmed and Sally Buttifant at CWaC will sort out the purchase order etc. The main obstacle has been that Sutton Silver who did all the artwork is no longer an approved contractor of the Authority. However, the leaflets should soon be available and will be distributed via Northern Rail.

5. Chicanes on the Greenway

Sustrans have put chicanes on the Greenway near Newton Primary school following complaints about speeding cyclists. They have agreed to monitor their effectiveness. Members have mixed views about this initiative.

6. A.O.B.

CC highlighted the danger of crossing Hoole Lane to join the canal towpath by the Spital Walk lock when travelling from Hoole. There is a blind corner and CC witnessed a near miss with oncoming traffic not seeing someone trying to turn right. It was suggested that the best way forward would be to raise the issue with local councillors.

Action – CC to contact Hoole Cllr Alex Black and MR to contact Martyn Delaney (Boughton).

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7.30pm.