

Minutes of Chester Cycling Campaign meeting
Wednesday 3rd June 2026
Bowling Green Court, Brook Street, Chester

Present:

Andy Ashton (AA), Julia Bennett (JB), Simon Brown (SB), Cathy Harrington (CH) (Minutes), Stephen Perry (SP), Monica Robinson (MR), Nick Siddle (NS), John Violet (JV) (Chair), Arnold Wilkes (AW).

Present by video link:

Laura Ryan (LR), Peter Williams (PW).

Apologies:

1. **Apologies:** Simon FitzMaurice (SF).
2. **Minutes of last meeting (1st April).** Accepted as a true record of the meeting.
Action: CS to post on website.

3. Matters arising

- Brought forward. Publicity for cycle Hub. SB will get 2000 leaflets printed. **Action: SB**
- Job description social media. Drop.
- JB confirmed that Sam Marshall has agreed to check our accounts.
- Cyclescape: SB reported that [Cyclescape](#) had been used in the past in Chester, but had not continued because of extremely limited participation. There are 2 CCC groups on Cyclescape: one of 9 members, the other of 3 members. Simon B has the account password. A suggestion was to ask members in a Bulletin survey whether they use Cyclescape, Facebook, our Bulletin, or other social media. Everyone was asked to try using [Cyclescape](#) – type ‘Cambridge’ in the ‘Cyclescape Groups’ search box and see how it is used there. **Action: All.**
- Storage of Campaign materials. After the Green Festival, SP will assess the space needed to store Campaign materials. Does anyone know of anywhere we could store them? AW to ask at a place he knows. **Action: SP, AW.**

4. Reports

- a. Treasurer See report below. Funds £ £6,160.82.
- b. CW&C Liaison. See report below.
- c. Development. See report below.
 - Michael Goan, CW&C’s Public Rights of Way Officer, has approached PW asking for the Campaign’s opinion on a proposal to surface a section of the Byway Open to All Traffic which starts in Blacon and goes to Saughall known as Kingswood Lane. We support the proposal and are pleased to have been asked. NS will respond affirmatively. **Action: NS.**
 - Rossmore Rd East – there is an application for change of use from warehouse to leisure (new padel court). CCC feel strongly that permission should not be granted until all requirements of previous planning permissions about

implementing a footpath and cycle path have been completed. PW has emailed Robert Bisset who has passed on PW's concerns to the Council. SB will ask both Green Councillors for the area to chase it up. **Action: SB.**

- Land by Northgate Ponds which is a potential route from the Greenway to the Station. NS is researching ownership of the land.
- Discussion about inadequate active travel access from the new housing estate in Hooton to Hooton station. PW will contact the local Councillor. **Action: PW.**

5. Chester Green Festival 7th June. All preparations done. SP has got 17 schools to participate in the decorated wheels competition and has 34 wheels ready for display. SP was thanked for all the effort he has put in. Post meeting note: CH is doing a talk on "Get Going on Cycling" on 14th June, the second day of the Green Festival.
6. Northgate 2 – CCC response. Another point to add: will residents get a free swipe card for the Cycle Hub? CH will collate and submit. **Action: CH.**
7. Bulletin - Calls to action/Survey.
 - It was agreed that a survey should be put in the Bulletin about proposals which will come from the Chester Movement Strategy. If this has not happened by the August meeting, the survey proposed by AA will be used.
 - There was a proposal in the meantime for a survey to ask members where they get their information about the Campaign and cycling in Chester: Cyclescape, Facebook, Bulletin, or other.
8. Forthcoming activities:
 - a. 1st July Social - ride into town from Saughton Camp to CCICA's talk on e-bikes. Meet 6.30pm outside Co-op, Saughton Camp. - AA and CH to plan and publicise. **Action: AA, CH.**
 - b. Blacon Festival 4th July, If anyone free. In the [diary](#).
 - c. CCC stall at Fresher's fair, Tuesday 15th September, Cheshire College South & West, Eaton Road, Handbridge, CH4 7ER. In CCC diary. If anyone free. In the [diary](#).
 - d. Annual cut back Shed Lane cycle/walking snicket, Saturday August 1st 9-11am (from Councillor MacGlashan) Action: SB can attend. All others grateful. In the [diary](#).
9. Mayoral candidates. Meeting agreed that we should ask the Mayoral candidates about their intentions for cycling. It was agreed that the same questions be put to each candidate, in advance. The idea is for 2 or 3 Campaign members (AA volunteered to be one) to interview each candidate individually, online. Bring ideas for questions to the next meeting. SB will contact Paul Bowers, Green Party for 3 possibilities of dates in September. **Action: All, AA, SB.**
10. Constitution reminder. Notice periods must exclude the day on which notice is sent as well as the day on which a meeting is to be held. See [Constitution](#), paragraphs 7.3, 8.3 and 10.1.

