

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum**  
**Minutes of Meeting 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**Present**

Adam Edwards	Cathy Wilkins	Roger Moulding	Ian Gregory
Chris Cooke	Chris Whitehouse	Tom Morley	Bryn Jones
Richard Balawender			

**1 Apologies for Absence**

Alison Ewington      John Shead

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> November were accepted

**Matters Arising**

- a. Child Safeguarding: Cathy still waiting for information. **Action Cathy**
- b. Publicity: Cathy still to obtain details of the “Goody Bag”. **Action Cathy**
- c. Funds remaining: £805 of the fund of the £900 has now been spent.
- d. Earthworks: Date of events still outstanding. **Action Alison**
- e. Questionnaire in connection with Kaleidoscope: Suggested that this could alternatively be posted on the Forum website using Survey Monkey.
- f. Tour de Havilland or of the Beacon sites?: To be further discussed at a future meeting. It was mentioned that nearby Ellenbrook Fields park is now open, with a rideable circuit round the park. Adam and Freddie to investigate. **Action Adam**
- g. Cathy still to try to add the Herts priority list to the Forum website. **Action Cathy.**
- h. Demonstration of local websites showing cycle routes: Cathy expects the GIS manager of Welwyn Hatfield BC to be available to attend a meeting after Christmas.

**3 Alban Way**

There was a lengthy discussion on the WHBC funds available for maintenance and improvements on the Alban Way. £18,000 is available to be spent before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and there should be a further £20,000 to be spent during the next year.

Consensus was that a flat root free surface is a top priority followed by cutting back and clearing overgrown sections where the width of the route is narrowed. Signs at junctions (particularly the zig zag at St Albans Road West) and updating of the display panels are also an issue. Cathy noted various issues and will endeavour to get more accurate costs for the next meeting when the issues can be discussed further. **Action Cathy.**

**4 Cycling strategy meeting**

Ian reported on a meeting he had attended the previous evening in St Albans of Hertfordshire Cycling Groups. Matters discussed included:

- The next meeting of the Herts Cycling Forum will be held at County Hall on 18<sup>th</sup> January. This is a change from the original date agreed.
- Although Cycle England funding has disappeared, funds may be available through the Sustainable Transport Fund.
- Cyclenation News, the news letter of the Cycle Campaigns Network (CCN), lists campaign groups around the country. We should investigate the costs of this. **Action Roger.**

It is proposed to have another meeting in three months time and it was agreed that this should coincide with the March meeting of our Forum.

**5 Events**

Further discussion on future events was postponed to the next meeting.

**6 Any Other Business**

Richard mentioned that the website needs updating and he hopes to deal with this in the near future.

**7 Next Meeting**

12<sup>th</sup> January 2011

The Meeting concluded with members thanking Cathy for providing suitable pre-Christmas refreshments.