



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



**Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 3 September 2025
at 7.30 pm at Bowling Green Court**

Present:

Simon Brown (SB) (Chair), Laura Ryan (LR), Julia Bennett (JB), Andy Ashton,(AA), Monica Robinson (MR)(Minutes), Steve Pemberton (SLP), Cathey Harrington (CH), Ian Slater (IS), Mike Smart (MS), Paul McCormick (PM)

By video link: Eileen Morgan, (EM), Simon FitzMaurice (SF), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Peter Williams (PW)

Apologies

Stephen Perry (SP), Nic Siddle (NS), John Holiday (JH), John Violet (JV),

1. **Minutes of July meeting.** Draft Minutes were approved, ready for posting on the website.

Action: CS to post to website.

2. **Matters arising from the minutes of the July meeting.**

- Publicity for Cycle hub – Andrew Arditti (CWaC Officer) has not responded to SB's emails. AA confirmed he had prepared leaflets ready for printing. Agreed SB would send these documents to Andrew Aditti for approval and printing.

Action : SB

- Cycle Rack Provision suggestions - SF confirmed he had received no suggestions for suitable locations from members. **Action:** SB to forward suggestions to SF.
- Fountains Roundabout – Several members confirmed they submitted responses to the consultation. In light of information that the lights were due for renewal it is likely that they will remain switched off on a permanent basis.
- Bike Week publicity – SF sent our thanks to CWaC for this and received thanks in return!
- Strategy for CCC Expenditure – It was agreed that this would be deferred to Nov meeting when bids should be submitted. **Action:** All
- LTP4 Consultation – SF confirmed that JV, SP and CH had sent him contributions which he consolidated into CCC's formal response.
- Traffic Light Delay research – there was some discussion on this matter and consensus seemed to be that in general responses appear to have improved. It was agreed that if anyone experienced a wait longer than 30 seconds they should inform AA or use the Report It app. EM has had difficulty crossing the railway bridge on Westminster Rd before the lights change at the other end. Agreed that EM would report a complaint as it was important to highlight the problem.

3. Grosvenor Bridge 20mph response. A wide ranging discussion about the extremely poor handling of this project by Highways concluded that letters should be sent to the two MPs concerned with a copy to the Head of Highways. SB in consultation with SF agreed to draft a letter and send to activists for approval.

Action: SB, SF

4. Glamorous Gals & Dapper Chaps bike ride 21 September 10.30. CH confirmed the date and time of this annual ride which will start from the Town Hall and will take approx 1 ½ hours. CH is looking for more people to volunteer as marshals. Booking is required and forms will be available on CCC website.

Action: All

5. Review of first Social (6th August). All agreed it was successful and a good start for this initiative. Thanks to AA for organising and leading the ride (Snickets of Chester). A number of interesting ideas were floated for future socials which will be advertised via the Bulletin/activists email/What's On in Chester website.

Action: AA, CH (*Post meeting note Next meeting 8th October St Werburgh's Parish Centre 7.30 Details to follow*)

6. Potential Single Issue Campaign. A wide ranging discussion covered a number of ideas for a single issue campaign. SP had suggested two way cycling in the city centre – particularly the section from the Cross to the Town Hall on Northgate St. SF reported that Councillors think it is a good idea. Good signage would have to be in place to avoid conflict with pedestrians etc.

AA felt this was not a big issue and proposed more cycle lanes. CH proposed 2 way cycling on all one way streets. MR – renew all white lining especially where advisory cycle lanes are and other important areas e.g. ASLs.

SLP explained how concentrating on big targets can in time produce results. He outlined that CNC (Cycle North Cheshire) used the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) as their focus. They engaged with Highways Officers Chris Hardwick and Karen Stevens identifying that permeability in design needs to be locked in. It has not been easy or quick but they have achieved results in the Frodsham/Helsby area. CH noted that despite initial agreement no meeting has been forthcoming with Chris Hardwick in Chester.

It was generally agreed that CCC should now concentrate on the LCWIP and come up with key projects that CWaC can then bid for under the Plan. We need to pressurise the Council on 1 item and work towards achieving something. A range of schemes were discussed and can be further considered when we are clear on the criteria etc. SB suggested all activists should study section 5.5 of the LCWIP and bring ideas to have further discussion at November's business meeting. Use link to access the document: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/asset-library/transport/cycling/local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plan-2020-2030.pdf>

Action: All

7. Upton Fun Day 13/9/25. No one was available to attend on this occasion.

8. Rehoming Cycle Stands Project. IS outlined actions already taken and planned as follows: One bank of stands donated by Waverton Primary will be

located outside the Butchers in Boughton to replace old Grippa stands, and the second set at the Jubilee Fields Park, Huntingdon. The installation work will be done by CWaC's contractor COLAS who hopefully will be able to assist with future sites.

IS has also undertaken to remove 28 no redundant Sheffield stands from the former Lloyds building on Charterhall Drive. 2 will go to the Lache Medical Centre and 6 to Tattenhall Parish Council. Andy Coward (Highways Engineer) has agreed to store any spares until required.

All members were asked to suggest other sites to be recorded on a spreadsheet on the Google Drive. SB agreed to update the spreadsheet when set up.

Action: IS, SB, All

9. Social Media comments on Campaign channels by members of the Campaign. All members are asked not to use 'I' when posting on Campaign Social Media. **Action: All**

10. Treasurers Report. The report is attached to these minutes. JB confirmed there are some expenses that need ratifying. £25 spent by IS on Merseyside Cycling Campaign was approved. Also agreed was the use of donations received at the Green Weekend to replace damaged parts for the Smoothie Machine – SB to notify JB of details. **Action: SB, JB**

11. Membership. MR will take over the role of Membership Secretary. IS and CS to arrange handover. **Action: MR, IS, CS**

12. Inclusivity activity. Unfortunately power to the laptop went down at 8.50pm and members linked by video could no longer join the main meeting. Apologies to EM, and other attendees.

13. Feedback on recent campaign activities. CH confirmed there will be no Autumn issue of Cycling Matters – next one will be Winter.

It was agreed that it would be helpful for activists to know who is on the activists list. CH to ask CS to action. **Action: CH, CS** (*post meeting note- list has been circulated*)

IS confirmed that SP and CH will represent CCC at Bren Bikes 10th Anniversary event on 25th Sept.

SLP urged anyone who planned to contribute to the ongoing consultation regarding the Solar Farm to run it past SLP or AM (C N C) first to avoid confusion as they are leading on this project. **Action : Anyone affected**

Next Business meeting: Wednesday 5 November 2025.

Chair: John Violet

Minutes: Cathey Harrington

Meeting closed at 9.40 pm.