

## **Chester Cycling Campaign**

### **Minutes of Meeting Held on 4th October 2017 at the Custom House Pub**

#### **Present:**

Simon Brown (SB), Monica Robinson (MR), Peter Williams (PW), Cathey Harrington (CH), Craig Steeland (CS), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Trevor Jenkins (TJ), Helen Southall (HS)

**Apologies:** Stephen Perry (SP), Ken Thomas (KT), John Holiday (JH), Jayne Rodgers (JR), John Spain (JS), Helen Pulford (HP), Sue Steeland (SS),

#### **1. Minutes of September 2017 meeting** – agreed as a correct record

Action : to be posted on website (CS)

#### **2. Matters Arising**

**CWaC Cycling Strategy** – CH reported that the Cycling Strategy was now listed on the Policies & Strategies section of the CWaC website

**Ferry Lane Speed Restriction Issue** – JH reported that Flintshire County Council will be signing the speed limit on Ferry Lane as 30 mph. Signing will take place probably next financial year.

**Chester Sustainability Forum (28/09/17) (CSF)** – SS attended the meeting as agreed on behalf of the Campaign. Meeting was attended by 30 people which consisted mostly of presentation on CWaC draft Lower Emission Strategy 2017 – 2020 which will shortly be presented for public consultation. Once presentation had finished CWaC officer left meeting. Many reps at meeting had comments to make about topic but was more a sharing of views and concerns that a mechanism to agree actions.

**Actions:** SS to attend CSF meeting on 23/11/17. SP to email Councillor Louise Gittins to ask about the Active Travel Forum and whether the Forum has an update for the CSF.

**Crane Bank Development** – CS & AW attended Garden Quarter meeting and had the floor for 5 mins. to present the issue. Meeting was broadly supportive of idea of shared use riverside access as an amenity for the area. TJ reported no progress to date with regard to various parties contacted regarding the issue (Canals & Rivers Trust, Watkins Jones (Developer), Environment Agency, CWaC)  
**Action:** To wait for TJ to update on his contact with the Canal and Rivers Trust.

**Cycle Parking Chester Station** – Leaflet prepared by SB & circulated to Campaign activists for comments. Leaflet now amended in light of comments and ready to be printed off.

**Action:** SB to print off leaflets and distribute on to cars parked on 2 car parks nearest station.

**New Funding** – SP reported that Helen Crawford was mistaken about new funding availability for cycling.

**George St Bus Station** – No apparent changes made to highway layouts for cyclists as yet. Meeting suggested that space be delineated on road by white line to denote cycle route as contra flow to traffic as per Garden Lane given this is a low cost action.

**Action:** All to monitor any developments on signage/road markings.

**Local Sustrans Action Group Event** – CS will be attending event on 07/10/17 with banner and campaign ride leaflets.

**Action:** CS to attend – SB to supply Campaign ride leaflets for event.

### **3. University Cycling related issues**

There was a full discussion related to the issues around presence of University in the city and its impact on parking and transport infrastructure. Much of the impact did not have a ready solution regarding the ability of the University to ameliorate, e.g., students were also private residents living in accommodation not under the control of the University and had a right to have a car to obtain work to support their studies. The impact related to the student numbers now at the University, which in turn directly related to the viability of the University to attract investment, research and ongoing attendance of students on a diversity of courses.

HS reported that the tube maps had been prepared and were due to be distributed to students during the “wellbeing Week” being held at the University in Mid October. The map will be available as a download on the University website once published.

HS reported that Bren Bikes now attend the Parkgate Road Campus on a regular basis offering low cost bikes and bike maintenance to students. Being a small organisation it has limited ability to extend this presence but there is scope for attending the Kingsway Campus in view of its proximity to the project.

The meeting congratulated and thanked HS for the progress she had made with regard to cycling initiatives at the University and how it valued her presence at Campaign meetings to facilitate further initiatives.

### **4. Memberships**

MR reported that there was a good response to the reminder messages for people to renew their Campaign memberships. It was noted that there was a large number of members who have no direct communication with the Campaign yet continue to support by being members. There was some discussion over whether some form of social activity e.g. a ride could be a way to establish better contact. No action on this was agreed at this stage.

### **5. Rail & Ride Leaflets**

SB reported that he had been contacted by Sally Buttifant of the Mid-Cheshire Line Community Rail partnership offering some funding for an update and reprint of the existing Rail & Ride leaflets including additional design costs. Storage was offered for the new batch of leaflets once printed.

Three members of the Campaign agreed to ride the routes and report back any changes or modifications needed to be added to an updated leaflet. SB suggested a timeframe of 6 weeks to report back – MR agreed to review Jodrell Jaunt, CS offered to review Tatton Trail and KT offered to review Ashley Amble

**Action:** SB to contact Sutton Silver (designer company) for quote for re-design work & printing costs & liaise with Sally Buttifant over progress of the update. MR, CS and KT to check routes

### **6. Connect 2 Bridge – Huntington – The Lower Meadows /Handbridge crossing**

TJ reported he had been approached by Chris Mattheson MP and Cllr. Richard Beecham for a meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> Oct. regarding a potential crossing to the south of the city related to the housing development at Saighton Camp. He asked for any comments and views to be e-mailed to him before the meeting. It was pointed out that 2 faith schools were located in the vicinity of any potential crossing (CofE Bishops High in Gt. Boughton and Catholic High in Handbridge) and since they drew their pupils from a wide area such a route could facilitate journeys by bike without adding to additional vehicle journeys.

**Action:** TJ to attend meeting highlighting opportunity of development being able to contribute funding to enable access to Business Park noting the employment area on the Business Park and the 2 faith schools that could be served, quite apart from facilitation of safer and more direct journeys to the City Centre

#### **7. A540**

PW reported the lack of success by CWaC in bidding for STEP funding from DoT for improvements to cycling facilities on A540. Chris Littler (CWaC) reported that such works would not meet criteria of LSTF Transition funding (despite the fact that Wirral BC had been able to use such funding from their end.)

#### **8. Letter of the Month**

October is the turn of SB. October

**Action:** SB to write letter.

#### **9. AOB**

##### **Café.Com in Hoole**

SB had yet to design suitable poster about the Campaign to accompany Cycle Matters left at Café.

**Action:** SB to create suitable poster and circulate for comments.

**Date of next meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 at the Custom House pub on Watergate Street.