

CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN – November Meeting 2nd Nov 2022

Agenda

1. Apologies.
2. Presentation from new corporate member Chester East Primary Care Network (which is the 4 GP practices: Heath Lane Medical Centre, Boughton Medical Centre, Park Medical Centre & Upton Village Surgery).
3. Minutes of the last meeting held 5th October and Matters Arising.
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Ideas for surplus funds.
6. Membership Secretary's report.
7. Planning Review.
8. Inclusive Cycling Report.
9. CWaC Liaison report.
10. Christleton accident (Plough Lane crossroads) petition
11. 1% for the planet" scheme.
12. Family Cycle Rides.
13. Storyhouse Climate Event, Friday 4th November.
14. Monthly Letter to the Editor.
15. AOB

PRESENT: Cathey Harrington (CH) (Chairperson), Ian Slater (IS) (Minutes), Monica Robinson (MR), John Violet (JV), Stephen Perry (SP), Nic Siddle (NS), Peter Williams (PW), Steve Pemberton (SLP)

PRESENT ONLINE: Linda Shuttleworth (LS), Ashley McCraight (AM), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Craig Steeland (CS), Eileen Morgan (EM), Kate Liverland (KL)

1. **Apologies:** Roger Hones
2. No attendance by the PCN. (POST MEETING NOTE: The individual most involved was on leave. This will probably take place in December).
3. **Minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted. CS will upload to the website.
Matters Arising: All were expected to be covered in the meeting itself.
4. **Treasurer's Report:** A daily 'sweep' of funds from the Paypal to the new Lloyds bank account has been set up by CS to make funds more secure. (Report attached).
5. **Potential use of funds deemed surplus.** In addition to those ideas already listed it was suggested
 - to engage somebody to help to publicise our activities
 - to engage an assistant to help NS with his review of planning applications
 - SP requested support for the Spacehive project 'AT Fest'
 - EM suggested commissioning images for marketing e.g. alternative forms of wheeled transport or filming of the difficulties encountered when crossing in a wheelchair at Pelican crossing.
 - purchase of pollution monitors has also been suggested.
 - it was agreed to compile the ideas and to share them with the whole membership.
6. **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT attached.**
Membership numbers naturally down after renewal notices have been sent out at end September.
7. **PLANNING REPORT (NS) attached.**
 - Blacon Adventure Playground's planning application for a container to extend their bike recycling project has been approved. Disappointingly, cycle racks were not conditioned with

the application. (POST MEETING NOTE: IS visited and made contact with project manager, Sandra Hewitt and bike technician, Jamie.)

- Objections raised to a housing development at Cuddington seem to have been ignored. There was a challenge as to why we spread ourselves so thinly to comment on planning applications some distance from Chester but the activity was deemed worthwhile to try and keep the developers (and council) on their toes.

8 INCLUSIVE CYCLING OFFICER'S REPORT ATTACHED

EM highlighted the difficulty of crossing at Pelican crossings e.g. accessing the pushbutton to activate the crossing without risking getting too close to traffic. She would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate the issue to a member of CWAC. This is particularly important as more people are using powered wheelchairs (presumably the same issue applies for those on mobility scooters).

9 CWAC LIASION (SP) – report attached

- CWAC scored 1 out of 4 based on Active England's review of CWAC's self-assessment. FOI requests have revealed more detail. (Some councils have even scored ZERO.)
- ACTIVE TRAVEL FEST (SP) The Spacehive Application is complete and members are invited to make (nominal) financial contributions at this time to demonstrate community engagement. SP is now testing the likely level of community engagement.
- ONE CITY PLAN (SP). 45 actions have been identified for completion by 2045! SP is working together with CWAC on 'connectivity' It was suggested that the whole city centre becomes a 20mph zone (including the inner ring road).
- SP had a virtual meeting with new Highways head (Jayne Black) and sought to improve existing coloured routes. CWAC were not interested. A question came up about the GOLD ROUTE, which apparently has been documented but maps were never printed.
- GROSVENOR BRIDGE (SP). Andy Rayner has invited people to discuss the speed limit situation but purdah restrictions mean that the meeting will not take place until early December. JV emphasised that LTN1/20 would insist on a 20mph limit in this situation.

