



CHESTER CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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



Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd April 2025 at 7.30 pm at Bowling Green Court

Present:

Simon Brown (SB) , Steve Pemberton (SLP) (Minutes), Julia Bennett (JB), Ashleigh McCraight (AMc), Nic Siddle (NS), Cathey Harrington (CH) (Chair). Arnold Wilkes (AW), Simon FitzMaurice (SF), Stephen Perry (SP), John Violet (JV), Monica Robinson (MR)

By video link: Ian Slater (IS) Rebecca Sharkey (RS),(Merseyside Cycling Campaign) Peter Williams (PW).

Apologies

Laura Ryan (LR), John Holiday (JH), Andy Ashton,(AA), Eileen Morgan, (EM).

1. **Minutes of January meeting.** Draft Minutes of CCC Meeting Mar 2025 v2 were approved, ready for posting on the website.

Action: CS to post to website.

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the March meeting.

- **Climate Emergency Response Plan** – SF submitted a response on behalf of CCC. SB to ask SF to circulate the response, if a copy has been kept. **Action: SF.**
- **Volunteers to chair and minute monthly meetings:** A few slots left to fill, volunteers still needed please.

2025	Chair	Minutes
January	Ian	Cathey
February (AGM)	Nic	Stephen
March	Simon B	Cathey

April	Cathey	Steve P
May	Stephen	Simon
June	John	
July	Cathey	
August		
September	Stephen	Simon
October		
November	John	Cathey
December	Simon B	Stephen

Please put names on [Google spreadsheet](#). **Action: All.**

3. Treasurer's Report for March

CCC funds stand at £5,796.05

Bank service charge of £4.25/month has started. The savings account interest just about equals the service charge.

4. CWaC Liaison.

Following January Highways meeting:

- Advanced Stop Lines: (ref. Pepper Street/Bridge Street): CWaC now advising that current layout "meets the requirements of most people" hence won't alter their position on ASLs. Concern that ASLs at other junctions could be lost in future.
- Permeability of City Centre – no tangible progress from email to Karen Stevens and local councillors.
- Charterhall Drive: see below
- Suspension Bridge deemed unsuitable for cycling as footfall is too high

Next meeting pencilled in for May.

5. Development Control Report

- **Concern that no-one in CW&C is taking responsibility for a protected cycle route along Charterhall Drive:**
Meeting on 8th May with councillors, organised by Richard Beecham, we are to encourage the local councillors to attend too and Adam Langham, (currently replacing Karen Shore on transport.)

The Campaign is to champion a preferred route at this meeting:

The canalside from the locked gates opposite Hoole Lane (a ramp exits and is a good gradient) alongside the new McCarthy & Stone development to the lead shot tower, then Shot Tower Close, past City Place and from there to the Carriage Shed and into the station.

- **Ellesmere Port: Rossmore Rd and North Road.** Local MP Justin Madders has written to CWaC CEO to encourage them to persuade Peel to add those sections of line that they own to be added into the sections already earmarked for AT connectivity.

6 Membership Report. No report, waiting for volunteer to become Membership Secretary.

7 Inclusivity. Nothing to report this month.

8 Request for funding for ATFest and Chester Green Weekend 7th & 8th June 2025. Re. SP's email to CCC activists 24 Feb 2025.

The proposal that “up to £1000 be earmarked for cycling related activities, but that no money could be retained by Chester Green Weekend as this would not be for cycling related activities” could not be voted on because the required 14 clear days’ notice had not been

given before this meeting. Polling resulted in 9 for, 1 against. Assurances were made to reassure the member who polled against.

SP outlined a proposal that asked the meeting to agree funding for 5 gazebos @ £50 each to be allocated to:

CCC

Get going on cycling

Chester Wheelers

20's Plenty for Chester

Sustrans Smoothies machine

The meeting unanimously agreed to this.

SP will outline further specific item/events that he is seeking funding support for to the May meeting for consideration up to a maximum of an additional £750, thus meeting the spirit and intention of the proposal for £1000 already put to members.

It was noted that Aviva have committed to “matched funding” and our contributions will therefore attract further funding for the broader scope of the event. **Action SP**

SP also asked for members help in staging the events which are being held in conjunction with Eco Communities . Item to be included in next CCC bulletin asking for members to give time **Action SB**

There was a discussion about the need for CCC to develop a strategy for currently held funds. This should be agreed at the May meeting.

Action SP (as Chair of May meeting)

AOB

Rebecca advised the Merseyside Cycling Campaign AGM is being held on 17th May in Central Liverpool on 17th May, all welcome and excellent vegan pies on offer!

Volunteers needed for the assembly at Newton School on 3rd June.
Please contact Simon B. **Action: All.**

Next meeting: Wednesday 7th May 2025.

Chair: SP

Minutes: SB

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.