

CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Minutes of Meeting held on 5th June 2019 at the Old Custom House Pub

Present: Simon Brown (SB) (Minutes), John Spain (JS), Craig Steeland (CS), Uwe Embshoff (UE), Stephen Perry (SP) - (Chair), Monica Robinson (MR), John Violet (JV), Ashley McCraight (AM), Steve Pemberton (SLP), John Holiday (JH), Peter Williams (PW), Cathey Harrington (CH), Jules Crane (JC), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Eileen Morgan,

Apologies: Sue Steeland, Helen Pulford (HP), Trevor Jenkins (TJ), Nora Braak (NB),

In attendance: Andrew Clague.

1. Minutes of May 2019 meeting

Agreed as a correct record.

Action: CS to post minutes on website (CS)

2. Matters Arising

a. **Letter of the Month** –

A letter was not written in May.

b. **Internal PR/Bulletin**–

SB prepared and sent the Bulletin to members.

c. **Greenway Cycle Festival – 12th May-**

Good event with interest in the Campaign stall – 1 new member gained + t-shirt sold..

Agreed that a news release would be prepared.

Action : SP to write news release about the event

d. **Sustainable Chester Fair (Grosvenor Park) – 15th June** – whilst there were not enough volunteers to have presence at a Cycle Campaign stand all day, it was agreed the Campaign would combine with the Transition Chester stand (organised by SB) which would also have material provided by Friends of the Millennium Greenway. Members of the Campaign were invited to attend during the day whenever they could.

Action: All invited to attend stall at a time they could manage.

e. **Picnic in the Park** – Countess of Chester Country Park – 3rd August – Whilst it was agreed this was not a priority event, SB could attend and if CH was available then the Campaign would present a publicity stand.

Action: SB to bring publicity materials and could provide a portable table if transport could be provided. KH?

f. **Shared Space: does it work?** *Site visit to Poynton, Thursday 23rd May.*

Attended by members of the Campaign. Interesting presentation about how the project was executed 5 years ago and how it was funded. Included a practical session of experiencing the junction where the project had been implemented. Issues around how suitable the highways works were for those with visual impairments due to lack of audible.

g. **Advanced Stoplines -Hinderton Rd/A540 junction.**

PW reported these have still not been reinstated following road works on the site. PW had been re-assured by Highways that the lines would be reinstated when a 'lines team' was in the area. PW has reported again on CWaC Highways reporting website.

h. **Family Bike Ride – 15/5/19**

No one came along to last ride – next ride 15/6/19 . Agreed that an approach to Newton School would be useful to promote rides.

3. New Crane Street, Shared Path, (off Sealand Road)

Whilst the pavement/shared use path had been prepared there was currently no signage or indication, despite local Councillor assuring the Campaign it would be happening..

4. Structure Chart – who’s who in CWaC

There was a discussion about who “owns” the document, having been compiled; and how it would be amended in the light of any updates or changes. It was agreed that it would be a public document with a disclaimer which pointed out the document was the Campaign’s understanding of relevant contacts in relation to cycling matters and would be amended in the light of new information being presented.

Action. CS to post on website, with a possibility of comments being invited.

5. Cycling Matters

CH reported that due to a mix-up at the printers, the Spring Issue had been re-printed rather the Summer issue. There are approx 1,000 surplus printed newsletters available. Suggested these be given out at the Sustainable Chester Fair if possible.

Action: CH to drop round surplus newsletters to SB for taking to Chester Sustainability Fair at Grosvenor Park.

6. Active Travel Forum – 5th June – Live.

Various CCC members attended the Forum.

Some useful presentations – including:

- *Cycling for All – Adapted Bikes project* – Live! New Scene. Cycles available were on view for people to see. Very much campaigning to get more people onto bikes, especially those with mobility problems.
- *Active Travel Transformation Project* – a Sustrans/CWaC initiative. (interestingly none of the Campaign had heard of this project being developed let alone being in place!) Ali Dore is the Project Coordinator for the Ellesmere Port Community Places Active Travel Community and Workplace Coordinator for Chester & Winsford. She described the project in both places and was keen to establish contacts in all the areas
- *Living Streets*–Katherine Holcroft from Living Streets gave a presentation about the organisation which began in 1929 as the ‘Pedestrians Society’ which was responsible, apparently, for the introduction of 30 mph limits in built up areas in the 30’s . Organisation is involved in areas where there is funding to support their work (Not in Chester!) and has resources available for Primary Schools (called little feet packs) to encourage active ways to get to school – cost £35 per school). A post primary school initiative is starting nationally in June 2019 focusing particularly on the primary/secondary transition phase. Again, the project will be active in those areas where funding is provided. Katherine lives in Parkgate so has a local interest, even if her organisation has no funding to operate in Cheshire West.
katherine.holcroft@livingstreets.org.uk

7. Upton Pavilion Annual Fun Day – Saturday September 14th 12:00 to 19:00

Request for volunteers who are able to staff some sort of cycling publicity at the event. Any Campaign members willing and available to assist should contact SS.

Action: All to contact SS if available to assist at event. .

8. CWaC Budget report to Executive -

CH noticed published capital budget projections for CWaC Executive which specified for 19/20 year £3.135 Million allocated for cycling, £0.1 Million for 20/21 and £0 for 21/22. Consensus at meeting that this was probably an allocation for consultants to consult on, progress and present

to CWaC a Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan and various other projects utilising consultants.

9. Tandem Rides for the Visually Impaired

JH passed on information about the organisation Vision Support who were looking for tandem riders who would be willing to volunteer to assist visually impaired people to try tandem riding and go for ongoing rides – Another organisation 'Charlotte's Tandems' would be loaning tandems for any volunteers to assist, alternatively tandem owners could use their own machine. Anybody interested to help should contact Gary Morgan in Vision Support's Chester Office.

10. Canal Towpath – Northgate Cut

It was reported that the Northgate Cut towpath along the Shropshire Union Canal was now open to cyclists and pedestrians, with vegetation having been cut back by CWaC.

11. Any Other Business

CS reported that the Email system which enabled the CCCActivists email needed renewal. Minimal cost of £8 for 12 months was agreed.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 3rd July 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old Custom House Pub meeting room.