

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum

Minutes of meeting held 13th July 2010

Present: Adam Edwards, Bryn Jones, Chris Cooke, Chris Whitehouse, Roger Moulding, John Shead.

1 Apologies for absence: Tom Morley, Cathy Wilkins, Ian Gregory

2 Minutes of meetings held 11.5.11, 15.6.11 and matters arising

- Work place challenge: CTC charge is to councils not companies.
- HCC priority routes document is now on the Yahoo site.
- Alban Way resurfacing west of Ellenbrook: Being walked on 13.7.11 by Groundworks and a contractor to assess work and get a price.
- Lost railways information boards: These have been installed at the start of the Cole Green Way and the Ayot Greenway. However, they are incorrect about maintenance and Cathy is getting this changed. There is no news of one on the Alban Way so if one is seen please tell her! **Action All.**
- Signed accounts to be scanned and added to Yahoo site: Done.
- Risk analysis form to Roger: Done.
- Monks Walk School: Chris C is to meet the deputy head and we discussed issues for him to raise. One key issue for the school is the lack of a cycle path on Knightsfield or under the A1(M) to Welwyn. **Action Chris C.**

3 Website and Facebook

- Chris W has received all the access details for the web site and has done some updates.
- Wording for events needs softening to remove the word register and to be clear who rides are for. **Action Adam, Chris [Done]**
- Adam showed the draft Facebook page on Roger's new Mac. Agreed that this could go public and people on the mailing list invited to like it. **Action Adam [Done]**
- Agreed the Yahoo list should be checked for lapsed committee members and that they should be removed. **Action Adam [Done]**
- What's on listing in *WH Life* was noted but concern expressed that the image of a lycra clad racer was unhelpful. Cathy has already raised this with WHBC Communications who ask that we send a better picture next time. **Action Cathy?, John?**

4 Rides insurance

- John has not yet heard from STACC on how they are organising the adhoc 20p membership for rides.
- Noted that as we signed up for Bike Week we are covered by their insurance for 4 months.

5 Adult Cycle Training promotion

- There is a course running in St Albans for learner adult cyclist for £29.00. This appears to have been organised without STACC knowing and at the price quoted for a number of weeks must be subsidised. Agreed John to see if WHBC are offering training. **Action John [Done – referred to the link on HertsDirect: <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/rsu/riding/cyctrain/cyccourses/oneadult/>]**

6 Planned events

- The Mixed group have organised a fund raising ride on 11/9/11. Agreed we should take part so it will be added to the events list, but with a colour to indicate it is not our ride. **Action Chris W.** Individuals will need to contact the Mixed Group to join in.
- Pub ride: Agreed to meet at the Red Lion, Hatfield.
- Verulamium Park ride had attracted no riders, but as John and Adam got drenched on the way to the start the weather did not help.
- STACC barbecue event had also not attracted any riders. John attended then event, but missed the STACC led ride to and from the site and had to wait for the burgers, so assuming we attend next year we need to retime the arrival from Hatfield for later.
- Wheathampstead ride was a major success:

- o 6 adults and 10 children attended plus 6 WHCF committee members, so 22 people in total.
- o Discussed how to better marshal large numbers next time. Agreed best to split the ride in to smaller groups when on road.
- o At Ayot Green the pavement over the motorway and side road in front of the houses should be used to minimise on road riding.
- Heartwood forest event on 27th July: The event is aimed at young children. Discussed a led ride to it but agreed that the roads to the venue would be unsafe for the age group the event is aimed at, so sadly not a good plan.

Date	Destination	Start from	Route	Miles	Lead	Riders
17/4/11 Sun	Potters Bar via South Mimms Services	Hatfield Station, 11:00	12 GN Way	7 x 1	Adam	2A/2C
08/5/11 Sun	St Albans Signal Box and Clarence Park	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	2 x 5	Adam	1A/2C
21/5/11 Sat	Earthworks Hill End open day	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	2 x 3	John	0
18/6/11 Sat	Welwyn Festival	Welwyn, 10-13:00	Stall and bike checks		Roger Cathy	n/a
18/6/11 Sat	St Albans Festival, Verulamium Park	Ellenbrook Lane Hatfield, 12:00	61 Alban Way	2 x 5	John Adam	0
23/6/11 Thurs	Earthworks barbecue for STACC	Wrestler's Bridge, 18:30	61 Alban Way	2 x 3	John Bryn	0
10/7/11 Sun	Wheathampstead Village day	Campus West, 11:00	57 Ayot Greenway	2 x 6	Adam Roger	6A/10C
10/8/11 W	Meet informally at Red Lion Hatfield	Meet at pub at 19:00	n/a	n/a	All	n/a
21/8/11 Sun	Colney Heath railway	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:30	61 Alban Way	2 x 3	Adam	
03/9/11 Sat	Earthworks Hill End open day	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	2 x 3	?	
11/9/11 Sun	Mixed Group sponsored ride	Scout Hut WGC, ??	61 Cole Green Way	?	Mixed Group	

7 Any other business

- Olympic Park ride: Details had been emailed.
- Cycle Herts: This is the agreed name for the cross Herts group. Adam reported that a basic framework for a constitution had been agreed at the meeting in June.
- Ellenbrook Fields: Chris C will email about the conditions of the paths. **Action Chris C.**
- British Heart Foundation: Jeremy will be riding from London to Brighton to raise money for this worthy cause.

8 Dates of next meetings

- 10/8/11 (Pub ride), 14/9/11, 12/10/11, 9/11/11, 14/12/11.
- Hertfordshire Cycling Forum is on 6/9/11. Adam and Tom will attend.