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, Laura Ryan

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 Lane
          CCC 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?"
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> "How much unspent S106 money is CWaC holding?"
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> "What proportion of Highways budget would you envisage directed to active travel?"
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> "Will you join 12 other regional mayors in a plan for a national active travel network?"
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> (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.