10 CHRISTLETON FATAL ACCIDENT.

- Do we need to develop a 'position' as a campaigning organisation? The conclusion was that should wait for the police report. Individuals are invited to respond separately. IS has started to report degraded paint at junctions where lack of clarity could result in accidents. Others are invited to do the same and record in NS's Highway Faults Google sheet.

11 1% FOR THE PLANET (IS).

We have received an invitation to sign-up as a Partner. Details to be reviewed and shared at next meeting. **ACTION:** IS

12 FAMILY BIKE RIDES (IS)

Two potential rides have been ridden and risk assessed. Details stored on the CCC webpage. CS and SB have also offered routes that we've used previously but need to be reviewed. Useful input received from ride co-ordinators in Neston and Liverpool too e.g. expect low levels of cycling ability and limit group size to 10. (POST MEETING NOTE: IS rode with Andy Mills at Neston. Limited attendance and interesting to see how Andy handled the group on his own. My intention would be to have more marshals on-hand.)

13 Storyhouse Climate Event on 4th November.

To be attended by CH, EM and IS.

14 MONTHLY LETTER TO EDITOR

ACTION: PW. Has already been done!

15 AOB

PW wants to contact the media about a developer's desire to remove an earlier planning condition on the Ellesmere Port North Road development. SP suggested emailing Paul Friston and senior councillors to prevent removing of prior conditions compounded by Persimmon's failure to install previously agreed facilities. (POST MEETING NOTE: Some relevant details shared by PW and attached as an appendix)

16 Next meeting: Chair – IS Minutes: SLP (as SP likely to be unavailable)

APPENDED REPORTS shared prior to the meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report November Meeting 2022 (Figures as at 29/10/22)

Transactions	£ Income Paypal	£ Income (Stripe/Lloyds)	£ Expenditure	Balances £
Opening Balance (Lloyds)				2817.80
Membership renewals via Stripe and Ian Slater		411.79		3229.59
Donation via Ian Slater		20.00		3249.59
Cycling UK Membership			85.00	
Business cards (Craig Steeland)			46.17	
Easyspace Domain Yearly Billing Fee (Craig Steeland)			39.04	
Easyspace Domain Yearly Billing Fee (Craig Steeland)			62.92	
				233.13
				3016.46
Paypal membership renewals (balance now automatically transferred daily)	243.56			1326.54
Total				4,343.00

Craig: Just one correction on expenditure. The card expenditure was on membership cards and not business cards.

6. MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY REPORT – NOVEMBER 2022.

As at 29/10 we have 166 members who have renewed their subscription (or Life members). There are still 105 former members who have to be tempted/encouraged/cajoled to renew. I'm working on it!

I've had further discussions with Bikmo Bike Insurance and have registered to partner under the "1% for the planet" umbrella. No Corporate Membership signed up YET.

I had an initial discussion with the Operations Manager of Brunning & Price pubs for this area and he seemed keen. Also not (YET) translated into membership but worth following up.

Chester Zoo also need further encouragement! I'll try and engage with them tomorrow when my family turn up mob-handed on bicycles before participating in a 10km fun run, starting at their car park (I'm not running – just supporting).

OTHER CAMPAIGN-RELATED ACTIVITY

DEGRADED ROAD MARKINGS. I've reported (via REPORT IT app) a few (5?) of the very worst examples of degraded paint at junctions that *could* lead to a junction being mis-read by an inattentive driver or one unfamiliar with the area. I am encouraged that CWAC reached out to me to

seek further examples in order to make a sizeable work package, which is more cost-efficient. I've added these locations to Nic's Google Street Faults spreadsheet.

FAMILY BIKE RIDES. Arnold and I rode (and Risk Assessed) one route and by the time of the meeting Stephen Perry and I will have Risk Assessed a second. The Assessments and Route details will be stored on the Campaign website in an area created (and managed) by Craig. Additional suggestions for routes, supported by Risk Assessments, are very welcome. I've written to a couple of people who have arranged similar rides (in Neston and Liverpool) and I've sought their useful insights.

