

## **Chester Cycling Campaign**

### **Minutes of meeting held at Bowling Green Court, 2nd July 7:30pm**

**Present:** Cathey Harrington (Chair), Ian Slater, Paul McCormick, Nic Siddle, Andy Ashton, Monica Robinson, Simon FitzMaurice, Peter Williams, Arnold Wilkes, Mike Smart, Julia Bennett, John Violet (Minutes)

**Virtual attendance:** Stephen Perry, Eileen Morgan, Claudia Calderia

**Apologies** Laura Ryan

#### **Minutes of June meeting;**

Minutes were accepted by the meeting and passed to CS to put on website.  
Noted that Item 1 should read 'minutes of May meeting'.

**Action: CS**

#### **Matters arising**

Paul McCormick to suggest dates for Critical Mass training rides.

**Action PM**

Publicity for Northgate Hub

**Action SB**

#### **Treasurer's Report**

Refer attached report

#### **Development Control**

Refer attached report

#### **CWaC Liaison**

Refer attached report.

Suggestions for cycle rack provision to SF

**Action All**

Individuals to make comments regarding Fountains Roundabout

**Action All**

CW&C's Bike Week Facebook posts were very good. CCC to express appreciation. **Action: SF**

#### **Chester Green Weekend review**

Overall regarded as successful but little evidence of new members.

Meeting thanked SP for his efforts.

Suggestion to reduce amount of personnel required in future.

Suggestion to attend community events such as fetes in future.

#### **Strategy for CCC Expenditure**

Meeting agreed to accept the strategy attached to these minutes.

Suggestions to be submitted for September meeting.

**Action All**

#### **LTP 4 Consultation**

Place reminder in Bulletin that all comments by 10<sup>th</sup> August.

CCC response by SF

**Action SF**

#### **Crossing Light Delay timing**

IS felt that there was a need to sample check timing delays on Ped crossings and Toucan crossings. Meeting agreed to the project and IS to send JV information to date. **Action JV**

### **Bike Rack Repurposing**

Andy Coward at CWaC is keen to organise if CCC can make suggestions such as new Lidl store at Boughton.

### **Emily Jones**

Personal Trainer - Wishes to advertise on our website with a member benefit of a discount for female members of CCC. Meeting was unsure of whether this is practical. **Action CS**

### **Future Meetings**

Meeting decided to have alternate formal/social meetings in future with a view to attracting more new members. Social may include short cycle ride in summer months. **Venue for August meeting to be confirmed.**

### **Any Other Business**

PM asked for Civilised Cycling to be added to circulation list  
EM requested to be advised of accessible cafes in Flintshire. Mega Sheds on Sealand Road was suggested.

Meeting finished at 9-37pm.

Next meetings:

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> August	Short ride followed by social, meet St Werburg's Parish Centre 7.30pm.
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Business meeting, 7.30pm Bowling Green Court.

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## Treasurer's Report

### Chester Cycling Campaign Treasurer Report June 2025

#### Current Account

Date	Who Or What	Details	In	Out
28/02/2025	Opening Balance			
05/06/2025	Paypal membership		£ 9.21	
09/06/2025	Bank service charge			£ 5.17
30/06/2025	Eco Communities repayment*		£ 308.00	

#### Deposit Account

	Opening Balance			
10/03/2025	Interest		£ 3.35	

#### 31/03/2025 Total Funds

\* We contributed £248 to the crowdfunder for the Green Weekend in order to make use of the Aviv promise. This has been repaid to the value of our expenses. The original £248 payment and the add expenses incurred have yet to be taken from our accounts. This will leave us with a current account £445.13

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## Development Control report

### CCC Report on Planning application submissions for July 2025 meeting

I have been away for much of the month – hopefully will be able to do some catching up for next month.

