

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:  
Meeting Minutes Weds 12th Feb 2014, held at WHBC, Campus East.**

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

Apologies: Adam Edwards,

**Items from last meeting:**

If you can fwd your Cyclescape username & email to Chris, he can add you to the WHCF Cyclescape group.

**Action All**

Firm up event details for the following 6 months in order to print posters and fliers. **Done.**  
*Please look for local public display boards and print the Events List (from Rogers email of 20<sup>th</sup> Feb).*

Hatfield, Chantry Lane. Access blocked, dropped kerb and tarmac removal by the housing developer. Ian would appreciate individual responses. Try Hertsdirect Fault reporting. See Jan minutes for details.

**Rides and Events**

Feb 8<sup>th</sup> SSS. 6 rode from Hatfield to the East. Lunch at Café Rouge, Hertford. A very enjoyable sunny day but very wet underfoot and undertyre with many flooded sections.  
The A414 subway flooding was probably the worst (thigh deep) that we have witnessed.

Feb 18<sup>th</sup> 10 – 4 WHCF Stall at the Healthy Living Event, Campus West. Roger, John and Cathy.  
*The sport zone was located in a separate room with little footfall and proved to be a poor location. However the laminated map showed promise and should be an interesting talking point for next time.*

March 8<sup>th</sup> SSS Adam. The Forum 11am, to Jacks Café at Wheathampstead.  
An opportunity to meet Val Male, the Safe route to Schools and Safe & Sustainable Transport Rep.

March 12<sup>th</sup> WHCF Meeting. Cathy is on holiday. We decided to keep the regular date, but we will need alternative premises. *Chris has arranged a room at the DeHavilland Campus, Hatfield, see end of minutes.*

April 12<sup>th</sup> SSS Roger. Datchworth. Morrisons start.

April 19<sup>th</sup> Litter Pick going west on the Alban Way, Adam to co-ordinate. Meet Ground Lane at 10am. Cathy to print and laminate publicity labels (with the next ride and WHCF web details). Adam to attach to lampposts and also add to Facebook. *Have Sustrans been notified?*

April 26<sup>th</sup> Sat. Five Miles to Fabulous, Women's ride from Monks Walk School. 12.00 start.  
Could we get any of our SSS ladies to help as ride marshals?

May 10<sup>th</sup> John. Women's Tour Stage Finish. Stall on Parkway plus a family ride from Hatfield Town Centre  
A rolling road closure will be in operation which shouldn't affect us but it would be useful to see the route in advance. *Matt Rayner has informed us that that the stallholders will be charged £50 (outside) or £100 (in the marquee). We need to offer some kind of activity. We could pair up with a WGC bike shop. More ideas welcome.*

May 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday NLSME Railway. Family Ride.

May 25<sup>th</sup> Festival of Sport, Stanborough Lakes. Triathlons, ½ Marathon, 100k Sportive.  
Poster and fliers for sign in desk/office.

Sun June 8<sup>th</sup> John. Family Ride Raft Race and Community Sports Day, Castle Park, Hertford, 12 – 4  
11am Morrisons start.

July Kaleidoscope. Still TBC if being held this year.

Publicity piece (~1/2 page) for the WH Times Magazine including 10<sup>th</sup> May WTF details and WHCF events list. Additional material and action photos needed. **Action all**

## Planning and Infrastructure

Section 106 Agreements Presentation, booked for the April 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, **Cathy to confirm, done.**  
*Invite CH members. Action John.*

WGC Town Redevelopment Consultation <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=5510>

This is a 2<sup>nd</sup> rate scheme and does not improve safety on the Campus. WHBC have decided to ignore cycling entirely. Improved access from the east and the north has not even been considered. Please respond if you can but beware of the biased questions. Ends 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Travel Plan Consultation. Ends 28<sup>th</sup> Feb.

<https://consult.hertsdirect.org/travel-plan-guidance-for-business-and-residential-development/>

## Herts Year of Cycling 2014.

HCC planning should have started. *Trevor Mason and Jim McManus are leading this.*  
*On 19<sup>th</sup> Feb John requested that a press release/statement go Hertsdirect.*

## Website

Event list checking. To avoid errors it was agreed that when Roger updates the master periodically, he will inform the group who can pass on comments before Chris goes ahead and updates the website.

Alternative contact email and web form.

Family routes and CMS routes link to go up. **Action Chris**

## AOB

The Go Dutch Presentation was given by Dr Robert Davis of the Road Danger Reduction Forum <http://rdf.org.uk/> and chaired by Dr Susan Parham of Herts University. See Yahoo Files for the ppt presentation.

Cathy has secured £30k funding for Alban Way resurfacing improvements.

**Note: next meeting Weds March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Sandringham Room, MacLaurin Building, 1st Floor 4 Bishops Square, Hatfield, AL10 9NE. Cycle Parking outside, 7.15 start.**

Most meetings 7.15 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month, Sycamore Room, Campus East, (except March and August).