7. CCC Report on Planning application submissions for November 2022 meeting

1. Still well behind on the monitoring. I suspect that I am going to have to be a bit more selective in future.
2. Ref the LIDL, Caldly Valley proposal. It has still not been listed so I presume that there are some 'negotiations' going on with Planning Dept on the details. I still intend to request a speaking slot when it does come up but may have to give way to the Parish Council if they wish to object.
3. Our most recent meeting with Highways is being reported separately by Stephen. We have again raised the issue of inadequate feedback, but it does seem that some of the reports are being effective in triggering remedial work. Please continue to use the system so that we accumulate the evidence to take back to Highways if we need to justify any dissatisfaction.
 Could originators also make sure that they record any updates on the spreadsheet at:-
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yhCAmTvLPN40CeFodc5qDYwC-6M7ZTUCt1FMLVycM30/edit#gid=0> or, more simply (if this link still works), at:-
www.tinyurl.com/CWaCFaultMonitor?
4. North Road, Ellesmere Port & MSC disused railway lines.
 I am preparing an objection to a recent application for the removal of the planning condition requiring an SUP from Footpath 35 (from town centre) to the North Road (western side) utilising the old railway track-bed. If this is granted, it will drive a coach and horses through our ambition to utilise other track-beds in the area.
 We still have had no contact from Peel L&P or from the Case Officer who has now taken on the remit for this area.
5. Proposed meeting on application of Garage conversion rules with Rob Charnley and Richard Beacham still to be arranged. I have let this lie in the light of the pressure & disruption that RB will be under following CM's resignation as MP.
6. See specific notes in table below re 21/05095/FUL & 21/02180/FUL

Some Recent Planning Decisions of monitored applications

(Outcomes:- green - OK, peach - mixed, red - not so good, lilac - uncertain, white – info only).

22/00766/FUL	Replace existing buildings with new bungalow	The Paddock Lees Lane Little Neston Neston CH64 7TH	Approved	Edward Shepherd	No cycle storage - no garage	Conditioned:- "Prior to first occupation of the dwelling hereby approved, details of secure cycle parking shall be submitted to and agreed in writing by the LPA. The approved cycle parking shall be installed and retained thereafter"
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22/00505/OUT	Erection of two detached dwellings and garages	Land At The Paddock Hoofield Hall Hoofield Lane Huxley Chester	Refused		One garage undersized - neutral comment	Refused on GB grounds
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22/00503/FUL	Demolition of 3 existing units and construction of 3No. new industrial units	Renards Whitchurch Road Beeston Chester Cheshire CW6 9NH	Refused	Edward Bannister	Objection:-Lack of safe access to site.danger on A49/lack of cover on cycle stores	Refusal on multiple grounds but significant weight given to Highways safety and cycling access put forward by ourselves and endorsed by Highways
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22/00206/FUL	Two storey and first floor front extension, alterations to garage to replace door with window, erection of rear dormer, alterations to windows and doors, rooflights to front and rear	Silverstrand Wood Lane Parkgate Neston CH64 6QY	Approved	Kara Johnston	Loss of garage cycle storage	Officer comment-" It is not considered necessary to add a condition to implement external storage for bicycles, as the conversion of the garage into a habitable space could be done without planning permission."	2 spaces lost
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21/05095/FUL	Erection of a shipping container for bike repair project	Blacon Adventure Playground Kipling Road Chester CH1 5UU	Approved (for 5 years use)		Note of support but suggest Sheffield Stand rack outside	Cycle stand mentioned but not conditioned
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Ref above approval:- Do we have contact with whoever is running this? I still have a Cycling Matters! Dispenser which might be offered once they are up and running.

