

CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

DRAFT Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 6th July 2022

Present: Ian Slater (IS) (Chair), Steve Pemberton (SLP) (secretary) Nic Siddle (NS), John Holiday (JH) Julia Bennett (JB), Howard Jennings (HJ), Anna Manning (AM), John Violet (JV), Pierre Walthery (PWa)

Present via Zoom: Stephen Perry (SP) , Craig Steeland (CS) Peter Williams (PW), Cathey Harrington (CH), Arnold Wilkes (AW),

Apologies: Ashley McCraight (AMc), Eileen Morgan (EM), Christine Robinson

- 1. Minutes of the last meeting held on 1st June** The meeting minutes were approved and SP was thanked for his work in preparing these.

2. Extraordinary General Meeting

Revisions to constitution that had been circulated were accepted unanimously after proposal by JH and seconded by NS. To be added to website

Action; CS

3. Matters Arising:

- Andy Evans Speedbot. (Grosvenor Bridge) Evidence of speeding from Twitter has been shared with SP and JV as input to their forthcoming meeting with CWAC.
- SB met with Andy Hammill reference creating a new portable display (cost £100-1200). Still in progress.
- All other actions completed

4. Change of banking arrangements.

JB outlined the benefits in moving to Lloyds, centred on an ability to do on-line banking and dual authority transactions and removal of dependence on Paypal, i.e. improving security.

Action; JB

5. Planning Review.

a) Erosion of cycle parking places due to garage conversions:- Richard Beacham has agreed to speak to Head of Planning to try and sort out our different interpretations

of the current SPD (Supplementary Planning Doc) on Parking. The need for more on-street parking will probably have to wait until the garage issue is sorted out.

b) North Road, E Port. No response from Planning re the official status of the two applications which were approved in April with conditions which would preserve the trackbed for use as a transport corridor. These still appear as 'awaiting decision' on the CWaC website.

Action: NS Will chase again.

c) Letter was written to Catherine Walker (CW&C - Head of Economic Growth) outlining our ambitions for the E Port Industrial Area. No response as yet.

d) Contact now established with Peel Holdings. Document being prepared for dispatch this week to try and establish a relationship with the person responsible for the E Port developments.

Action; NS

6. ISTT

Collective of CCC (SP), CUK (JV) and CNC (SLP) have concluded we need to elevate our concerns about the direction the ISTT is heading with a face to face discussion with Karen Shore and Rose McArthur.

We believe that there are core issues that need addressing across the borough e.g.

LCWIP development/implementation

Surfaces

A new CWAC cycling strategy

Which ISTT workgroups might be the solution, JV to write summarising our views to be signed off by all 3 entities.

Action JV

7. Other CWAC Liaison

SP had already submitted a written report, but highlighted some more recent developments as follows.

- ATfest

Seeking a professional event manager to design and co-ordinate event, funding sought for this role. Steve Densley of Active Cheshire is taking a lead on this. (It is hoped that this will be a suitable crowdfunding/Spacehive project)

Key objectives

to encourage more local residents to walk, cycle, wheel into Chester
to help CW&C deliver their Climate Emergency targets
to define ongoing benefits to any commercial support gained
to recruit community partners (businesses, churches, parish councils etc)
to engage and become advocates.

- **Grosvenor Bridge**, no discussions
- **'Surfacing, surface treatment and footway maintenance programmes' and 'CCC meeting with CW&C Network Stewards and Highways Inspectors'** See separate report on the meeting - generally very helpful, but disappointing that the Highways team has no budget for infrastructure improvements. We will plan an autumn follow up. Members are encouraged to report all issues using the website and copy NS who is maintaining a log to track actions/responses
 - **Action SP/All**

8. 2022 Objectives review

Who owns them and are we making progress?

A Access to Chester centre

Owner: All

Progress: Via LCWIP

Progressing? Not quickly

B Letter/Press release

Owner: Tom

Progress: Measured via weekly assessment/feedback

Progressing? Yes

C Contact with Council Officers

Owner: SP

Progress: via dialogues/written communication/engagement

Progressing? Significant activity at frequent intervals

D Review of planning applications

Owner NS

Progress: monitoring and responding to planning applications

Progressing: Yes (but workload is high)

E ISTT

Owner: SP

Progress: Via meetings with CWaC team

Progressing: CCC are seen as a core member, hence have influence but, overall, ISTT progress is slow

F Promoting accessibility for disabled riders

Owner: EM

Progress: Build contacts engage with key influencers/owners

Progressing? Yes

G Maintenance of paths

Owners: IS RH

Progress: Largely through logging reports of faults and SP dialogue with Highways maintenance .

Progressing: We have done a small proactive action, scraping back on A51 and we have been invited to submit examples of poor maintenance to StreetCare Services, which has also been completed.

I Social media

Owner: SB

Progress: Activities on

Facebook

Twitter

Instagram

Progressing? Suggested agenda item for August meeting to develop our approach. Maybe worth investing in a professional to advise/guide?

Action: SB/AM/JB

9. **A-frames in Wales** – HJ endeavouring to progress these matters needs to find a Welsh resident with mobility issues to help promote the changes required. JH offered to help and suggestion made to contact Eileen Morgan to see if she has contacts living in Wales who could help us with this cross border issue

Action HJ to discuss with EM/JH

Post Meeting note: Address of Flintshire Disability Forum shared via Activists' list

10. Sound and videos for our hybrid Jitsi meetings

New microphone and Jitsi platform deemed successful and to be retained. Thanks to CS for excellent job.

11. Bike maintenance workshops

Another successful one held 6th July, one planned for 3rd August and one in the Autumn for Sue Booth's group "Fabulous ladies"

Action IS

12. Family bike ride

Positively received but only 3 people from outside CCC. Review to see if we should continue these by looking at routes, CS to send IS some of the historic ones for consideration.

Action IS/CS

13. AOBs

A Physical library usage has been too low to justify continuation, books to be returned to donors, or if not required donated to a charity shop. Suggestion to see if Storyhouse would be interest in having them as a resource.

Action IS

B 20 mph limit

CCC to write to Karen Shore congratulating CWaC on the success of the campaign.

Action CH to draft for SP to send

C Planning application noted for a container to be sited in Blacon for maintenance. More understanding of purpose is needed

Action NS/All

D Chester Zoo lodges Planning application for 200 lodges noted, presumably an opportunity to promote cycling as a linking mechanism?

E Bike racks that were removed from the market are to be re-installed

14.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd August at 19.30 at Bowling Green Court

Chair :Stephen Perry

Minute Secretary: Craig Steeland

(Members can also join via Jitsi)