

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:
Meeting Minutes Weds 11th Dec 2013, held at WHBC, Campus East.**

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

Apologies: Jeremy Payne.

Actions from the last meeting:

Cyclescape. As mentioned last meeting this is a new tool for sharing faults and improvements. Requests can be added by anyone interested in our area. Cyclescape members will get automatic notifications. <http://www.cyclescape.org/> Please register if not done so. **Action All**

Rides and Events

Roger attended the well supported Alban Way surfacing event, on 26th Nov. when the Mayor of St Albans was persuaded to ride some of the way.

http://www.stalbansreview.co.uk/news/10844821.Cyclists_enjoy_newly_resurfaced_Alban_Way/

11th Jan SSS 11am The Forum. Ride to Bhaktivedanta Manor, Aldenham. Ian

<http://www.bhaktivedantamanor.co.uk/home/>

Feb 8th SSS Adam. Trotters Bottom and Beyond.

Feb 18th 10 – 4 WHCF Stall at the Healthy Living Event, Campus West.

March 8th SSS Chris. Wheathampstead (to meet the Councillor) or East of Hatfield Park.

April 12th SSS Roger.

April 19th Litter Pick on Alban Way, Adam to co-ordinate.

May 10th SSS John. Coincides with the Women's Tour Stage Finish in WGC. WHCF Stall on Parkway TBD plus a ride from Hatfield to Parkway (*Forum or Town Centre start?*) Cathy to keep us posted with developments and to pass contact details to Matt Rayner in order to co-ordinate activities. **Action Cathy**
Can we ensure that members are available on the day - this is likely to be our biggest event of the year and an opportunity to attract new people? **Action All** <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5469>

Nigel Holmes-Smith of Herts and Middx Wildlife Trust would like to organise a ride between nature reserves for the 50th anniversary of HMWT. WHCF have offered to help. No date set.

Five Miles to Fabulous. (see Community Chest) It was suggested that we hold a women's only ride from Monks Walk School on a weekend.

When we ran this it was very successful with the 9am Saturday morning Gym Club joining in.

Cathy to ask Lindsey Peters if the club would be interested **Action Cathy**.

If we run this could we persuade any of our ladies from the SSS to help out as ride marshals? (Mention it on the next SSS).

Planning and Infrastructure

Section 106 Agreements

Cathy gave us an insight into how Section 106 agreements work.

With housing developments there is usually a fee per bedroom or per house.

Planning obligations can only be sought if they meet all of the following –

- Are necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.
- Are directly related to the development.
- Are fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

Councils will examine their existing planning and cycling strategy documents. It will be difficult for others to make suggestions for infrastructure that is not already documented and planned for.

It cannot be used to 'mend' incomplete existing infrastructure or missing links.

WHCF need to work out how we can best be kept informed of upcoming developments and projects.

We also need to understand how the Community Infrastructure Levy, CIL works, it seems that this may not have to be directly related to the development.

Cathy has offered to arrange a S106 presentation for us. **Action Cathy.**

More info at http://www.pas.gov.uk/3-community-infrastructure-levy-cil/-/journal_content/56/332612/4090701/ARTICLE

Alert-It. Dave said that the WHBC Alert-It email notification system is now properly working. Please register in order to keep abreast of developments. **Action All** <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5371>

Community Chest

Panshanger Ward. We met with Councillor Darren Bennett at the Moneyhole Football Club at Panshanger. Darren is very keen to get the community involved in sports activities. He declined to assist with a CC donation but gave us a few other funding leads. Incidentally the clubhouse has loos and a basic café and we should try it for a starting point for the Cole Green Way (instead of Morrisons).

Sherrards Ward have offered £500. We have had to clarify that they are happy for us to spend it on running expenses and that the money will not exclusively be spent in their ward. They have now confirmed they are OK with this. We then went on to discuss what we could do in the ward and focussed on Monks Walk School. Possibly a ride from here and back and definitely a FMF Women's Ride.

The Barnet Cyclist Campaign publish short routes from schools in their area. Could we do this?

All suggestions welcome. **Action All.**

AOB

Adam -

- Reported that the barriers at the end of Gypsy Lane by the A414 are narrow enough for small cars to drive off the dual carriageway over the verge and access WGC. A request has been made to HH to move them closer together.
- Has detailed plans of the Woods Ave/Travellers Lane cycle path. **Adam to circulate. Done**
- Birchwood Path Link, Homestead Lane, Hatfield. This should be completed in December.
- Stanborough Lane street lighting. It seems that lights could be installed for £5k. However Ringway are insisting that the very latest standards must be adhered to and that this will cost £20k which is over budget and so will not be done. Hopefully a compromise will be worked on.

Roger - Mike Narramore of Cycletech mobile repairs is interested in working with us. Roger to invite Mike to attend the Womens Stage Finish on May 10th. **Action Roger.**

Ian - The multi-purpose (dual surface) path alongside Heartwood Forest beside the B561 Sandridge, Wheathampstead Road is now signed off, to be installed within the financial year. However, it will extend only to Nomansland, but nonetheless is useful for a circuit of the forest.

John - We are all familiar with our website but – does it make sense to a newcomer ? Does it engage ? Can we email the link to friends and family and ask for feedback ? **Action All.**

Next meeting Jan 8th 7.15 Campus East.

2014 All meetings 7.15 pm Campus East (meet at the rear) for the near future, 2nd Weds of the month.