21/04570/FUL	Two storey rear extension, front porch extension, increase in overall roof height and new detached garage.	Wayside Cottage Church Lane Hargrave Chester Cheshire CH3 7RH	Awaiting decision	Jennie Poynton	Garage too small and is an open barn style	Refused on grounds of overdevelopment - no mention of our submission at all in officer's report
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21/03337/FUL	Erection of 13.no 1 bedroom bungalows, 7.no 2 bedroom bungalows, 6.no 2 bedroom houses and provide new car parking spaces for existing residents.	Garages Rear of Regent Street Moulton Winsford Cheshire CW9 8NX	Awaiting decision	Jill Stevens	Obj - no cycle storage provision	Paul Parry Highways report says:- " Full details of secure and covered cycle parking provision for each dwelling, in accordance with the standards set out in the CWAC Parking SPD, must be submitted to and approved in writing by the LPA prior to the commencement of development. The cycle parking must be completed in accordance with the approved details and available for use prior to the dwelling(s) which it serves is first occupied".
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21/02906/FUL	Demolition of the existing Public House and erection of 12 no open market dwellings and 6 no. affordable dwellings with new vehicular access, landscaping treatment and biodiversity net gain.	Hooton Hotel Hooton Road Hooton Ellesmere Port Cheshire CH66 7NL	Refused	Emily Reed	CCC - location and type of store for apartments	"Turning to cycle storage, amended details have been submitted to indicate suitable provision for both the dwelling and apartment block" - but application refused on GB and other grounds - may be appealed
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21/02712/FUL	Alterations to existing dwelling and to create a first floor (Retrospective)	The Cedars Towers Lane Alvanley Frodsham Cheshire WA6 0LG	Refused	Emily Reed	Loss of garage	On grounds of previous unlawful development, but lack of cycle storage also noted.
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21/02180/FUL	Erection of 14 no. residential units, including 4 no. affordable dwellings, with associated infrastructure and landscaping	Land Adjacent 613 Chester Road Cuddington Northwich Cheshire	Refused	Karl Spilsbury	Unsafe location- suggested SUP for length of frontage. Also reconfigured refuge with pedestrian lights and cycle storage for the 'affordables'.	Refused on multiple grounds including safety of main road crossing, but now being appealed
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Rather disappointingly, the refusal did not draw on our objections at all, perhaps because we also offered some ideas for amelioration. Our comments on the above can be seen at:-

<https://pa.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=neighbourComments&keyVal=QTD1DXTEJ2P00>.

I have written to the Planning Inspectorate to emphasise the problems for vulnerable road users and saying that, if the appeal is to be allowed, it should be heavily and specifically conditioned to improve road safety for vulnerable road users in the ways we have suggested.

20/03977/FUL	Creation of four caravan pitches with amenity toilet block Oakland Park London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8LH	Oakland Park London Road Davenham Northwich CW9 8LH	Refused	We didn't comment on this one but did track it - not sure why now!!	Refusal on GB grounds
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The complete list of applications monitored is at:-

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dM_1NQWdqGosuktDSDxumTrqd7F2w3NaG4p3SeD3Cg/edit?usp=sharing
(Applications on that sheet highlighted in yellow have been examined, un-highlighted ones have not. Many others are eliminated at the data selection stage and are also not examined)

Please note that from the Googlesheet you have to press 'Alt + Enter' to activate the link (at least in Windows) – and not simply 'double click' the link.

Nic

8. Inclusive cycling report

1. Attended the uni volunteer fair and sustainable travel event rep chester wheelers and inclusive travel follow up on the 9 th Nov at the Intro and vision talk.
2. Storyhouse climate event Fri 4th to talk about improving the infrastructure regarding accessibility for wheelers and demo of the hire trike.
3. Rail continuing meetings with Northern user grp and hope to be involved with input for future accessible train designs
4. Northgate cycle parking - looking at percentage of accessible parking facilities and how it compares to recommendations from London groups along with regulations for road crossings.

9. CW&C Liaison report to the November CCC meeting

Including

- Report of meeting with Highways Thursday 27th October 2022
- Feedback from the ISTT meeting Monday 17th October 2022

Report of meeting with Highways Thursday 27th October 2022

CCC - NS, SP, JV

CW&C - Sian Williams and Andrew Coward

Fault reporting

Nic advised that the online fault reporting system was not working as it should for the following reasons:

- The standard responses used are not clear as to the actual status, and words like 'complete' can mean the fault has been passed on for action by a contractor but not actually completed on the ground
- Feedback is erratic and it is not always obvious who is responsible
- Reports are not always acknowledged and there is inconsistency in what is fed back to the fault reporter and what appears on the website.

These points were noted by Sian and Nic gave Sian a copy of his spreadsheet summary for her to review with others. Sian encouraged us to keep using this system as it is still the best way to get faults dealt with and if the fault is responded as being 'not compliant with the minimum criteria' then we were encouraged to keep reporting it if we feel it is serious.

