

## CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 at the Old Custom House Pub

**Present:** Craig Steeland (CS) Chair, Simon Brown (SB), Sue Steeland (SS) minute taker, Karen Barker (KB), Cathey Harrington (CH), Helen Pulford (HP), Andy Wilkin (AW), Ashley McCrate (AM), John Holiday (JH), Monica Robinson (MR), Trevor Jenkins (TJ), Steve Pemberton (SLP), Peter Williams (PW)

**Apologies:** Stephen Perry, Carol Convey, Arnold Wilkes, Ken Thomas

### 1. Minutes of September 2018 meeting:

Agreed as a correct record.

**Action:** minutes to be posted on website (CS)

### 2. Matters Arising:

**Website** – security issue to be progressed (CS)

**Letter to Editor** – Simon will write October letter. Suggested theme – Low Emissions Strategy. Trevor's letter was printed last month

**Family Cycle Ride in Sept** – There were 5 campaign members and 1 adult member of the public on the ride. As there were no children, no photos were taken.

**Greenway Cycle Festival** - (12 – 4pm on 13th October at Live New Scene, Limewood Fields) – Has been advertised on website. Will work alongside Sustrans and share cover. Help wanted; PW, MR and CS may be able to help.

**Crane Bank** - There may be an update from Stephen Perry, therefore to go on agenda for next month's meeting.

### 3. Discounts at Chester cycling shops for CCC members:

This list is out of date as some shops have now closed down. Halfords only do discounts for Cycling UK and British Cycling members. List to be updated (CS)

### 4. Cycling North Cheshire update:

SLP and AW gave an update on issues that have arisen in their area. Had a positive meeting with CWaC's Chief Executive re Frodsham marshes. There is support from him and two Councillors to develop the marshes to make it more cycle friendly. They would also like to develop a link from Frodsham to Delamere Forest, possibly using the disused railway line from Helsby to Mouldsworth, but this is a long term goal. The neighbourhood plan in Frodsham supports creating safe routes to schools and this is a priority for Councillors. AW and SP feel it is positive working alongside CCC.

### 5. 20s Plenty:

This is a 4 year programme and CWaC have produced a report on the first year of the programme to show how it has worked. Overall the results have been extremely positive with, for example, a 65% reduction in road traffic collisions. It was discussed at a CWaC committee on 13<sup>th</sup> September and agreement reached that the programme would continue. CH has written to Karen Shone (who is responsible for the programme) expressing support. CH has circulated the report from the Committee to cccactivists.

**6. Active Travel Forum (ATF):** There was a very good presentation from Stephen Perry to the ATF and it was well received. Colin Watson also delivered the presentation from the Cycling subgroup and this appeared to “open a few eyes” and was also well received. There is two year funding for active travel which may be spent on the greenway and in Winsford. Jane Makin at the Council has requested suggestions for signage on the greenway. There was also a report on an Active Design workshop to design buildings in a way that encourages people to be more active; Ellesmere Port was identified as a priority area. Louise Gittins presented about her visit to Waltham Forest regarding their active travel programme, she said she found it “inspirational”. There is funding for Bikeability for the next two years which will focus on level 3 for High School pupils. The Low Emissions Strategy (LES) was published on 12<sup>th</sup> September by the Council. CWaC doesn't appear to have any Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), as specified in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS), which means that they will be unlikely to be awarded funding. Suggested that Colin Watson's work could form the basis for CWaC's LCWIP for Chester.

**Action:** The LES to be discussed at the CCC meeting next month.

**7. Cycling Matters:**

Discussion about the costs v benefits of producing Cycling Matters.

**Action:** To contact Trevor Morris from Bartlett's solicitors to see if he will fund another year. If not then to be discussed again (CS)

**8. Blacon Ladies Rides:**

These are organised rides on Wednesdays at 12 o'clock; the ride leader is working from the Blacon Used Furniture Enterprise on Western Avenue.

**Action:** To be added on the website (CS).

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.30pm at the Old Custom House Pub meeting room**