

## **Chester Cycling Campaign**

Minutes of meeting held at Bowling Green Court, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 7:30pm

Present: Ian Slater (IS) Chair, Steve Pemberton (SLP) Secretary, Nic Siddle (NS), Peter Williams (PW), Mark Thompson, (MT) Simon Brown (SB)

Virtual attendance: Cathey Harrington (CH), Stephen Perry (SP), John Holiday (JH), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Freya Chapman (FC)

### Apologies

John Violet (JV), Eileen Morgan (EM), Roger Hones (RH), Julia Bennett (JB)

Minutes of November meeting, accepted and passed. Craig to add them to the webpage.

### 1. Matters arising

#### Surplus funds

AW to collate suggestions received, with support from IS and present to January meeting  
Action AW, IS

2 Presentation by Freya Chapman Chester East Primary Care Network on their actions for staff and their 37,000 patients to adopt a less sedentary approach to life, i.e. promoting walking/cycling. Plans include Park Runs, GP visits by bicycle, exercise area etc There is the potential to work collaboratively on cycling issues, rides, routes etc.

Action FC to share contact details and those of adjacent networks to see if the avenue can be further explored, no other actions other than , keep in contact and build strong relationship

3 Treasurers report – all satisfactory, no new actions arising

4 Planning report NS has clarified purpose and role of the planning function within CCC.

CoCH plans for “temporary” car park represent an opportunity to get better pathways through the area, within and leading to the hospital. CCC to contact Sustainability officer to try to open up a dialogue on “desire lines” and what can be done within this plan to improve connectivity for cyclists. CH to provide contact name

Action CH, NS

N road Ellesmere Port, It was agreed that this is a very important link and the campaign should resist any steps for it to be ignored.

SP to shake tree with Karen Stevens. SLP will alert Simon O’Brien (LCR cycling officer) who has expressed interest in linking Halton to Frodsham to provide better connectivity there.

Action SP, SLP

5 Inclusive Cycling, - progress report circulated prior to meeting.

Some disappointment noted that the potential ramp improvements at Mouldsworth station and associated minor works had been dropped due to budgetary constraints. EM to pursue

Action EM

6 Family Bike rides. Cycling UK, via Big Bike revival campaign have awarded some funding to Karen Lyons of Chester Cycling Tours to promote family bike rides. There is potential for CCC to work more closely with Karen on this to learn from her experience.

Additional suggestions:

- Advertise a suggested age range for rides
- Historic sites/points of interest on CCC rides to add to the experience
- Plans to include “shortcuts” so rides can be curtailed if weather becomes adverse or a rider is struggling to complete the route
- Emphasise that the leader will ‘always wait for the slowest’.

#### 7 CWaC liaison report.

SP fed back the ongoing shared frustration of lack of progress within CWaC on pursuit of the Active Travel agenda, illustrated by the cancellation of December ISTT.

An outline of the dialogue on Grosvenor Bridge with CWaC was given, 1<sup>st</sup> step is some “physical constraint”, (narrowing, humps, crossing etc) at the side incoming to the city, to slow the traffic to a speed whereby a 20 limit could be applied.

POST MEETING NOTE: JV’s Summary of suggested improvements:-

Advisory Cycle Lanes to remain in situ.

Speed Limit reduction to 20 but not for entire length of ACLs, definitely on bridge.

20 signs to be prominent.

Signs for No Overtaking Cyclists for bridge section due to 1.5m rule.

Pedestrian crossing to be introduced on Overleigh approach with traffic calming measures.

CWaC to prepare detailed drawings based on above for review Jan/ Feb.

Work complete by end March 2023.

Action: ongoing SP

ATfest: meeting agreed to donate £200 to the crowdfunding appeal.

Action: Treasurer JB

8 Twitter Anna Manning, raised a point about signposting to other potential cycle parking spots if a person finds their 1<sup>st</sup> preference has no capacity. Suggestion of a QR code leading to the CCC maps that show these locations was made. Needs to be taken up with CWaC

Action – SB

AM asked to respond to the tweeter advising of this link to the relevant map on CCC website

Action AM

9 1% for the Planet. CCC have been invited to register as an ‘Environmental Partner’ and to identify with a specific need for support e.g. financial, marketing, Social media coaching etc. NS suggested that we check that any commitment we make to ‘1% for the Planet’ does not bring us into conflict with e.g. Bartletts who provide generous support on an ongoing basis.

Action IS

In addition the dialogue explored whether a local University Student coursework/dissertation could be sought to properly evaluate the CCC name/logo/branding. CH to use existing contact to research the correct person to establish a dialogue with.

Action CH

10 AGM

In accordance with the revised Constitution, members are notified that the AGM will take place on 1st February 2023.

Resolutions for discussion to be submitted to Secretary (SP) at least 30 days prior.

Agenda to be issued to full membership at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

AOB

SB to write re secure bike parking at the new Northgate Market.

Action SB

Distribution list for hard copy Cycling Matters, (Held on Google Drive) to be made available to all Activists to facilitate efficient and timely distribution.

Action NS

Suggested Rota of roles, (Chair/Secretary) to be renewed for 2023.

Action IS

Letter of the Month for December: Simon Brown

Next meeting:

Chair – Nic Siddle

Secretary - Simon Brown

Meeting closed at 21:30