

# Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Meeting Minutes held Weds 9<sup>th</sup> Jan 2013

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

**Apologies:** Tom, Jeremy.

## Actions from the previous meeting held 12.12.12:

Streetlife community website. We need a registration with a Hatfield (suggest UofH) Postcode.

**Action John.**

## Upcoming Events and Rides for 2013

- Ian's Sat Social Ride 9<sup>th</sup> Feb. to Emily's Teashop at Whitwell. Leaving Kinetic Cycles at 11am.  
<http://www.bigreddirectory.com/emilys-tea-shop-hitchin>. Chris to update website.

### Action Chris

- Jeremy's Sat Social Ride 9<sup>th</sup> March, to Amwell Nature Reserve.
- Hatfield Cycles re-opening on the weekend before or after Easter (28/29 March). Maps/leaflets delivered by Roger for our Saturday WHCF Stall. Chris to liaise.
- Chris's Sat Social Ride 13th April, Redbourn.
- John suggested a train trip to Arlesey and ride to Stotfold Mill.
- Any ideas welcome for new rides, please send to Roger for inclusion on the reserve list.

### Action All

- The updated 2013 rides list is on the WHCF Yahoo site.

## Activity Map Revision

Please send errors and omissions to Cathy for future map updates (when funds allow).

## Stream Woods

Cathy to send signing suggestions to David Burt. **Action Cathy.** The path was swept on Sat 12 Jan.

## Alban Way Improvements

Cathy is putting together a 5-year maintenance program, which will include sweeping, trimming edges back and flail cutting. Suggestions for future improvements to Cathy to add to the wish list. **Action All**

## Active Travel Consultation

Roger, Bryn and Ian attended the public session at Campus West today.

The transport culture for short journeys has to be challenged. Safety of non-motorised modes needs to be prioritised. The improvement targets set for walking and cycling are rather feeble. A cost benefit ratio of at least 1:10 in terms of health benefits will be achieved. More at <http://www.cyclehelmets.org/1015.html>

Hertfordshire can be compared directly with its Cambridgeshire neighbour; councilors must recognise that infrastructure changes to increase walking and cycling should be implemented.

Roger will write a response on behalf of WHCF. Comments to Roger, consultation deadline Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Jan.

<https://consult.hertsdirect.org/active-travel-strategy/> **Done.**

## AOB

Adam has responded to the Inter-urban Route Consultation <http://hertscc-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/transport/iurs> (see 'who said what' for all comments) and also the WHBC Core Strategy Consultation, <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=458>, extended until 30<sup>th</sup> Jan.

Roger informed us that if we recruit 4 new members by April, the CTC could offer WHCF free annual membership.

Items for inclusion in the Newsletter to John. **Action All.**

**2013 Meeting Dates** 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug (Pub),

11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec

**All meetings start at 7.15pm in the Acorn Suite, Campus West, Welwyn Garden City.**