

## **Chester Cycling Campaign**

Minutes of meeting held at Bowling Green Court, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 7:30pm

**Present:** : Steve Pemberton (SLP) (Chair), Ian Slater (IS), Nic Siddle (NS) , John Violet (JV), Simon Brown (SB) – (Minutes), Peter Williams (PW), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Linda Shuttleworth (LS)

**Virtual attendance:** Since there was no laptop available for the meeting able to connect to projector and the internet it was not possible to have virtual attendance of the meeting.

### **Apologies**

Cathey Harrington (CH) , Stephen Perry (SP), Monica Robinson, Ashley McCraight, Andy Cairns, John Holiday, Julia Bennet, Eileen Morgan (EM)

### **Minutes of July meeting;**

Nic Siddle should be recorded as NS not NC as in minutes. SB to amend and send to Craig for posting on website. Otherwise the minutes were accepted by the meeting and passed .

**Action:** SB, CS

### **Matters arising**

Inclusion/membership with '1% for the planet' website

Action: Remains for IS.

**Action:** IS

### **Treasurer's Report**

There were no queries regarding the accounts statement for July . (Circulated prior to meeting and these are attached at end of minutes)

### **Inclusive Cycling Officer's Report**

EM could not attend meeting and no report available for July.

### **Development Control Officer's Report**

*Frodsham Solar Farm* -NS submitted a response to the application on behalf of the Campaign (alongside local Cycling UK, North Cheshire Cycling and individuals), to ask for allocation of any planning gain moneys to be utilised for improvement of existing poorly surfaced byway through site to improve the link towards Elton.

*The Trooper-Costa Coffee*. Opened without the cycle parking shown on approved drawings. Currently there has been very slow and inadequate response by both Costa and Planners. NS to liaise with case officer and CWaC Planning Enforcement.

**Action:** NS

*North Road, EP*. Still no movement on this but indications are that Peel Holdings (current owner of the disused lines) appears not to be keen to utilise these for any permanent shared use infrastructure It was suggested by JV that Sept/Oct time might be better to pursue this further.

The complete list of applications monitored is at:-

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dM\\_1NQWdqGosuktDSDxumTrqd7F2w3NaG4p3SeD3Cg/edit?usp=sharing](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)

### **ATFest**

SP reported that CWaC has yet to confirm any budget to facilitate 2024 event. SP circulated video of the ATFest event :

### **Cycle Hub & Visitor passes**

6 Cycle Hub Passes have been purchased and the meeting agreed £30 for printing of signage, both at the Visitor Centre and the Cycle Hub itself. Passes now available for Chester visitors.

With announcement of Picturehouse to open at the Market building IS has been able to obtain a contact at Picturehouse from Andrew Arditti (CWaC Project Officer) which can be pursued. AW agreed to approach and discuss ways to promote cycle hub awareness and its usage with them. IS to approach Storyhouse again regarding promotion of Cycle Hub for its Customers and Staff

**Action : IS/AW**

### **CWaC Highways Board**

JV reported that CWaC is forming a 'Highways Board' to provide impetus to strategic discussions involving Councillors. ATFest is likely to be considered for potential of CWaC 'owning' and 'steering' event

### **Fancy Women's Bike Ride – 17th Sept.**

SB to discuss with Sue Booth of Fabulous Ladies rides/Cycling UK whether she is willing and able to lead ride and register with International Coordinators of Fancy Women's Bike Ride. Sue available after 7<sup>th</sup> August. IS offered a budget from Big Bike Revival for contributions to refreshments after the ride at the Groves, Chester. SLP asked that CNC be kept informed of publicity so that they could also help to promote event. SB and Sue to arrange Ride Insurance through Cycling UK Insurance scheme subject to the collection of contact details of participants taken at start of ride of participants (by SB)

**Action SB**

### **Active Travel Transport Fair – Chester Business Park**

AW & CH provided feedback of the Campaign's attendance (by CH and AW) which was very favourably received by organisers. Quite a number of 'Customers' during the lunch hour were spoken with – main thing seemed to be a lack of cyclable (and quieter) routes across Chester. CH found it helpful to enable access to the Campaign's website by QR Code and from this to navigate to the route planning app. on the site to facilitate journey planning and hence a discussion on options. Future events are being planned and Campaign is likely to be invited again to take part.

## Diary of Events

IS proposed the diary of events be placed on a “google sheet” with activists being granted permission to access. His proposal is to include comments on success or not and any notable outcomes to aid any planning for future event participation. This was agreed and noted by meeting. (Google sheet available as:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DMUv\\_iUrWBMTB3CXDHwajKLijVXkgPE0Roib90oepdw/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DMUv_iUrWBMTB3CXDHwajKLijVXkgPE0Roib90oepdw/edit#gid=0))

Date:	Event:	Supported by:
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	BBR – Women only bike maintenance workshop.  BBR – Fancy Women Bike Ride	IS  SB + Molly Wilderspin-Jones with involvement of Sue Booth of CyclingUK/Fab Ladies.
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept.	Grosvenor Park Sustainable Cheshire Fair –. Cost £35 . Meeting Agreed to spend registration for this	
Etc.	Etc.	Etc.

## CWaC Officer Roles

The reference document identifying key personnel in CWaC is to be re-visited and updated by SLP . Once updated a revised version will be circulated to NS/SP/JV/PW for further revision and comments as necessary. It is unclear where this can be accessed from currently.

**Action SLP**

## Any Other Business

- JV and PW reported that Ellesmere Port walk with Karen Stevens at a very embryonic stage to explore cycling infrastructure opportunities there, but CWaC would be working to LTN120 guidance, which is required if funding is to be sought from Active Travel England and DoT. Northwich proposals seem to have been better thought through and likely to go ahead of any EP scheme
- Grosvenor Bridge traffic management: SP and JV on behalf of Cycling UK and Cycling Campaign to approach Cllr. Karen Shore re: progressing this. Work on this was suspended due to ‘purdah’ over election period. **Action JV, SP**
- Toolkit and work stand purchased by IS with Bike Revival moneys and kept by him to be available to Campaign members. Bookable by writing to [membership@chestercyclecity.org](mailto:membership@chestercyclecity.org).
- Abandoned bicycles – IS reported that he had been liaising with Gill Carr of COLAS (contractor employed by CWaC) following reports of abandoned bikes around the

city. The first tranche of about 12 have been dealt with. Campaign Members are asked to refer to him any other abandoned cycles for dealing with.

Meeting finished at 21:25 : **Next Meeting 6/9/23**- SB chair. IS Minutes

## **Appendix**

### **Campaign Accounts for July up to 31/7/23**

<b>Transactions</b>	<b>£ Inco me</b>	<b>£ Expenditure</b>	<b>Balances £</b>
<b>Opening Balance (Lloyds) 1/7/23</b>			5894.31
<b>Credits</b>			
Memberships via Stripe / Paypal	34.06		
Membership Cheques/direct bank payments/ donations	10.00		
<b>Debits</b>			
Zurich Public Liability Insurance		157.00	
ATFest expenses to Ian Slater		138.07	
Land registry expenses re Caldry Valley		18.00	
<b>Sub-total</b>		<b>313.07</b>	
<b>Cyclists' Club Cycling UK Grant (£1000)</b>			
(Bren for Cycle Maintenance classes: £240)			
(Tools set (via Bren): £150)			
Remaining: £610		<b>390.00</b>	
<b>Total</b>	44.06	703.07	<b>5,235.30</b>