

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:  
Minutes Wednesday 9th Oct 2013

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

Actions from the previous meeting July 2013 –

Meeting Room. Cathy has arranged a room in Campus East, WGC for the remainder of 2013, but we will have to marshall outside before being admitted to the building.

Meeting Room for 2014. **Action Cathy.** Ongoing.

Alban Way Improvements. Comments to Cathy for the £30k capital bid of for repairs to the eastern section. **Done.** Vegetation still needs to be cut back.

### **Events Roundup.**

October SSS to Amwell The weather was dry, but cold and dull. Dave, Roger and John.

### **Rides and Events**

Family ride to the NLSME miniature railway at London Colney. Fine bright weather, 11 attended.

12<sup>th</sup> Oct SSS to Hertford Food Festival, Adam 11am, The Forum, Adam, Ian and Chris with a pick-up at Morrisons, WGC at 11.45. Roger, Dave and John. Lunch at Serendipity. *11 Attended.*

14<sup>th</sup> Oct. Environment Week, UofH, WHCF Stall with Dr Bike. Setup 10am for 11am – 3pm. This has now been moved to 'The Street' in the Atrium in the main building on the DeHavilland Campus. *Roger, Ian and Chris.*

9<sup>th</sup> Nov SSS Hatfield Tour, Chris.

14<sup>th</sup> Dec. SSS Alban Way Surface Celebration Tour. It was suggested that we ride the Alban Way with an invitation to STACC to join us. Roger

Jan 2014 SSS Ian  
Feb 2014 SSS ???  
March 2014 SSS Chris  
April 2014 SSS Roger  
May 2014 SSS John

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 10 – 4 WHCF Stall at the Healthy Living Event, Campus West, WGC. **Action All.**

It was suggested that a column is added to the rides spreadsheet to record the weather on the day

**Action Roger.** Done.

A discussion followed on new destinations and distances. We could run on road as well as off road rides. One thought is that we should offer some longer rides on road of say 15 miles each way, with a rest after 7miles. This would help people to make the transition between our short rides and the longer ones run by CTC Clubs and the 40+ Group. Other suggestions included -

- Myddleton House Gardens, Enfield, has a café and free entry.
- Willows Farm, London Colney, family ride.
- A ride to one of the gardens on the Red Cross or National Garden Scheme. Tea and cake is usually available.
- Barnet and beyond, return by train.

## Planning, Infrastructure, and Locality Budgets

Bridge Road, Heronswood Rd, Howlands, WGC on road scheme.  
A discussion followed with maps of the route. The main points were -

- The scheme uses a busy main road and main bus route.
- The north end does not join with the town centre
- The south end does not join with Ascots Lane and NCN 12.
- The route makes no use of quiet roads.
- Paint on road (in isolation) does nothing for motorists behavior and speed.
- It is extremely unlikely that Sustrans have been properly involved.

Adam offered to draft a response to Clare Martin, Herts Highways. **Action Adam.** Done

Campus East Offices Development. At least 4 responses were sent to the WelHat Planning Portal.

Our main objection is that the Travel Strategy and Environmental Checklist docs make claims that the offices are well served by cycle paths when in reality there are no paths.

Welhat Planning Alert System. After registration residents can receive weekly email notifications of planning applications in their area. There should be an option to choose alerts on large scale developments. <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5371>  
It may be possible to set up notifications for more than one area but this may need multiple email addresses.

On the subject of consultations and lobbying for cycling infrastructure, it will be more effective to put in multiple responses. To do this: when anyone sees anything relevant, email the group so we can respond individually. Then if we feel it is really important and that there is enough time before the deadline, we will consider writing a WHCF response.  
It was noted that not everyone has the time to respond individually. Also, having seen the main response others can pick up on the important points and comment individually.

## Finances

WHBC have introduced a 'Community Chest' scheme for small clubs and societies.  
Roger will email Councillors requesting small donations. **Done**

## Herts Speed Management Consultation

<https://consult.hertsdirect.org/2013/tp3consultation/>

The proposed new Hertfordshire Speed Management Strategy document is generally very good, but an anomaly was found regarding 20mph limits. For all speed limits over 20mph, the Maximum Mean Speeds after implementation is shown as the respective Speed Limit. However, the Maximum Mean Speed after implementation for 20mph is shown as 24mph, which is only 1mph less than the Maximum Mean Speed shown before implementation. It doesn't seem worth bothering for so little speed reduction, especially since this could still mean many cars travelling at 30mph.

Closing date is 22<sup>nd</sup> November. An official WHCF response will be prepared. **Action Roger.**  
Done

## AOB

Chris contacted Herts Chief Inspector Jo Walker with the 10 questions (see page 8) from the Road Justice Campaign at [http://www.roadjustice.org.uk/sites/roadjustice.org.uk/files/CTC link Replies sent to Chris in the 2 emails of 17 Oct have been collated and stored in Yahoo Files.](http://www.roadjustice.org.uk/sites/roadjustice.org.uk/files/CTC%20link%20Replies%20sent%20to%20Chris%20in%20the%202%20emails%20of%2017%20Oct%20have%20been%20collated%20and%20stored%20in%20Yahoo%20Files.pdf)

WHCF Stall Maps for markup. Cathy to investigate A1 prints for the next stall event. David to prepare Open Street Maps maps. **Done.**

SSS Flier. Roger to circulate a generic flier for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Socials.

If anyone has unwanted CTC magazines please pass to Roger for the Stall. **Action All**

2013 Meetings 7.15pm, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Campus East, TBC.

2014 Meetings Venue TBD 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays. 7.15pm