In a related discussion about 'who owns what land' along North Road Ellesmere Port, we were introduced to CW&C's mapping software and we will be given a link to this for our future reference. It was confirmed from the map that the section of North Road north of the part signed as Vauxhall land was also in private hands despite being in much better state than the Vauxhall part. It was speculated that this is probably still in the hands of Peel but that they had constructed it to 'adoptable' standards with a view to handing it over once all the land surrounding it had been sold. What this means, of course, is that faults on this part - such as those raised by Peter - need to be raised with Peel.

Road Surfaces

John repeated a plea for attention that he had made at the recent ISTT meeting for a different set of criteria to be applied to road surface defects within 1.5 metres of the kerb to make travel safer for cyclists. John did get a email acknowledgement from Rose McArthur after the ISTT meeting but with no specific commitment. Sian also acknowledged our concerns but clearly stated that the current criteria will not be easily changed and even if there was agreement to do so it could take a couple of years. The process is very complex and has to comply with DfT guidance. As it would mean a change in CWaC policy then it would need full Council approval.

We suggested that we should look at what other (better practice) local authorities stipulate.

John suggested that the Highway Authority have a duty of care to all users of the highway and should areas of carriageway be severely uneven but not meeting the minimum criteria for treatment then 'surface warning' signs for cyclists could be used in critical areas. Sian responded to say that would be tantamount to Highways accepting the liability.

Verges and hedges

We explained that the clear definition from our first meetings with Highways, which explained the split in responsibility between Highways and StreetCare, was not as simple as we had understood after our subsequent chat with StreetCare. We thought that all hedge cutting was the responsibility of SC and pavements and roads Highways. | However we now understand that SC are only responsible for CW&C hedges. Sian seemed rather confused by our feedback and agreed to review this and confirm.

Sian confirmed that siding out (clearing vegetation encroachment onto paths) is Highways responsibility, but they have a limited budget and can only address paths that are regularly used and become unfit for purpose. If there is still enough space for cyclists or walkers to safely use them, they will not get priority attention. Sian also explained that siding out can make matters worse by exposing broken tarmac that has then to be replaced at extra cost.

Sian took away some photo examples provided by Nic, for further review.

CCC mapping and coordination with CW&C

We explained that we have not been able to get any attention from the CW&C Transport Strategy team to discuss their use of our mapping information when reviewing potential infrastructure improvements. We therefore asked whether Sian could help us get attention from the right people. We are aware that Transport Strategy (Kristy Litter+) have been understaffed and 2 more team members are being added, but we were not aware that Jayne Black is now head of Transport Strategy and Highways. Jayne should have been at our meeting but had to pull out for a last minute meeting with Rose. Sian agreed to do what she could to promote our infrastructure mapping work.

Highways planned maintenance programmes

At our last meeting Sian agreed to share with us details of any planned maintenance programmes as they are developed but with the change in use of maintenance subcontractors not yet confirmed this has not been possible. Hopefully Sian may have more details by the end of November.

Backford Cross Roundabout

Nic showed pictures of the work that has been completed and expressed disappointment at the missed opportunity to do just a little more to achieve a much better and safer outcome.

Nic showed pictures of the work that has been completed and expressed disappointment at the missed opportunity to do just a little more to achieve a much better and safer outcome. This scheme was a condition under a developer's s106 agreement and would have been approved by Transport Planning at some stage, probably a few years ago. Unfortunately, it only addresses pedestrian access and does not appear to have been considered in a holistic way as far as cyclists are concerned.

There is no way that we can expect the deficiencies to be rectified in the near future but the outstanding question is 'how can we get it 'listed' for the next time there is work in the area?'. This question went unanswered and Sian was unable to confirm whether that Highways maintenance team had the chance to comment either.

As we ended the meeting it was agreed that the CCC team would meet with Andy Coward 2-3 times per year and that the next meeting would be in February 2023.

Feedback from the ISTT meeting Monday 17th October 2022

The report given to the ISTT from the ATfest team is attached to the main email.

Other feedback of interest is included as follows:

1 - CW&C Response to the DfT's request for Self-Assessment on their support to Cycling and Walking

Local authorities were invited to assess themselves as follows:

Local Authority Self-Assessment

LAs were asked to assess their performance on three criteria:

Local leadership and support

- Political and official support for active travel
- Commitment to increasing active travel
- Track record of high quality schemes / reallocating road space

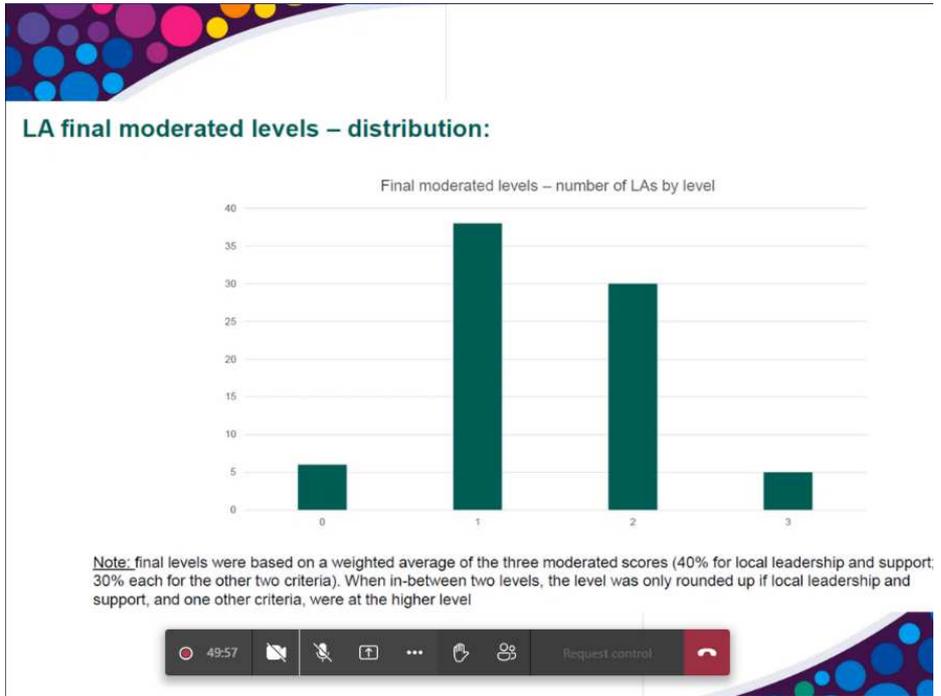
Maturity of Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan

- Level and nature of LCWIP development undertaken including geographic coverage of the plan, extent of stakeholder consultation, project pipeline, delivery progress

Scheme Delivery

- Complexity and integration of schemes
- Compliance with LTN1/20 standards
- Delivery on time
- Public consultation

CW&C was rated as 1 out of a range from 0 (very low) to 4 (high). The chart below shows the distribution of local authority scores.

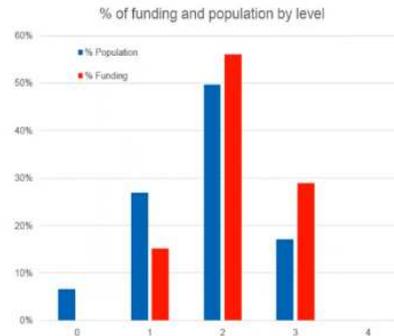


Funding will be allocated in 2022/23 based on these scores as follows:



Capability & Ambition Fund 22/23 – funding allocations overview

Level	Population	% Population	Funding	% Funding
0	3,043,800	6%	£0	0%
1	12,662,900	27%	£4,542,918	15%
2	23,405,200	50%	£16,793,811	56%
3	8,046,500	17%	£8,663,471	29%
4	-	0%	£0	0%



2- Extension of the Ginger Scooter trials

The Ginger scooter trial is considered to have been a success



E Scooter trial

- 245,000 miles travelled between Launch and October 2022.
- Total app sign ups 25,000
- Carbon savings: Ginger estimate the scooters have helped save approximately 66 tonnes of carbon dioxide which is equivalent to just over 14 "gasoline-powered passenger vehicles driven for one year" (source: <https://www.epa.gov/energy/greenhouse-gas-equivalencies-calculator>)

Popular parking bays:

- Chester Train Station is the most popular origin bay with just under 10,000 total journey starts. It is also the most popular destination bay.
- Also amongst the most popular parking bays are White Friars, Garden Lane and Chester Bus Interchange.
- There is a strong case for multi-modal travel and last mile connectivity.



