

Minutes of Chester Cycling Campaign Meeting
Wednesday 5th August 2026
Bowling Green Court, Brook Street, Chester

Present:

Andy Ashton (AA) (Chair), Simon FitzMaurice (SF) (minutes), Cathy Harrington (CH), Eileen Morgan (EM), Steve Pemberton (SP), Nic Siddle (NS), Ian Slater (IS)

Present by video link:

Paul McCormick (PM), Arnold Wilkes (AW), Peter Williams (PW)

- 1. Apologies:** Nick Owen, Stephen Perry, Monica Robinson
- 2. Minutes of last meeting (3rd June).** Accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 3. Matters arising**

- a. **SB** (Simon Brown) will get 2000 cycle hub leaflets printed.
Done - received at Bren (unknown if yet distributed).
- b. **SP, AW** storage of CCC materials.
Delayed (required volume indicated).
- c. **NS** to respond affirmatively to Michael Goan re Kingswood Lane.
Done.
- d. **SB** will ask Green councillors to follow up re Rossmore Rd East.
Overtaken by events.
- e. **NS** researching ownership of land by Northgate Ponds : see NS report.
Done.
- f. **PW** contact local councillor re Hooton Estate.
Contacted, but no response; **Action: PW to chase again.**
- g. Northgate 2.
Done.
- h. Survey into proposals from Chester Movement strategy.
Done.
Action: CH to create call to action.
- i. Storage of Campaign materials.
Action: CH to put out call on socials and to contact United Reform Church Hoole.

4. Reports

- a. Treasurer: see attached
- b. CW&C Liaison: see attached
- c. Development: see attached

- Dropped kerb

Action: NS to put together request for Cathey to submit to CW&C

- Leadworks/Waitrose lift - ownership uncertain; has never been operational.
Ramp is more desirable than lift

Action: AA to generate pictures for socials suggesting ramp designs.

- Mannings Lane; anticipated issues include:
 - drainage (potentially ameliorating the greenway flooding issue?)
 - connection to the greenway
 - a shared use path from Hoole Roundabout to Guilden Sutton LaneCCC will comment in detail when the plan is available (expected this autumn)

- d. Membership: see attached

5. CCC stall at Freshers' Fair, Cheshire College South & West, Eaton Road, Handbridge, CH4 7ER, Tuesday 15th September 11am-2pm.

Cathey will attend if possible. All invited.

6. Mayoral Candidates

Three candidates have so far been announced.

Questions so far proposed:

"How would you encourage a non-cyclist to cycle?"

"How much unspent S106 money is CWaC holding?"

"What proportion of Highways budget would you envisage directed to active travel?"

"Will you join 12 other regional mayors in a plan for a national active travel network?"

(see

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-create-a-national-walking-wheeling-and-cycling-network>)

More suggestions welcome; it was noted that questions should be phrased such that potential answers are measurable.

7. Pavement Parking

Although this was acknowledged generally to be a concern, it was not thought that it fell within the remit of CCC.

It was noted the reporting of some issues can be made via Op Park Safe (Cheshire Constabulary) [see <https://www.cheshire.police.uk/police-forces/cheshire-constabulary/areas/cheshire/campaigns/op-park-safe>]

8. Communications

“Activists” mailing list

It was noted that:

- the existence of the list is not readily apparent to members
- its name is somewhat discouraging/intimidating

Action: AA to construct a form of words and liaise with

- Craig to change the name to something more general and make public ([un]subscribe control on the web site?)
- Laura to post in the newsletter

Cyclescape

It was noted that:

- its adoption would represent a significant change
- a critical mass of users would be required

Detailed discussion regarding potential adoption was deferred.

9. Bike rack repurposing

It was noted that:

- Highways may store unused stands at the Guilden Sutton depot; contact has proven difficult
- potential locations include That Beer Place and Bache Post Office
- PM has 11 stands at his house

Action: EM to approach Flintshire Council

Action: IS to chase Simon Brown.

10. Civilised Cycling Speaker

The meeting approved expenditure of £60-£100.

11. Any other business

Forthcoming Events

The following were noted:

- Glamorous Gals & Dapper Chaps ride - Sunday 20th September

- Glow Ride - around 22nd October
- CCC social (see below)

12. Date of Next Meeting

16th September (social): inner City Snickets ride: St Werburgh's Centre 18:30.