#### 1. Rossmore Road & North Road, Ellesmere Port

Justin Madders, MP for E Port, managed to eventually extract an answer from Delyth Curtis (CWaC's CEO). Not at all encouraging. The response was- *"The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) is the Council's 10 year investment programme and prioritises the areas of investment for capital schemes and bidding rounds with Active Travel England. Unfortunately, the area covered in the suggested route is not in our adopted LCWIP, and would require land acquisition from multiple land owners to deliver. The feasibility of including the route from the Boat Museum to the Wirral border has been discussed with Wirral Council and can be considered for inclusion in future iterations of the LCWIP. Given the long lead in period and potential that the scheme may be undeliverable, the Council is prioritising funding to areas where we can have a more immediate impact, and that support our Climate and Poverty declarations.*

The Council's revised Local Plan 'Issues and Options' will be subject to public consultation this year. The current Local Plan includes Policy T4 Rail Corridors: Safeguards and protects all rail corridors and railway lines from development that would prejudice their future transport use, and lists examples elsewhere in the borough. Your constituent may wish to request that this rail corridor is included in this list through the Local Plan consultation.

Once again, I apologise for the late response".

The only positive in this is the reiteration about the preservation of **"ALL"** rail corridors. We have to ensure that this wording is carried through to the next iteration of the LCWIP, preferably adding the North Road route to the four specified in the current version.

### Recent planning outcomes on checked applications;-

(Outcomes:- green - OK, peach - mixed, red - not so good, lilac - uncertain, white – info only).

24/01857/FUL	Change of use of outbuilding to single dwelling	Grove Farm Grove Road Lea by Backford Chester CH1 6LG	Withdrawn	No storage	Application withdrawn
24/01829/NMA	This NMA application seeks to amend the wording of Condition 4 (HGV Monitoring Strategy) and Condition 6 (HGV Movements) of Planning Permission reference 18/01543/S73	Plot 8 Ince Resource Recovery Park Grinsome Road Ellesmere Port Cheshire	Allowed	Principal already covered in response to 24/01685/106 - no further comment	Conditioned that no increase in overall HGV movements - just a re-distribution between sites
24/01552/FUL	Retrospective demolition and reconstruction of former barns. Change of use of former barns to four dwellings.	Sidebottom Farm Stable Lane Utkinton Tarpoley CW6 0JL	Approved	Gail Nickson	No storage Storage conditioned to be agreed in writing and installed before first occupancy

The complete list of applications monitored is at:-

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dM\\_1NQWdqGosuktDSDxuimTrqd7F2w3NaG4p3SeD3Cg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1dM_1NQWdqGosuktDSDxuimTrqd7F2w3NaG4p3SeD3Cg/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)

Please note that from the Goolesheet you have to press 'Alt + Enter' to activate the link (at least in Windows) – and not simply 'double click' the link.

Nic

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## CW&C Liaison Report

Missing Sheffield stands on Frodsham Street

- still not reinstated

St Anne St/St Oswald's Way:

- strange phasing of lights is apparently an accident of history: initially the pedestrian crossing and the cycle lane were to be uncontrolled crossings; Active Travel England however stipulated that all crossings had to be controlled; Highways are looking into potential modifications
- desire line to Oulton Place: the pavement is partially private land (witness the different surface across half its width) - as a result deemed too narrow (is it?) for designation as a shared use path

- Victoria Road - temporary signs associated with the road closure continue to be displaced, often obstructing the pavement and/or the highway
- no clarification as yet on when/if phase 2 of the work will be completed

Active Travel England funding:

- no response to enquiries despite two attempts to determine details

Fountains Roundabout:

- anecdotally, motorised traffic flow improved, situation for cyclists unchanged or rather worse
- temporary pedestrian crossing signs removed early due to vandalism
- Liverpool Road roadworks (partial closure) likely to have affected statistics
- online survey (posted prior to trial end) deadline 17th July
- informal response submitted to Highways

Education establishment speed limit reduction:

- policy document received from Highways - unclear why 40mph limits cannot be changed
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