



CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN
.....Working to Create a Cycle Friendly City



**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd January 2024
at 7.30 pm at Bowling Green Court**

Present:

Ian Slater (IS) (Chair), Simon Brown (SB), Julia Bennett (JB), Claudia Caldeira (CC), Cathey Harrington (CH) (Minutes), Ashleigh McCraight (AMc), Steve Pemberton (SPem) Stephen Perry (SP), Laura Ryan (LR), John Violet (JV). Arnold Wilkes (AW), Peter Willams (PW).

By video link: John Holiday.

1. Apologies
Eileen Morgan (EM), Monica Robinson (MR), Nic Siddle (NS).
2. Confirm minutes of December meeting.
Item 2 change action from JB to JV. With this change, the minutes were confirmed.
Action: SP then send to Craig Steeland (CS) for posting on website. **Action: CS**
3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.
 - a. Renewing the contract for Bowling Green court: JB will make payment on receipt of the invoice from Bowling Green Court. **Action: JB.**
 - b. All other actions completed.
 - c. Letter of the month for December was sent, but has not yet been published.
4. Treasurer's report.
Bank balance £5409.39 as at 31st December 2023.
5. CWaC Liaison report. (summarise report)
 - a. JV submitted a CCC response to the Council for the Northwich Active Travel scheme from the station to the town centre. The Station Road scheme for pedestrians and the Victoria Road for cyclists were chosen, since Station Road cannot provide LTN1/20 compliance. JV commented that Albion Street was unlikely to be used by cyclists due to its circuitous nature and suggested Witton Street have provision for 2-way cycling (rather like Frodsham St, Chester). JV also commented on the need for improved cycle parking in the town centre.
 - b. Following the tragic death of a cyclist on the Black Route in Boughton, JV sent a comprehensive assessment of the Black Route in the vicinity of the accident to Kristy Littler. CS has sent a copy of JV's letter to the deceased's family to show that CCC has acted, after the family approached CCC via our website.
 - c. The departure of Dave Land (Head Transport Strategy) from the Council is significant for CCC. Whilst awaiting his replacement, reporting will be to Kristy Littler & Karen Stevens.
 - d. JV will send CCC's request for consideration of allowing cycling outside of shopping hours across the pedestrian areas at Chester Cross and Foregate Street near W H Smith, to the Council in the next few weeks. **Action: JV.**

- e. Road repairs being done by the Council's new contractor Colas were agreed to be of a very good quality. The meeting agreed that JV will write to CW&C on behalf of CCC praising Colas' work. **Action: JV.**
 - f. CCC is still seeking a meeting with Ellesmere Port Development Board (EPDB). IS is meeting Healthbox tomorrow, will see if he can ask Simon Sandford, who sits on EPDB. **Action: IS**
 - g. 20mph signage not yet in place on Grosvenor Bridge: JV to pursue with CW&C. **Action: JV**
 - h. Local Transport Plan 4 Case For Change consultation. JV is collecting submissions from CCC members to form CCC submission by 28th January. Very few sent in to date. **Action: All**
 It was agreed that CCC & CNC would submit separate responses.
 It was agreed to alert all CCC members to respond to the consultation and to attend the drop-in session at Storyhouse on 18th January 2pm – 6pm. SB to put into Bulletin. **Action: SB**
6. Membership Secretary report. Membership stands at 242. New corporate member Live Scene.
7. Development Control Officer report.
- a. One of original three actions rolled forward still to be done: Review of footpaths and submission against plans for Sutton New Hall Farm (23/02279/REM).
 - b. Comments submitted re Old Hall Country Club plans for additional 5 houses. The pavement installation up to the school conditioned as part of the first development has not been started yet and the Parish Council think that the developer is trying to renege on it. Have made a submission saying that no further development should be allowed until and unless it is installed
 - c. The Design & Access statement with an application for Glamping Pods at Little Peover made great play of proximity to Plumley Station for Hybrid travel. NS suggested that they should pay for installation of cycle parking at the station as there is none currently.....
 - d. NS wrote to Paul Friston asking for clarity on the agreements (or otherwise) around the CPD construction at the junction of Rossmore Road East and North Road, Ellesmere Port. Autoreply saying that he is away until 4th January.
 - e. As last month there still seems to be no visible activity re the Frodsham Marsh Solar Farm (no report on the local consultation) or LIDL at Caldly Valley.
 The meeting thanked Nic for all his work.
 The meeting noted that the key to progress on Active Travel in Ellesmere Port seems to be to gain access to the Ellesmere Port Development Board.
8. Feedback on other recent activities.
- a. CC was congratulated for her excellent interviews with cyclists in Chester and posting the interviews on Instagram.
 - b. AW suggested that the Cycle & Scooter hub visitor day pass information could be printed out A5 format for CC to distribute with CMs and AW to distribute. SB to produce artwork, SP to send to printer in Chester. **Action: SB, SP.**
 - c. CH & AW's meeting with COCH & CW. Next step is to check out entrances/exits to hospitals site. CH to suggest dates. **Action: CH.**

- d. CH's talk to Handbridge WI last night. About 35 attendees. None knew about Cycle & Scooter Hub. IS to approach Storyhouse to see if can be put on their screens & Vox magazine. CH to approach Chester Chronicle. **Action: IS, CH.**
- e. Printed copies of Cycling Matters! expected any day, CH will let everyone know when available. **Action: CH.**

9. Programme of rides in the Ellesmere Port area. IS is talking to Healthbox. IS may need helpers when rides have been planned.

10. AOB.

- a. Chair and minutes secretary roles for our meetings this year. We still need volunteers to fill the empty slots in the table below, please consider volunteering. **Action: All.**

Month	Chair	Minutes
January	Ian	Cathey
February (AGM)	Cathey	Simon
March	John V	Stephen
April		
May		Monica
June	Ian	Stephen
July		Steve
August	Stephen	Simon
September	Simon	Ian
October	John V	Cathey
November	John V	Ian
December	Cathey	Laura

- b. Schools engagement programme. SP is looking at ways to engage more effectively with schools. A small subgroup will review the matter in the next few weeks with a view to arranging some activities in the forthcoming months. It is hoped that these may run up to ATFest if it is organised for 2024.
- c. Discussion about whether cycle racks around town hall covered by CCTV. SP to chase with Andrew Arditty. **Action: SP.**
- d. Wyldewoods 'Meet the Neighbours' photo session. CH to reply suggesting Monday 22nd Jan 2pm. **Action: CH.**

Next meeting: AGM Wednesday 7th February.

Chair: CH Minutes: SB

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.