

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:
Meeting Minutes Weds 8th Jan 2014, held at WHBC, Campus East.**

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

Apologies: Bryn Jones.

Items from last meeting:

Cyclescape. The website for sharing faults and improvements is being used by Cambridge Cycle Campaign for their improvements tool. Cyclescape members will get automatic notifications. <http://www.cyclescape.org/>
Chris to register WHCF as a group. **Action Chris**

Alert-It. Now up and running but with a few glitches (very old planning applications being sent out) <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5371>

Website Feedback. We are all familiar with our website but does it make sense to a newcomer?
Can we email to friends and family and ask for feedback? **Action All Done.** Feedback from Adam.

Short Family Routes for website. Ideas required. **Action All Done**
Adam suggested 4 circular rides around Hatfield and WGC, see email of 18th Jan.

Rides and Events

St Albans Green Ring. 3 rode on the Alban Way to investigate the route. See website for writeup.

11th Jan SSS 11am The Forum. Ride to Bhaktivedanta Manor, Aldenham, Ian
<http://www.bhaktivedantamanor.co.uk/home/> *We were blessed with good weather, 7 attended.
3 unscheduled decompressions on return.*

Feb 8th SSS Chris. Hatfield and the East. Lunch in Hertford.
Feb 18th 10 – 4 WHCF Stall at the Healthy Living Event, Campus West.

March 8th SSS Adam.

April 12th SSS Roger.
April 19th Litter Pick on Alban Way, Adam to co-ordinate.
April 26th Sat. Five Miles to Fabulous, Women's ride from Monks Walk School. Cathy to contact Lindsey Peters **Action Cathy.**
Could we get any of our SSS ladies to help as ride marshals? Remember to ask on the next SSS.

May 18th Sunday NLSME Railway. Family Ride.
May 10th John. Women's Tour Stage Finish. Stall on Parkway TBD plus a family ride from Hatfield Town Centre. John has contacted Matt Rayner to request stall arrangements and ride publicity. Poster and fliers.
May 25th Festival of Sport, Stanborough Lakes. Triathlons, ½ Marathon, 100k Sportive.
Poster and fliers needed for sign in desk/office.

Sun June 8th John. Family Ride Raft Race and Community Sports Day, Castle Park, Hertford, 12 – 4 Morrisons start (unless the Moneyholes Clubhouse at Panshanger is open)

July Kaleidoscope. Will it be held this year? **Action Cathy.**

Try to firm up details in the April meeting for (say) the following 6 months for printing posters and fliers.

SSS Ride leaders were allocated for the rest of the year -

June SSS Ian
July SSS Adam
Aug SSS Chris
Sept SSS Roger
Oct SSS John
Nov SSS Ian
Dec SSS Adam

Big map mark-ups for stall. Dave has these ready in the Yahoo files. It was suggested that we print and laminate one A3 for the next meeting to check if this is going to work. **Action Cathy.**

Planning and Infrastructure

Section 106 Agreements Presentation

A discussion followed on the format. A 15 min introduction, followed by a Q & A session was proposed.

We need to understand –

What the planning mechanisms are.

What is needed for successful cycle infrastructure to be included on new developments.

Why planners don't seem to understand that some people are frightened to cycle on the road and if road access exists then why segregated cyclepaths are required.

Why cycling proposals are put forward, but respondents receive zero feedback as to why they are not implemented.

Why S106 monies are not spent (or handed back)

£56M held by Herts CC <http://www.hertfordshiremercury.co.uk/Hertfordshire/Herts-County-Councils-56m-building-cash-stash-under-fire-by-Lib-Dems-20140108080043.htm>

The Community Infrastructure Levy.

How to encourage our Councillors to promote the continuous benefits of cycling and walking, (relationships with Councillors need to be forged)

Provisional date WHCF meeting March 12th. Cathy to confirm. **Action Cathy.**

We will invite CycleHerts members when the date is confirmed.

Norton Building. Bridge Road, WGC. There may be issues with cycle storage and cycle access to the north. *Change of use has been refused; full planning permission has to be requested.*

Herts Year of Cycling 2014.

At the meeting we were unsure when anything was going to happen. *HCC planning has now started. Our 2014 events list is ready for linking on the website.*

AOB

Roger. We now have £500 in the bank.

Ian to attend a First Aid refresher course.

Our display board hinges are broken - can we replace the hinges or do we need new boards?

Action Cathy/Roger

Ian. Panshanger Park. Larfarge have confirmed that the shoot is to be discontinued. The HMWT are thinking about a new HQ building on the park. *New website by the Friends at <http://friendsofpanshangerpark.co.uk/>*

Roger. The UofH – Larfarge environmental project run by Alasdair Jones has been wound up. The Go Dutch Presentation in Hatfield has been rescheduled for the 6th Feb.

Adam. The Homestead Court – Comet way path has still not been finished.

Ian. The Chantry Lane route from Woods Ave to Bishops Rise has been changed for the worse by the nearby building developer. The dropped kerb and tarmac surface beyond the bollards has been removed and the surface has been filled with wood chippings. The issue has been reported to Richard Cuthbert, ROW officer. See (old) streetview picture – <http://goo.gl/maps/eGfDk>

John. The 2014 Tour de France Stage 3 Cambridge to London will pass through Essex and not Herts. Cambridge is looking for volunteer marshals.

Chris enquired on the possibility of a footbridge over the A414 at Gypsy Lane.

Adam. Flytipping on Alban Way, reported, should be cleared by now.

Next meeting Weds Feb 12th – aim to assemble at 7.10pm, Campus East.

2014 All meetings 7.15 pm, Sycamore Room, Campus East, 2nd Weds of the month.
See website for building entry instructions.