

## CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Present:** Simon Brown (SB), (Chair), Nic Siddle (NS), John Violet (JV), Peter Williams (PW), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Monica Robinson (MR) (Minutes)

**Present via Jitsi:** Eileen Morgan (EM), John Holiday (JH), Cathey Harrington (CH)

**Apologies:** Ashley McCraight (AMc), Steve Pemberton (SLP), Craig Steeland (CS), Ian Slater (IS), Stephen Perry (SP), Howard Jennings (HJ), Anna Manning (AM), Roger Hones (RH), Ken Thomas (KT)

**Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 August 2022.** The meeting minutes were approved.

**Action:** CS to place on the Campaign website.

#### 1. Matters Arising:

- It was reported that the planned Integrated Sustainable Transport Task Force (ISST) meeting had been cancelled following the appointment of a new Transport Secretary (Anne Marie Trevalyan).
- Surfaces – JV confirmed he would speak to SP regarding potholes situated nearer to the road edge and more likely to affect cyclists, and the need for them to be highlighted as Highways are not giving them sufficient priority.
- Surplus Campaign funds – JV noted that our funds will increase shortly following the renewal of annual subscriptions due in October. No decision was made at this meeting but all agreed that a list of ideas should be kept and added to as they arise. We may need to store this separately at some point but it was suggested they be recorded in the minutes for now – see below.
  - Make a cycling video
  - Buy a cycling tool stand to position somewhere publicly in the city
  - Cycling tools and bike stands for those running bike maintenance events
  - CycleStreets mapping improvements
  - Display material for outdoor events e.g. large scale maps of the area
  - Offer Dr Bike sessions
- Girl Guides – JV confirmed this initiative was now up and running
- Cycling Matters – CH confirmed the latest edition was now ready for distribution. Spare copies were available at the meeting courtesy of AW and more can be collected from CH's front porch. The electronic version will be posted in due course.

#### 2. Events (CH)

- Big Green Week event on 24 Sept in Grosvenor Park. It was confirmed that AW, IS and EM would aim to be there distributing literature and promoting the work of CCC. There is a charge of £25 to attend. **Action:** MR to ask JB to arrange for payment.

- Storyhouse Climate Event 4 November. Several members have agreed to represent CCC including CH who confirmed she will be giving a talk on Cycle Buddies and ways of getting into cycling and EM with her adapted trike to highlight the work of Chester Wheelers in promoting accessibility for all.
- Chester Sustainability Forum event at the Cathedral on Sat 12 November. It was confirmed that CCC would attend this event and contribute £25 towards the cost. **Action: MR** agreed to contact Andy Hamill to establish how we can make the payment to CSF.
- Big Green Day at the Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham will be held on 1<sup>st</sup> October between 10am – 4pm.

### 3. Inclusive Cycling Officer report (EM)

- Russ from the Countess cycle hub showed EM around the new staff bike storage facilities and accessible changing rooms. He said there are plans for patient cycle storage and she had discussions with him about accommodating trikes and other types of cycles for those who may lack confidence using 2 wheels or requiring adapted cycles and other types of wheeled mobility aids. EM continues to campaign for 'walking, wheeling and cycling'. SB offered to work with EM on proposed walking and wheeling tours.
- EM was able to have a useful conversation with Chris Boardman at the opening of the new changing rooms at the hospital open day event. She has also been working with railway companies regarding cycle accessibility. After a meeting at Liverpool Lime St with safety officers and Northern rail staff she now has a pass to allow her Mountain Trike wheelchair on some of Northern rail trains. There was CCC discussion about the new rolling stock for Merseyrail and questions over whether the new trains will be easier to get on and off with adapted cycles.
- EM will be at Ness Gardens on 29th of September with the new Mountain Trike 'Walking wheelchair' she raised money for, through the council's Spacehive project. The event will show case a variety of all terrain mountain trikes. The aim is to raise awareness at visitor attractions such as Ness Gardens, Country parks etc of the enjoyment and freedom all terrain equipment offers those with mobility difficulties. Bodnant Gardens offers loan of an assistant push type Mountain Trike and other National Trust properties also provide this service. EM has been able to take part in Nordic walking and Rambling well-being community events using her Mountain Trike. The new MT will enable others to join her. She hopes CCC members, family and friends will be able to attend the event at Ness Gardens. TS has offered to help promote the event on social media and press.
- EM aims to use Twitter to publicise all the projects she is working on. It was recommended that she contact AM for advice.

### 4. Planning Review (NS)

- A full report from NS was sent in advance of the meeting which included the updated spreadsheet on progress of the various 'live' applications.
- Caldly Valley Lidl Site – NS confirmed this application had been called in by the local Cllr and he hoped to be able to speak at the meeting to highlight the deficiencies in their plans. It appears the facilities at this site will be worse than at present.
- NS plans to contact Richard Beecham regarding the spec for garages on new developments which need improvement.
- NS is contacting Peel (the developer) regarding the old railway tracks in Ellesmere Port to try and establish what is planned for the area.

- The Enforcement team at Highways should be dealing with problems at the Tattenhall site where residents have appealed. There does not appear to be any action taking place.
- PW highlighted the delay in getting improvements to the Wirral Way where it exits via a narrow slope on to Hooton Road and adjacent to the new housing development alongside the station site. The developer had undertaken to give £50K to CWaC for these improvements. PW also confirmed that the planned SUP at Rossmore Road, Ellesmere Port had not been done.
- There was some discussion about the merits of using Cycling UK 'fill that hole' reporting tool as opposed to the Highways fault reporting system. JV felt that a better response was forthcoming via Cycling UK.

## **5. AOB**

- JV reported the Stop sign at the Waverton crossroads where a fatal accident occurred has been made more obvious.
- JV also confirmed that the very poor surface on the road from Peckforton to Beeston is now going to be re-surfaced.
- There was some discussion about the poor quality of the canal towpath from Croughton to the Zoo turn off. JV confirmed that the work is being done piecemeal and it is not always possible to use tarmac where the distance between access points is too far to allow the equipment to reach the area.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30 pm in person at Bowling Green Court and online via Jitsi**

**Jitsi Link: <https://meet.jit.si/SaddleGearsTyresWheels>**

**Chair: John Violet**

**Minute Secretary: Cathey Harrington**