



## CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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



### Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 7.30 pm at Bowling Green Court

#### Present:

Simon Brown (SB) (Chair), (John Violet (JV), Peter Williams (PW), Steve Pemberton (SLP) (Minutes), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Laura Ryan (LR), Julia Bennett (JB),

By video link: Eileen Morgan (EM), Cathey Harrington (CH),

#### Apologies

Monica Robinson (MR), John Holiday (JH), Nic Siddle (NS), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Ian Slater (IS), Claudia Caldera, Stephen Perry (SP)

1. **Minutes of June meeting.** Draft Minutes of CCC Meeting June .docx, as circulated, were agreed and are ready for posting on the website. **Action: SB and CS**
2. **Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.**

**CW&C Liaison report** NS has prepared a list of useful contacts within CWAC  
**SB to check how to access (SB) and to circulate details to activists group**

**Consultations** Future CCC meeting chair will ensure upcoming consultations are highlighted.

All other matters arising are covered by the meeting Agenda.

#### 4. **Ownership of Objectives:**

At the May meeting we agreed that we would aim to have a named individual to be the focal point for each of our stated annual objectives - the idea being that this person 'owns' the history of a particular topic and drives the initiative, with the aid of other members. Responsibilities have now been assigned except for:-

*Continue to improve formal contact with the Council Officers and Members for cycling related matters and try to broaden our base of contacts. **CWAC Liaison Officer role remains unallocated. (JV remains in role until a successor is appointed.)***

*Communication Strategy to be developed. (Social media covered, but communication strategy outstanding. ) **Review needed- All***

#### 5. **Treasurer's Report.**

The following details were shared before the meeting

01/05/2024 Opening Balance £ 5,003.38

29/05/2024 Closing Balance £ 5053.76

#### **From June minutes**

*We discussed the options to renew our current insurance policies that we have held in 2023/24 with Zurich, alongside the cover we get from Cycling UK. After giving detailed feedback to Zurich on our*

*current activities (in response to their questionnaire) Zurich have declined to offer us future cover, once the current policy ends on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2024.*

*IS has been in contact the insurers used by Cycling UK and they have offered cover for £219, which includes extra cover to protect our two primary officers (Treasurer and Secretary). However the public liability cover is for only £2m whereas SB feels that we may need £5m for any activities that interface with CW&C.*

Having completed Atfest We will review the current options in more detail and make a proposal at the August CCC meeting. **Action IS, SP and JB**

## 6. CW&C Liaison

This review will take into account the significance of CW&C's need to progress and complete the Local Transport Plan. LTP4 is going to Council in September without any feedback/consultation. Agreement reached to append CCC notes to inputs presented to council **No current actions**

## 7. Development Control

Nic Siddle's report to the meeting was circulated

- Bromborough to Ellesmere Port Boat Museum – CCC and a number of people in Eastham (including Wirral Footpath and Open spaces Preservation group) are trying to re-establish an old footpath route from Bromborough to Eastham and then a connection to the Boat Museum. The latter part chimes with our North Road and disused railway line ambitions. They have managed to generate some Wirral and CWaC Councillor interest in this project. Moreover Peel are trying to get the protection of footpath status of a section in North Road withdrawn. Meeting agreed that we should try to elevate our ambitions and concerns to Active Travel England, copying in both WBC and CWaC. **Action PW SB**

## 8. Membership report

IS Circulated info that 261 members as at 29th June (increased from 258).

## 9. Inclusivity

With reference the Flintshire 'Barriers Check' discussions, EM explained that Richard Brunstrom QPM, (Independent Member, Wales Active Travel Board) has submitted a report covering the challenges of the chicanes and A Frames as demonstrated by Eileen and witnessed. No response received as yet. **Action EM.**

## 10. Promotion Events

CH attended cycling promotion sessions at the Bank of America and Lloyds Bank on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> June. CH supported a Zoom meeting with 'Everybody Cycling', who are supporting Lloyds report circulated.

The Active Travel Festival took place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June in Chester City Centre, consensus was it was a better event than 2023, particularly the smoothie makers and possibly one worth using again, when appropriate.

#### **11. Feedback on recent activities**

Veda Carter, our contact at the Countess of Chester Hospital, has responded to an analysis of cyclist entrances and exits at the hospital site feedback is that numbers of respondents was encouraging. Ongoing project to study develop cycle access at COCH. Digital Questionnaire already circulated to Activists' Group, but agreed it should be circulated again in Newsletter sent to all members to encourage additional responses (Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> August)

**Action CH, AW, LR**

#### **12. Led rides from Huntington**

CCC are planning to lead rides from Huntington to various destinations (high schools, into town, etc, as requested by residents of Huntington)".

Various options are being explored to help facilitate the school's wish to encourage active travel for year 6 as the transition to High School. Meeting concluded that the risk of exposing yr7 schoolchildren to the threats of the A41 was something we should not get involved with directly. However, to show support and offer coaching solutions we should offer route guidance/demos etc to parents only for a route along the canal and have them lead/direct/encourage accordingly and to demonstrate dangers of alternative (shorter) A41 route

**Action CH to send email publicising the plan IS to speak to school**

#### **13. Adoption of WhatsApp as the major communication tool for activists**

The meeting discussed, but rejected a suggestion that WhatsApp replaces email as it was felt sharing mobile phone Nos (utilised by Whatsapp) was not universally acceptable and the ability to filter/store by topic thread which many value would be lost.

#### **14. Bike parking at Boughton Co-Op**

CH identified a route to give specific feedback after shopping there as there is a follow up satisfaction survey (for Coop customers) that can be used to elevate our misgivings. Members to be encouraged to shop there and provide feedback accordingly. Suggested it would be a topic for inclusion in the next news bulletin.

**Action LR**

#### **~~15.~~ Software to suppress background noise on video clips**

Spend of up to £50 approved **Action CC**

#### **16. Raising awareness of the cycle hub facility at Northgate**

AW led a discussion exploring how the campaign could raise awareness of the facility and use of the passes we invested in. A leaflet had been drafted and was discussed in outline. It was felt that we needed

to develop a more complete plan on how to achieve the objective and manage risk issues. SB to work with AW to work up the plan and refer back to meeting when complete.

**Action AW, SB**

**17. AOB**

There are no upcoming consultations that we need to be aware of.

Forthcoming meeting roles:

<b>Month</b>	<b>Chair</b>	<b>Minutes</b>
August	Stephen	Simon
September	Simon	Ian
October	John V	Cathey
November	John V	Ian
December	Cathey	Laura

Next meeting: Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August

Meeting closed at 21.45