

## CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Present via Zoom:** Simon Brown (SB) Chair, Cathey Harrington (CH), Stephen Perry (SP) Minutes, Ian Slater (IS), Peter Williams (PW), Steve Pemberton (SLP) Arnold Wilkes (AW), Craig Steeland (CS), Nic Siddle (NS), Ken Thomas (KT), Ashley McCraight (AM), Donna and Richard Whittington (DW & RW), Howard Jennings (HJ), Anna Manning (AM), Eileen Morgan (EM). Andy Evans (AE).

**Apologies:** John Violet (JV), John Holiday (JH), Roger Hones (RH), Andy Hamill (AH), Monica Robinson (MR), Tom Smith (TS)

We welcomed old friends Donna and Richard Whittington to the meeting.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting, held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021.** The meeting minutes were approved and IS was thanked for his work in preparing these.

**Action:** CS to post on website.

2. **Matters Arising.**

**Portable displays for future events;** SB and AH to discuss and make a proposal. **Action outstanding: SB and AH.**

3. **SpaceHive proposals:** 3 recent examples have been supported and all 3 have been successful. SLP proposed that we think about a finite project (maybe £15-20k) that we as CCC can promote before the deadline of 23<sup>rd</sup> March. **Action: IS and SLP** to discuss and provide input to the March CCC meeting

4. **Bowling Green Court arrangements:** CS gave an update from discussions between TJ and CS. Their proposal is to give BGC an amount of money to cover for 13 months room hire (£260), for the whole of 2022 plus Dec 2021 and then draw down from this amount as and when we agree to meet. If we do not use the room we will not be charged. This proposal was agreed by the meeting. **Action: CS and TJ**

A further discussion was led by CS reference the option to improve the current camera and microphone equipment that we have been using. Improvement options have been researched by CS/EM and CS proposed to the meeting that we consider purchasing additional equipment available from Logitech. The single unit proposed includes a wide angle camera and a microphone that would sit on the meeting table and cost about £300. It was agreed to purchase the equipment and try it out at the March meeting. **Action: CS**

5. **AGM preparations:** It was agreed that the meeting will be held by Zoom. Officer reports should be submitted in advance via the cccactivists email by 22<sup>nd</sup> January. It was agreed that the meeting will be chaired by SP and the minutes will be taken by SB. SP will send out a reminder to all officers in the next few days and invite members to come forward to take over the Treasurer role from TJ.

**Action: SP**

6. **Physical Lending Library:** to be launched next week with an email to all members and an update on Facebook. The library will be open to all CCC members. CS informed the meeting that he has created a publicly available catalogue to show what books are in the library and which are available. **Action: IS**

7. **CRAG:** SP explained the detail of an initial meeting that SP had mid-December with officers of CRAG (Chester Residents Association Group); see their website <https://www.crag.uk/>. This meeting was initiated after discussions at the recent ISST meeting. A follow-up meeting was then arranged just before Christmas with SP, CH and CRAG focused on the possibility of trialling 'Car Free

Sundays' in Chester in 2022. The outline proposal was that CCC would recommend the details of possible routes and give other 'technical' advice, while CRAG will encourage support from local residents. Our ideas will then be shared with CW&C (probably through the ISTT meeting) in the hope that CW&C would take the lead on this initiative, possibly with financial support from local businesses. SP will also be discussing this idea and others possibilities with Nicola Said from Marketing Cheshire in mid-January. SP offered to share the paper of initial ideas, prepared by SP and CH, with those at the meeting for their feedback and comments. A follow-up meeting with CRAG will take place at 12.00 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022. **Action: SP** to copy document and **CCC members** to feedback comments

8. **Cycling Matters and Dispensers:** as outlined in NS's Planning report (attached to this email) NS proposed that we order 12 off Cycling Matters dispensers at £3.59 each to be located in key local cafes and cycle shops. After some discussion it was agreed to print 1000 copies of the recent Winter issue of Cycling Matters and distribute these with the new dispensers as soon as they are available. **Action: CH and NS**
9. **Planning controls:** See report No 15 January 2022 (attached with this email) prepared by NS. SB thanked NS for his excellent work in preparing these reports. In addition NS explained that most of our feedback on recent Parking Consultation has been included in the recent redraft, but there are some areas where our suggestions have not been included (e.g. relating number of storage spaces to the number of bedrooms & differentiating between different needs of staff and clients for some businesses). There is reference to this need in the new draft, but it is not specified tightly enough. (Post meeting note from Nic: the easiest way to see a summary of the comment is in the document prepared by Nic that can be seen at : <https://drive.google.com/file/d/16SliT7rMatEw31nZ2DkKtu4EGSF7t4PG/view?usp=sharing> )
10. **PCC Survey feedback:** as explained in his recently shared email, AM explained that there has been a request from John Dwyer, the Cheshire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), to respond to his invitation to support a proposed increase in the precept to finance an extra 100 officers. AM proposed that we should respond and show our appreciation of recent Police initiatives in support of cyclists (e.g. the close passing initiative) and confirm our support for the recent precept proposal by the PCC. The PCC's proposals to be more supportive of cyclists and will hopefully help to bed in the changes in the revised Highway Code when implemented. AM proposed that we should write to John Dwyer to give our support but also to emphasise what we would expect in return, **Action; AM** to draft a letter for CNC and **SP** will build on this and send a version from CCC.
11. **Membership Secretary Update (IS).** IS had sent an email report in advance of the meeting which confirmed that there are 223 members as at Dec 31st (up from 210 last month), due to a combination of renewals and some new members. Two new Corporate memberships are included.
12. **Planning Report.** See NS's pre-meeting attached to the accompanying email.
13. **AOB**

**ISTT – PW** asked if we knew the date of the next meeting. SP replied that he did not but would try to find. **Action: SP**

**A-frame removal;** we understand that Sustrans intend to remove these from their owned routes but probably not on other national routes. EM explained that she has been in discussion with Gruff Owen (Natural Resource Wales - NRW) reference the Deeside path and he has confirmed that Flintshire County Council will have to apply to him and NRW will most likely fund any changes, but funding would have to be from next year's budget. GO is supportive but we need to find out whom to contact in FCC. SB proposed that we should approach FCC Cllrs for Sandycroft, Sealand and Garden City wards. **Action: EM**

**Meeting at Church St Michael's;** CH informed the meeting that on 19<sup>th</sup> January she will give a talk to St Michael's Church Chester's Environment group in Newton, probably based on CS's presentation (post meeting note this has been postponed until sometime in the Spring)

**CCC online electronic document library:** CH asked to record a note of thanks to CS for his excellent work

**Reviving the Race to the City Centre;** CH proposed that we should consider reviving the 'Race to the City Centre' for cars, runners, bikes and walkers into town as SB organised many years ago.

**Action: AE** agreed to pick this up

**E-cycle rental pilot:** EM confirmed, as in her recent emails, that she is in contact with Como UK to confirm that Chester would be interested as a pilot. Peter Grime, Access Officer for CW&C is very supportive if funding can be made available. **Action: EM keep in contact**

The meeting ended at 21.29

**Next Meeting: AGM Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> February by Zoom at 19.30**