

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Minutes of meeting, 14th March 2012

Present: Adam Edwards, Roger Moulding, John Shead, Jeremy Payne, Bryn Jones, Ian Gregory, Tom Morley, Chris Whitehouse

Apologies for absence: Cathy Wilkins, Chris Cooke: Chris attended to present his apologies and to tell the meeting that personal commitments means he will not be attending for some time.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 14.2.2012 and matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

- Signs for Cycle Watch. **Action Cathy carried forward in her absence.**
- DeHavilland events contact. **Action Cathy carried forward in her absence.**
- Community fun day: Done and event happened. Names for mailing list given to Chair to add to list.
- University contact for environment events: Done.
- National spend on cycle works: Details had been sent round. Noted this include the completion of works on the Luton to Harpenden cycle path.
- Email re New paths for communities: Emailed.
- Fresh ways to travel is actually Fresh ways to work. Trevor Mason has been asked to speak at the April meeting.

Cycle Watch

- Chris as coordinator has sent round an email asking to details of those who want to be on the list. 2 people have replied so far. **Action All to reply to Chris.**
- Noted with concern that Chris has access to the personal information of people who are part of other watches.
- Agreed we should launch at Kaleidoscope as a high visibility event where the police are also present. **Action Chris.** Noted that we need to pay our pitch fee. **Action Roger to chase Cathy.**
- Agreed we should run Doctor Bike at all stall events. Agreed we should have a check list of recommended repairs to give to people whose bikes were beyond fixing and who need to go to local bike shops. **Action Chris to circulate version used by cycle trainers.**

Lemsford Road roundabout consultation

- Adam had previously circulated a draft response and this was agreed with the following changes:
 - o Note that removing cyclists from the roundabout removes 5/8 causes of collisions.
 - o Cavendish Way should have a toucan crossing.
 - o Queenway should not be returned to two lanes but we should suggest a bus lane instead.
 - o A map should be added to the document.
 - o **Action Adam.**

Planned events for 2012

- List was discussed and amended. Details of rides need adding so we have information to send to our contacts list. **Action ride leaders.**
- List should be dated to be clear which is the current version. List to be posted on Yahoo. **Action Adam.**
- Roger has done an excellent customer friendly version as a stall handout. This should be updates and added to the Yahoo list for others to use. **Action Roger**
- Events should be added to Bike Week web site. **Action John.**

Any other business

- Ian has been sent a book of Hertfordshire cycle rides being sold to raise money for the MS Society. Ian to ask if we could have copies to sell at our stalls. **Action Ian.**
- Local Access Forum: A new bridle path is to open at **Weeks Farm** in Wheathampstead, some time after the May local elections. Cyclists at the launch would be appreciated. Noted that if a

suitable date were chosen we could lead a ride to the event. **Action Ian to find out when this is.**

- Cyclenation AGM is in Birmingham in July: Roger offered to attend. **Action Roger.**
- Black Fan Road cycle path: Has been completed but needs better signs and a proper zebra crossing to Sir Freds school. John to ask that this be funded from the new development on the school playing fields, copying in David Burt. **Action John.**
- Cycling World Cup: Tom reported on his experiences running this test event at the Olympic velodrome. He had been interviewed and broadcast to the audience. The track is as promised very fast.

Dates of next meetings: 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.