

CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Minutes of Meeting held on 1st May 2019 at the Old Custom House Pub

Present: Craig Steeland (Chair), Uwe Embshoff (UE), Sue Steeland (SS), Stephen Perry (SP), Trevor Jenkins (TJ), John Violet (JV), Steve Pemberton (SLP), John Holiday (JH), Peter Williams (PW), Cathey Harrington (CH) (Minutes), Jules Crane(JC), Nora Braak (NB) *post-meeting note: Eileen Morgan (EM).*

Apologies: Simon Brown (SB), Helen Pulford (HP), John Spain (JS), Ashley McCraight (AM), Monica Robinson (MR), Arnold Wilkes (AW).

Jules and Nora were welcomed to the meeting and round the table introductions were made.

1. Minutes of April 2019 meeting

Agreed as a correct record.

Action: CS to post minutes on website.

2. Matters Arising

- a. **Letter of the Month** A letter was not written in April. May's letter writer is KT.

Action: KT

- b. **Pedal Smart Presentation** About 30 people attended the presentation on 16th April at Tennis Club on School Lane, Mickle Trafford. SB had put the details on the Campaign's Twitter and Facebook, SLP circulated the CNC group. It was agreed that Pedal Smart was useful and that there may be scope for it to be run again in Chester.

- c. **Internal PR** SB is currently working on the planned Bulletin and it will be sent out shortly.

Post-meeting note: the Bulletin was completed and emailed on 5th April.

- d. **Active Travel Forum** SP and SLP were confirmed as Campaign representatives to the ATF. PW will continue to attend as the representative for Ellesmere Port & Neston & the A540. SP emphasised that all were still welcome to attend ATF meetings. The next AFT meeting is on 5th June.

3. Forthcoming Events

- a. **Greenway Cycle Festival**, Sunday 12th May 2019, 12 - 4pm, New Scene Centre, Newton CH2 2HH (ie Lime Wood Fields). Organised by Paul Beaudoin (PB) of Live!
It is hoped that this will become an annual event, to be held on the 2nd Sunday of May each year.

Any activities have to be suitable for all abilities. Activities must be risk assessed.

If we join up with Sustrans to run activities, we can use their risk assessment tools.

SS is liaising with Alison ("Ali") Dore from Sustrans.

Participants must wear helmets - PB will supply them on the day.

SB, JH, AW & PW have volunteered to attend. UE's suggestion of CCC organising games for children such as cycling round cones, was accepted. JH uses similar activities in Bikeability training for children, so will run the activity. Table will be provided by Live!

Action: JH to provide cones, CH to provide copies of Cycling Matters!, SB to provide leaflets for the table. Contact SS with any queries.

- b. **Family Bike Rides** CCC & Sustrans are jointly running Family Bike Rides during spring & summer 2019, starting on 18th May. Details on CCC website.

- c. **Sustainable Chester Fair** Saturday 15th June, Grosvenor Park.

Action: Contact SS if you can help out.

d. **"Picnic in the Park", Chester Country Park, Saturday 3rd August from 11am - 3pm**

Family friendly event, organised by Friends of the Countess of Chester Country Park. SB has already volunteered. SP and CH will attend if available. AW will be at the event in his capacity as volunteer with the Friends, so may be too busy to be on the CCC stand.

Action: Contact SS if you can help out.

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

JH & AW are going. JH is happy to offer a lift.

Action: If you would like to go, register your interest on the website in JH's email of 21st April.

5. **Sharing information about Who's Who in CWAC**

As CCC doesn't have access to an organogram showing CWAC officers and their roles, it was agreed that we would try building our own version, to be held on the CCC website, so that it can be updated and accessed by everyone in CCC.

UE was thanked for starting such a document, showing names & job titles of council officers of interest to CCC.

Action: SLP and SP will add to UE's work. CS will post on the website. All: send any information about CWAC officers, their job titles and to whom they report, to CS.

6. **Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

CCC members have not heard of any progress being made. No official appointments to the Task and Finish Group have yet been made - CWAC are currently in the process of appointing. Even people who have been told that they will be appointed, haven't been given written confirmation yet.

Action: SP to chase up if it's looking as though we're being left behind!

7. **New Crane Street Shared Path – Update**

Andrew Coward, Principal Engineer, CWAC, confirmed to SP that the footpath alongside New Crane Street has now been designated a shared footpath/cycleway. Signage will be installed soon.

The wooden boardwalk has been resurfaced, making the surface non-slip again.

A tarmac path has been installed, providing a route which passes behind the new flats (the building is called Cestria II Quayside) between Dee Lock & The Cop.

Action: SP will thank Andrew Coward for completing this project.

8. **Advanced Stop Lines not being reinstated after resurfacing of Hinderton Rd/A540 junction.**

PW reported it as a Highways problem on CWAC website. He received an acknowledgment but has heard nothing further.

Action: PW to approach Ombudsman.

9. **Any Other Business**

It was noted that CWAC officers rarely reply to queries from CCC members. Officers' email footers encourage respondents not to contact them directly, but instead to respond via CWAC's call centres.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Date of next Meeting Wednesday 5th June 2019 at 7.30pm at the Old Custom House Pub meeting room.