And CW& will apply to extend the scheme within the DfT guidelines:

E Scooter trial

- Existing Vehicle Special Order (VSO) will continue to run until 30 November 2022. Local authorities can choose to withdraw from the trials or continue with an extension to 31 May 2024.
- Officer Decision Notice taken to continue with the trial.
 - Local Authorities need to notify DfT by 31 October 2022.
 - CW&CC await a new VSO for the remainder of the trial.

As before the group is asked to advise of any locations within the trial area to investigate additional locations for E Scooter hire stations/bays/



3 – AOB

At the end of the ISTT meeting John Violet asked for a response to be given to a very early request to the Active Travel Forum concerning the criteria to be used for responding to surface defects in the carriageway within 1.5 meters of the kerb. These are considered to be a key safety issues for cyclists. John also asked for a response to promise from Sean Traynor that an extended island would be provided on the A51 near Wicker Lane.

There was some surprise shown that these matters were being raised at the ISTT. Rose later contacted John by email, but we still have no indication of how and whether these will be addressed.

10 CH's report for November meeting

1. Cycling Matters! - electronic distribution ongoing.

2. Hospital. Arnold & I met with Russ Morrow and Jill Young, Countess of Chester, about Arnold's comments about active travel access difficulties at the Countess of Chester site. It turns out that the responsibility for the areas concerned lie with Cheshire & Wirral Partnership NHS Trust, who we are now approaching.

At that meeting, Jill said they were making banners to be hung from lampposts on the main drive, carrying green/active travel messages. I asked if one message could be Chester Cycle Buddies - they agreed. Text for banner sent.

3. Uni of Chester.

Recorded podcast about "how to get going on cycling - what you need to know". Podcast is being edited.

Simon Brown & I represented CCC - and Eileen, Nic, Mark, Ian and Frank who were representing Cheshire Wheelers and Bren Bikes, also represented CCC as well - at the University's Sustainable Travel Relaunch Event 26th Oct. Promoted CCC and Chester Cycle Buddies to students and staff.

Forthcoming events:

Storyhouse Climate Event 4th November.

Uni has a Sustainability Fair Tuesday 8th Nov 11am to 2pm (set up from 10am) Small Hall, University of Chester Exton Park, Parkgate Road, Chester, CH1 4BJ Resources provided – 1x table. 1x display board

Uni's "Let's Talk Transport" group on 9th November.

Although not on behalf of CCC, attended the national 20's Plenty for Us conference in Oxford. Was good to see Andy Raynor, Highways officer, CW&C there.

11 Appendix – Notes from PW about the housing developments on Ellesmere Port's North Road.

This is regarding the Planning Notice 22/03500/S73 to remove a previously agreed Pedestrian/cycle link in Ellesmere Port using an old railway line under Rossmore Road East to link up with footpath 35.

I first commented on a planning application to build 280 homes on land near this proposed new housing estate in 2016 and it was agreed then that the builder Persimmon would construct this pedestrian/cycle link once 140 houses were occupied and to maintain the path until all the 280 houses were built and lived in. I presumed then the council would then adopt it and maintain it. I have from time to time over the years had corresponded with the planning office even my M P Justin

Madders and a letter from the Deputy CEO of CWaC last August 2021 to say this path was going in, but in some places it would not be 3 m wide and only 2 m wide in places,

As far as I know the housing estate was completed last year 2021.

CDP who have put in this application to remove this path now own the land between the houses and this proposed Pedestrian/cycle link to build some storage facilities.

I have recently had long conversation with Paul Friston the planning officer and there has been some confusion re land ownership in the past and who is responsible etc , but he assures me that Persimmon will build this path.

Some meetings are now taking place with all parties. I have asked Paul Frimston to keep me informed. Nic has put in an objection from the campaign and I have done one from me and John has done one from CUK.

I have informed three local councilors who did not have a clue what was going on, but hopefully now are getting involved. I emailed Justin Madders who did reply and told me to contact the local councillors, but said he had no authority to get involved.