

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum

Minutes of Meeting 12th January 2011

Present

Adam Edwards
Chris Whitehouse

Cathy Wilkins
Bryn Jones

Roger Moulding
Jeremy Payne

John Shead

1 Apologies for Absence: Alison Ewington, Ian Gregory, Tom Morley

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of meeting held on 15th December agreed.

• Matters Arising not otherwise on the agenda

- a. Child Safeguarding: Cathy had been recommended that we join ProAction which is a group which offers free checks and support for volunteer groups. This would cost £48.00. Agreed we join. **Action Roger.**
- b. Publicity: Goody bag will contain some 400 items we can use to give away at Kaleidoscope and other such events. Spending of £99 plus postage agreed. **Action Roger.**
- f. Ellenbrook Fields park is now open, with a rideable circuit round the park. Jeremy commented that the path round the new park is very muddy. Carried forward. **Action Adam**
- g. Cathy to add the Herts cycle routes priority list to the Yahoo site. Carried forward. **Action Cathy.**
- h. Demonstration of local websites showing cycle routes: GIS manager of Welwyn Hatfield BC will attend our February meeting.
- J Cyclenation costs: Agreed we should join for a trial year for £20.00. **Action Roger.**

• Other financial issues

In the light of the decisions above there was a brief discussion about current finances.

The following was noted:

- Mick Wilkins is attending the maintenance course as a replacement for Chris Whitehouse.
- We will buy a set of business cards with the group name and logo, plus simple statement of what we do on the rear, which all group members can then give to interested people. This would be cheaper and more flexible than an events poster. **Action Adam, Roger.**
- The purchases above would more than spend the remainder of the grant received last year.
- Agreed next meeting should discuss future finances and fundraising. **Action Adam, Roger.**

3 Alban Way

Cathy reported significant progress. She had recently walked the route with contractors and gave us the following costs:

- Surface repairs and repainting missing arrows between Wrestler's Bridge and Ellenbrook will cost £14,200
- Repairs to the Wellfield Road bridge will cost £600, not £2500
- Resurfacing Ellenbrook Lane to the Blackberry Arch (St Albans boundary) will cost £24,950 for the mile of route. Suggested that Cathy see if reducing the width of the surface from Ellenbrook to 2m wide might reduce the costs.
- The big Alban Way display maps had originally cost some £5000, but that included their construction. With the Wellfield Road route due to be built in 2011, doing new maps now would mean they were out of date rapidly.
- Agreed that as time is now pressing to get the money spent by 31st March 2011, Cathy should action with Durk Reyner the following works:
 - Surface and lines
 - Moving of the Dismount sign incorrectly reinstalled north of Lemsford Road to the correct location near the old station steps, not the cycle route ramp.
 - Repairs to the bridge
 - Remainder of the funds to go on replacement signs.
 - **Actions Cathy.**

- Assuming £20,000 is available in 2011-12 priority would be the Ellenbrook section surface (in part) and the display maps.
- Cathy suggested we ask for the Community Payback team to do manual labour clearing vegetation from the edges of the cycle path. This is better coming from us as a community group than WHBC. Agreed clearing the sides of the section from St Albans Road West to Cavendish Way was a priority to reduce summer nettles. Adam to contact Hertfordshire Probationary Service. **Action Adam.**
- Cathy was congratulated for her work on this so far.

5 Events

- Agreed the events programme with the addition of a stall at Welwyn Festival which Roger will organise and the STACC barbecue which we may be able to join. **Action Adam to ask Doug**
- All rides will be led outwards with participants riding back when they wish. The Potters Bar ride will include train back to Hatfield.
- Adam will add a ride to the Colney Heath Railway when dates are known. **Action Adam**
- Hertford castle: No 2011 events are listed yet, so will only do this if there is a useful gap filler.
- No news on the QE2 Hospital ride.
- Cathy will do a Five Miles to Fabulous at some point.
- Tour de Havilland: Agreed the effort organising the event was disproportionate to the numbers attending so this will be replaced by other rides.
- Events agreed therefore are:

Date	Destination	Start from	Route	Miles	Lead
08/5/11 Sun	St Albans Signal Box	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	10	Adam
21/5/11 Sat	Earthworks Hill End open day	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	8	?
18/6/11 Sat	Welwyn Festival	Welwyn, 10-13:00	Stall	0	Roger
18/6/11 Sat	St Albans Festival, Verulamium Park	Ellenbrook Lane Hatfield, ?	61 Alban Way	10	John
22/6/11 Weds?	Earthworks barbecue for STACC	Wrestler's Bridge, ?	61 Alban Way	8	John
26/6/11 Sun	Potters Bar via South Mimms	Hatfield Station	12 GN Way	7	Adam
09/7/11 Sat	Wheathampstead Village day	Campus West	57 Ayot Greenway	10	Adam
16/7/11 Sat	Kaleidoscope	Stanborough	Stall	0	Cathy
10/8/11 W	Pub ride	?	?	?	?
03/9/11 Sat	Earthworks Hill End open day	Wrestler's Bridge	61 Alban Way	8	?

6 Any Other Business

- Web site: Noted that this is still showing the Broadwater opening ride. Chris Whitehouse volunteered to work with Richard to keep the site up to date. **Action Adam to contact Richard with the events and to arrange sharing of the work with Chris.**
- February meeting will look at:
 - GIS work by WHBC
 - Finances and fundraising
- March meeting (9/3/11) will include other reps from groups around Hertfordshire. The meeting needs to start at **19:15**, to enable uncharged use of the car park, which charges anyone entering before 19:00.

7 Next Meeting

- 9th February 2011 @ 19:00