



CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

.....Working to Create a Cycle Friendly City



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

Present:

Nic Siddle (NS) (Chair), Julia Bennett (JB), Simon Brown (SB), Cathey Harrington (CH) (Minutes), Monica Robinson (MR), Laura Ryan (LR), Ian Slater (IS), John Violet (JV), Peter Williams (PW). Non-member Amanda Thomas (AT).

By video link: Eileen Morgan (EM), Steve Pemberton (SPem), Arnold Wilkes (AW).

Introductions were made.

1. Apologies

Stephen Perry (SP) Claudia Caldeira (CC), Ashleigh McCraight (AMc).

2. **Minutes of March** meeting (Draft Minutes of CCC Meeting March 2024v2.docx, as circulated) were agreed and are ready for posting on the website. **Action: CS**

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

- NS has replied to Michael Goan, who has now acted on the point raised.
- PW has reported the boardwalk faults and missing tarmac.

4. Recent CCC Activities

- a. Farmers' Market, Chester Town Hall square, Saturday 16th March. Very successful, lots of people were engaged with. Paul's penny farthing was a big attraction. Fortuitous siting of our stall (at the end of a run) was helpful as it made us more visible. Up to 4 new members as a result. CCC members helping were Simon, Stephen, Monica, Paul, Claudia, Julia, Cathey. Suggestion for next time: ask people if they drive. If so, do they know the safe passing distances? (take a copy of the Highway Code!)
- b. Cheshire West Association of Primary Headteachers meeting, Cheshire View, Wed 27th March. SP presented in the meeting. CCC stall staffed by Stephen, Monica, Peter Bulmer. Disappointingly few heads came to the stand but the head of Mickle Trafford school was very keen.
- c. Lloyds Bank and Bank of America active travel events (Cathey and Stephen): as previously, good conversations with people living in Chester who would like to cycle to work, or are doing so already but not on the best route. Everyone who we introduced to CycleStreets was impressed with it. One person signed up for Cycle Buddies. These events are booked quarterly for the rest of the year.
- d. Introductory meeting with Jack Davies, Strategic Lead, Active Cheshire (Stephen and Cathey). No actions, other than adding Jack to the Cycling Matters! electronic distribution list.
- e. Healthbox, Ellesmere Port: Ian did event with them at Ellesmere Port market. HealthBox are willing to continue to fund the programme of Friday rides in Ellesmere Port from CCC this year.
- f. Ian attended the Big Bike Revival wrap-up event. Points worth noting were:
 - Be able to articulate the WHO, WHAT and WHY of any event that we were pitching.
 - Better to advertise an event as e.g. FUNDED BY CYCLING UK rather than FREE. Underline that the cost of what attendees are getting, e.g. an introductory bike maintenance class might easily be £40+.
 - Consider asking for a nominal upfront payment on registration - reimbursable once the event has been attended
 - Advertising via faith groups seems to be a productive way to reach a diverse population.

5. Forthcoming events:

Event	Date	Location	Time	CCC Lead
School Assembly	Wednesday 17th April	Dee Point	08.00-10.00	Stephen
School Assembly	Wednesday 24th April	Waverton School	10.25 - 11.45	Stephen
School Assembly	Wednesday 22 May	Newton School	from 15.00	Stephen
Farmers Market Saturday	Saturday March 16 th	Chester Town Hall Square	09.00-16.00	Stephen
Farmers Market Saturday with Dr Bike	Saturday April 20 th	Chester Town Hall Square	09.00-16.00	Stephen
Farmers Market Saturday	Saturday May 18 th	Chester Town Hall Square	09.00-16.00	Stephen
Active Travel Festival 2024	Sunday 16th June	Chester Town Hall Square	09.00-16.00	Stephen

6. Treasurer's report (JB).

Bank balance is £5156.14 as at 03/04/24.

About £64 has been received in membership fees.

About £185 has been spent on new CCC promotion materials.

Ride leaders for Healthbox rides will be rewarded with a gift in kind, as vouchers, which will come out of the funds provided by Healthbox.

7. CW&C Liaison report (JV).

Little to report this month:

- CW&C's active travel funding allocations have been announced. There is very little money.
- Charterhall Drive route to the railway station: very positive news. The principle of this LCWIP route has been established.
- LTP4: the Council will be consulting with interested groups in late Spring.

8. Membership Secretary report (IS).

Membership has increased to 250, with new members picked up from the Farmers' Market. Brunning & Price are about to join as Corporate Members.

9. Accessibility (EM).

EM has had lots input and liaison work about A-frames in Flintshire:

It appears that currently, police support for barriers is taking precedence over the needs of users, despite a lack of evidence for the police position.

A Scrutiny project is being undertaken, looking at how the barriers comply or not with the Equalities Act.

If any barriers are proposed in our area, Kate Ball Campaigns & Policy officer from Wheels for Wellbeing London has offered to provide support documentation to oppose their installation.

A Facebook group called "Bash the Barriers" has been set up. Please post examples of the barriers being an obstacle. **Action: All.**

10. Development Control Officer report (NS).

Little to report.

Greenway flooding: still a big problem. JV suggested that blockage of the French drains could be the main cause. After discussion, the meeting concluded that Sustrans currently have insufficient funds to resolve the problem.

Publicise to members in the Bulletin that members can report flooding to CW&C and encourage them to do so. **Action: SB & LR.**

11. QR codes around Chester to advertise CCC.

AT proposed siting QR codes around Chester to raise awareness of CCC. It was agreed that CCC can afford labels or stickers, but the main issue is permission to site them. AT agreed to pursue this. **Action: AT.**

12. AOB.

- a. [Government e-bike consultation](#) closes 25th April. Any comments please forward them to NS for a CCC response. Members are encouraged to reply individually as well. **Action: All.**
- b. Forthcoming meetings:

Month	Chair	Minutes
April	Nic	Cathey
May	Simon	Monica
June	Ian	Stephen
July		Steve
August	Stephen	Simon
September	Simon	Ian
October	John V	Cathey
November	John V	Ian
December	Cathey	Laura

Next meeting: Wednesday 1st May. SB will be chairing the meeting so could someone else bring a laptop with a camera for the online meeting please.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm.