

## Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Minutes of meeting, 9<sup>th</sup> November 2011

**Present:** Adam Edwards, Roger Moulding, John Shead, Jeremy Payne, Cathy Wilkins, Bryn Jones, Ian Gregory, Chris Whitehouse.

**Apologies for absence:** Tom Morley, Chris Cooke,

### Minutes of the previous meeting held 12.10.2011 and matters arising

- Lost railways information boards: incorrect information. **Cathy still to discuss errors with the producers.**
- Monks Walk School: Chris C is to meet the deputy head and we discussed issues for him to raise. **Action Chris C. No update available as CC not at meeting**
- Big Lottery Funding should read: Bids are in 2 parts: £300-£10,000 (projects only) and £10k - £300k (projects and revenue). New display boards, gazebo Action Cathy to get price for these. Done.
- Kings Mead Easter egg hunt **Action John still to get date**
- Any De Havilland events **Action Cathy still to contact Terry**
- Alban Way signs: Action Cathy: Price from contractor awaited.
- Dates of next meetings. Action Cathy to check bookings at Campus West. Done.

### Hertfordshire Locality Budgets – works we would like to see

- Agreed to work on the following routes:
  1. Monks Walk School to Welwyn via field path upgraded to bridleway
  2. Welwyn to end of current path on Bessemer Way
  3. Campus East to Ayot Green Way Route 12 under White Bridge
  4. Incinerator bypass cycle path from Welham Green to Hatfield via Dellsome Lane and the University
  5. Hatfield town centre – Onslow School – French Horn Lane
  6. Cycle stands in towns to replace those broken over complex old ones.
- Noted that £90,000 per ward was available and in previous years some money had been returned unspent.
- **Action John and Roger to prepare a single side A4 with photos in support of 1 and 2**
- **Action Adam to prepare single side A4 with photos in support of 3 and 4**
- **Action Cathy to find previous list of cycle stand sent to David Burt.**

### Funding

- Roger attended a recent WHSPAA meeting. There is a Sport England small grants budget we can bid to. Agreed to bid for money to replace displays and pay for a gazebo to improve our marketing. **Action Roger.**

### Cycle Herts, 20/10/11

- Cycle Herts has an agreed constitution. Adam is acting as Secretary pending formal appointment of officers.
- WHCF will affiliate. John Shead will be our voting representative, with Ian Gregory as reserve.

### Route news

- **Wellfield Road:** Consultation with residents on the section between Comet Way and The Common shortly.
- **Hatfield town centre:** Left as final phase due to uncertainty of timescales on town centre redevelopment.
- **Footpath from Wrestlers Bridge to the Ryde:** There is a planning application in to ban cycling on this path following selfish actions of a few speeding cyclist refusing to slow down for children.
- Noted that PCSOs are now empowered to fine cyclists on pavements.
- Alban Way is being trimmed and fly tipping will be cleared by end of next week. **Action Adam to monitor and report to Cathy.**

### Planned events for 2012

- Table updated as below.

### Any other business

- Letters to WHBC and HCC re town centre plans posted on 19.9.11 had received no response. **Action Adam to express disappointment to the Councillors concerned and to copy the letter to Philip Bibby.**

### Dates of next meetings

- 14/12/11, 11/1/12, 15/2/12, 14/3/12, 11/4/12, 9/5/12, 13/6/12, 11/7/12, 8/8/12 (pub ride), 12/9/12, 10/10/12, 14/11/12. 12/12/12.

## Events 2012

Date	Destination or Event	Objective	Start time/point	Route	Distance	Leaders
Sun 5 February	Great Amwell Nature Reserve	Winter Migrant Birds	10:00 Morrisons AL7 1RY	NCN61	28km 17.3 miles	RM
Sat 10 March	Community fun day	Stall				
Sun 25 March	Shaw's Corner Ayot St Lawrence	Visit	13:30 Campus West AL8 6AE	NCN12	12km 7.4 miles	RM
April	Kings Meads Hertford	Easter Egg hunt	10:00 Morrisons AL7 1RY	NCN61		
Sun 6 May	Colney Heath	Miniature Railway	13:00 Howard Centre 13:30 Wrestler's Bridge	NCN61	14 miles 22.5 km	AE
Sun 20 May	Kimpton Festival	Visit only	10:00? Campus West AL8 6AE	NCN12		CW
Sun 10 June	Oaklands Steam Fair	Steam fair	10:00? Wrestler's Bridge	NCN61		JS
Sat 16 June (Bike week)	Welwyn Festival Stall	Dr Bike and bridle path ride	Stall only?			CW
Sun 24 June (Bike week)	Event with STACC???					
?? July	Wheathampstead Festival	Visit only	11:00? Campus West AL8 6AE			
Sat 7 July	Kaleidoscope Stall & Dr Bike & short ride	Festival plus Olympic Torch	14:00 East end of park??	Circular: Galleria and return??	10 km 6 miles	CW
Early Aug	Treasure Hunt	CW has clues	10:00? Morrisons AL7 1RY			CW
Mon 27 Aug	Burnham Green Festival		10:00? Waitrose car park			
Sept	Mixed Group Charity Ride					
Late Sept	Tour de Havilland	With Salisbury Village Day				
Mon 22 Oct?	UH Environment week stall	UH	Stall only			
??	Woolmer Green	Charity Pub Ride				
Sun 18 Nov	Bridle Path Tour		11:00 The Forum, UH, AL10 9AB		25-30km 15-18 miles	RM

## Ride descriptions

### **Amwell Nature Reserve**

Sunday 12 February Start Morrisons Car Park, Black Fan Road, WGC, AL7 1RY 10h00.

Come with us to visit this nature reserve, internationally important for wintering wildfowl. Three hides allow you the chance to see many rare water birds and possibly some of the resident otters. Don't forget to bring a pair of binoculars. Full details on <http://www.hertswildlifetrust.org.uk/NatureReserves/Flagship/amwell>. Ride approximately 28km there and back generally along off road cycle tracks. Facilities minimal on site. Be prepared for cold weather and muddy paths around the reserve. Lunchtime pub stop on return leg. Return before dark.

### **Shaw's Corner**

Sunday 25 March Start Campus West Car Park, WGC, AL8 6AE 13h30.

This is the first day of BST (don't forget to get up an hour early!) Route approximately 12km there and back generally along well surfaced off road paths, with short sections on minor roads. 2012 entry charges to Shaw's Corner not available at present, but likely to be around £3.00 for cyclists. Return before dark.

### **Colney Heath Miniature Railway**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May Start Howard Centre front entrance, WGC, AL8 ??? 13h00 and Wrestler's Bridge Hatfield, AL10 ???? , 13h30

Our annual favourite ride to the miniature railway. The ride follows quiet roads and off road cycle paths to Colney Heath where we will enjoy the rides on the live steam railways round the North London Society of Model Engineers site. Normally two lines are in operation plus café. Charges are made for each ride. £1.00 each in 2011. Return will not be led so you can leave when you wish. More information on the railways at: <http://www.nlsme.co.uk/>

### **Bridle Paths Discovery**

Sunday 18 November Start The Forum University of Hertfordshire, College Lane, Hatfield, AL10 9AB 11h00.

Circular tour to discover local bridle paths, off road cycle paths and generally quiet lanes. Route 25km to 30km depending on condition of bridle paths. Lunchtime pub stop. Return before dark.