

CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

Minutes of the Virtual Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd June 2021

Present (for some or all of the time): Simon Brown (SB), Cathey Harrington (CH), Mark Kuramoto-Headey (MK-H), Eileen Morgan (EM), Steve Pemberton (SLP), Craig Steeland (CS)(Chair), John Violet (JV)(Minutes), Pierre Walthery (PWa), Arnold Wilkes (AW),

Apologies: Roger Hones (RH), Andy Evans (AE), Morgan Jones (MJ), Ashley McCraight (AM), Stephen Perry (SP), Monica Robinson (MR), Nic Siddle (NS), Ian Slater (IS), Ken Thomas (KT), Peter Williams (PW). Linda Shuttleworth (LS), Stuart Shuttleworth (SS).

Before meeting started MK-H, as a new member, was made welcome and introductions were made.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting, held on 5th May 2021.** The meeting minutes were approved.

Action: CS to post on website.

2. Matters Arising

- a. **Surfaces.** Meeting finally arranged on June 10th but frustration at lack of engagement from CWaC has caused long delay.
- b. **Cycle Buddy Scheme.** An acknowledgement that person is riding at own risk is needed. Decided to ask London Cycling Campaign how they addressed the issue.
Action CH
- c. **Inclusive Cycling Event.** EM explained that it would be limited to a maximum group size of 6 and there are several issues due to Covid requirements at present. It will be necessary for potential participants to join Live Scene prior to knowing whether the modified cycles would suit them. There is a joining fee of £30 which could deter people participating. CS confirmed that the website now includes reference to Inclusive Cycling. **EM to continue exploring.**
- d. **Chester Northgate.** SB confirmed that points raised previously had been passed to the design team but no reply to date. Similarly, there has been no response regarding the reinstatement of the bike stands in front of the old library which should be a temporary situation.

3. **Greenway Closure** Mannings Lane Bridge works are ongoing beyond anticipated closure period. **Advise CS when reopened.**
4. **'Taking You for a Ride'** PWa is organising, and it was felt that personal invitations should be made to Councillors etc in order to be most effective. It was decided that the detail of the operation depends very much on the level of response. **Action PWa**
5. **Letter to the Editor** SP is scheduled for June.
6. **Greenway Flooding** No further news on meetings etc.
7. **Membership** Now reached 195 members and the meeting wish to record their thanks to IS for the remarkable increase in numbers in such a short time. It was agreed that Member information should be deleted if they have not renewed within 5 years. IS had suggested some business cards be made available, approx. 200, and after a suggestion by EM the meeting agreed that the card format should be altered slightly to emphasise our inclusivity.
Action IS
8. **Cycling Matters** Summer issue ready shortly **Action CH**
9. **World Car Free Day Sept 22nd** SB introduced the topic and wondered whether to organise another Fancy Women Bike Ride on the same day but as it would have to be after work on a

Tuesday the meeting felt it was not appropriate. It was agreed to raise at Active Travel Forum.

- 10. Ring Road Clockwise.** There is an opportunity to build on the success of the one-way traffic principle and there could be improvements to be made to make it more cycle friendly. This is of high priority and needs to be discussed with CWaC at the earliest opportunity. **Action SB and SP**
- 11. Sustainable Transport Task Force.** JV explained that there was a common theme developing with all the Pilot projects whereby there has been little engagement with CWaC. WSP, Consulting Engineers have recently been appointed to act as an interface between STTF and CWaC. The Emergency Active Travel Lane Pilot has completed recommendations and they will be presented to the next STTF meeting.
- 12. UK Community Renewal Fund.** Following information from AM, JV has put together a submission for funding the resurfacing of the canal towpath from Greenfield Lock at the A41 to Waverton. The submission is on behalf of Christleton PC, Waverton PC and Cycling UK. The funding is competitive between Local Authorities and is given as 100 successful amounts of £3m each. Each submission in turn is broken down into various projects of about £0.5m value but they cannot include much capital funding which therefore excludes new work. CWaC are currently discussing the feasibility with Canal and Rivers Trust.
- 13. Any Other Business.** EM raised a pilot study being developed by Sustrans to provide an interactive street map called Photo Street which is intended to be a google video map. It will be more detailed and interactive than the present google street photo type maps. Anyone interested in volunteering to cycle routes using the equipment should contact jimgayes@gmail.com He is hoping to organise a virtual meeting asap. The intention is to have good quality 360-degree information which would be particularly useful when assessing the suitability of a cycle route. EM felt it could lead to better information for inclusive cycling. It was felt that NS should have an involvement with the project with his essential mapping knowledge. **Action EM**

Next Meeting Wed 7th July at 7-30pm.