11.AOB

- Cycle stands outside That Beer Place. Action: SB will pursue.
- Cycle Hub: SB has come across quite a few people who have had great difficulty in getting a pass, because of lack of availability of staff in the market car park. He has also noticed that the office is often unstaffed 2-4pm. SB spoke to the manager of staff working in the market, who was unaware of the Cycle Hub but enthusiastic when they learned about it. It was agreed that CH will ask CW&C Transport Strategy whether a better way could be found of distributing swipe cards. **Action: CH.**
- SB has slide set from Transport 2000 on "Living Streets", which is still relevant today. NS agreed to help transfer the slides to digital format. **Action: NS.**
- SB has an archive of cuttings about CCC activity since CCC began. This can also be digitised.
- CH to ask the CW&C about progress on repairing the Boardwalk. **Action: CH.**
- The September social will be on 16th September.

12.Meeting closed 9.35pm.

Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 5th August. Chair: AA. Minutes: volunteer needed please.

Treasurer's Report

Report for the period 2026-04-01 - 2026-05-31

Debits -£8.50

Credits £64.59

Nett £56.09

Balances as of 2026-06-01:

Current account £1,104.93

Deposit account £5,055.89

Total £6,160.82

CW&C Liaison Report for CCC meeting June 2026

(Since last CCC meeting in April):

1. Chester Movement Strategy

- Submitted suggestions from CCC members as stakeholders, Uwe's letter from 2019.
- Attended One City Plan Connectivity Group meeting in April (resume emailed to CCC activists)
- Attended One City Plan Connectivity Group Working group meeting in May. Draft vision and objectives discussed. Response submitted on behalf of CCC.
- Will present CCC's Cycling Infrastructure Priorities at June One City Plan Connectivity Group meeting (have 15 mins). Working with Nic on mapping (no mapping options from CW&C).

2. Thanked CW&C for putting in four 20mph limits on main roads outside schools in Chester.

3. Submitted CCC objection to planning application Guilden Sutton (April), chased why not published (thanks Simon T for alerting me), now published.. (NB: Highways submission is a "Holding objection" on grounds of lack of pedestrian safety, and highway safety at the A41 / Guilden Sutton Lane junction.)

4. Attended Northgate2 drop-in, emailed CCC, preparing CCC submission early June.

5. Photoshoot with CW&C's cycling Civil Enforcement Officers, with Simon T.

6. Joined meeting with Ian, Nic, Councillor MacGlashan and Kristy Littler from CW&C, about how **unspent Lidl S106 money** could be used on the missing cycling link on Caldley Valley Road. Sent notes of meeting to Kristy.

7. Contacted CW&C about Grosvenor Bridge lane markings for cycle lanes – why blacked out around pedestrian island? Response awaited.

8. Put up CCC suggested diversion notices on barriers at each end of Union Terrace, emailed CCC.

9. Posted on CCC pages Facebook & Instagram:

- a. Bike bus webinar.
- b. BBC Sounds programme on cycling (thanks Nic).
- c. Guilden Sutton School Streets.
- d. CW&C cycle training.
- e. Ewloe Dutch-style roundabout.
- f. CW&C cycling CEOs.
- g. CW&C's Report It change to online, app being stopped.
- h. Union Terrace cycle route closure.
- i. CCC at Green weekend 7th and 14th June.
- j. Hoole Bridge petition.
- k. England's first Cycle Street (Cambridge).

CCC Report on Planning application submissions for Jun 2026 meeting

1. Planning Monitoring

Simon F has devised a method of downloading data directly into the Googlesheet of outstanding applications, rather than transferring via Excel. There are still some tweaks to be sorted but it should make it easier to pick out the most relevant applications. Unfortunately, there is still no way of automating the examination of the background documents and this still will have to be done 'manually' in detail.

2. Interactive Map

The Chester 'Coloured Routes' are being added to the map. To avoid confusion where these routes overlap with existing mapped paths, they will be added as a separate layer which can be switched on or off on demand. It should make it easier to identify 'missing link' infrastructure. So far, only the Black Route has been added.

3. Highway Fault reporting

The faulty pedestrian crossing control box at the Bawn Lodge on Hoole Road has now been replaced by a new more modern one. Only took two reports..... Google spreadsheet updated.

4. Planning in Principle (PIP) developments

There are a significant number of these in the pipeline – part of the Government's relaxation of planning rules. In effect, developers can get a cheap steer as to whether permission is likely to be granted before going to the expense of submitting detailed plans for small &/or Green Belt-busting projects. As few details are submitted at this stage, it is impossible to raise objections – but should permission be granted, there will be a presumption in favour and a possible lack of real scrutiny. I plan to write a generic comment regarding cycle storage provision which can be submitted each and every time a PIP is raised, but it will not be site specific.

5. Caldy Valley Road Site Visit

Cllr Elizabeth McGlashan, Kristy Littler, Cathey, Ian and I met on site. All the deficiencies and potentialities for the area were discussed, including a look at the A55 slip road underpass (one part of which was flooded – first time I've seen that). Cathey prepared a report to capture the issues. Cllr McGlashan was clearly engaged and now has the detail. We received no indication about potential for s106 spending from the Wyldewood, LIDL or Saighton contributions and there seemed to be little thought being given to the potential for contributions from the Twirl of Hay and proposed Bloor Homes developments.

6. Old Hall Country Club

I never did get a response from the Estate Agent to my query as to whether the second phase properties are being actively marketed. I suspect that there will be further attempts to delay/ avoid the footpath improvement conditions imposed with the planning permission.