

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum
Minutes of Meeting 14th April 2010

Present

Adam Edwards	John Shead	Roger Moulding	Bryn Jones
Tom Morley	Andy Knight	Jon Starling	Richard Balawender

The Chairman welcomed Jon Starling of Welwyn Parish Plan and Andy Knight, Area Manager of Sustrans.

1 Apologies for Absence

Cathy Wilkins, Chris Whitehouse, Ian Gregory

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March were accepted.

Matters Arising

Congratulations were expressed to Chris, in his absence, for his success with getting Cycling Science on to Herts Direct as the main news story.

3 Future Events

Andy Knight gave us a very interesting presentation on the activities of Sustrans, including their 100 mile ride planned for 5th September, with the possibility of shorter versions. Other matters included £50 million lottery Connect 2 funding which is paying for a tunnel under the railway in Royston. This is the 15th anniversary of the National Cycling Network. Regarding the TravelSmart project, Sustrans need a paid Project Officer for Broxbourne, based in Cheshunt, should anyone wish to apply.

Press publicity is needed for our future events with a visit to WH Times to see if we can encourage them to cover us-**Action John**

A press release needs to be produced-**Action Adam**

Welwyn Festival 19/20 June – have a stall one day? (Would need gazebo)- **Action Roger to consult with Cathy.**

Tour de Havilland: will be combined with a Green Travel event based on Horsa Gardens, de Havilland Village, Hatfield with a stalls on a green transport theme and half-hourly led rides, with a quiz – help needed-**Action All**

Kalfest in hand – help still needed-**Action All**

Welwyn Hatfield Life – material needed by end April – **Action John**

Steaming Cyclists-this ride to Colney Heath will take place on 12th September, a change to the date on the website – **Action Richard**

4 Financial Issues

The Grassroots grant application was discussed. Possible uses for any funds include a cycle maintenance course, a basic first aid course, a course for child protection awareness, and funding of the web fee. The bid totals approximately £800.

5 Sustrans Rangers' Meeting

Adam and Roger attended. Major issues covered in Andy's report.

6 Route Issues

The data on the Hatfield Business Park routes has updated by Judith a local resident who came on the March ride. Adam will formulate her comments and submit to Pedalpoint –**Action Adam**

The Hatfield Station route is progressing well but there is still a lamppost in the middle of the route!

John Starling asked about routes to Welwyn. The Welwyn village route is in the Welwyn Urban Transport Plan but as yet unfunded. It would extend the Bessemer Road cycle path under the A1(M).

7 Any Other Business

Forum members had been asked to support a campaign by British Cycling to protect cycle racing on the open road and Tom showed some pictures of how an event on roads in Welwyn Hatfield was organised, with marshals and support vehicles.

8 Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 12th May 2010