

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:
Meeting Minutes Weds 12th March 2014, held at the Sandringham Room,
MacLaurin Building4 Bishops Square, Hatfield.**

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

Apologies: Cathy Wilkins.

Actions from Previous -

Hatfield, Chantry Lane access blocked. Kerbs have been instated and tarmac removed on Chantry Lane and replaced by wood chippings. John contacted Cllr Cathy Watson, Hatfield West Ward, *who has said that this work is the responsibility of Herts Highways.*

We can try sending photos via Hertsdirect fault reporting. See Jan minutes for details.

Rides and Events

Sign-in sheet - ride leaders please use the latest sheet with the email column.

Feb 8th SSS. 7 rode from Hatfield to Jacks Café at Wheathampsted. Lunch at Jack's.

Unfortunately we did not meet Val Male, the Safe route to Schools and Safe & Sustainable Transport Rep.

April 9th S106 planning presentation by Andrew Mangham. Campus East. 7.10pm

We will hold the presentation before our usual meeting. Bring your questions for Andrew.

CycleHerts to be invited. **Action John, done.**

April 12th SSS, Roger. Datchworth and the Greens. Morrisons start 11am.

Lunch at the Old Post Office Tea Room.

April 19th Litter Pick on the Alban Way (going west). Meet at the junction with Ground Lane at 10am.

Cathy to print and laminate publicity labels (with the next few rides and WHCF web details). **Adam** to attach to lamposts and add event to Facebook. **Roger** to meet Sustrans people at Hatfield Station.

April 26th Sat. Five Miles to Fabulous, Women's ride from Monks Walk School. 12.00 start.

This has been a popular event and help will be required.

Some extra publicity would be useful. Ideas welcome.

May 10th John. Women's Tour Stage Finish. Stall on Stonehills plus a family ride from Hatfield Town Centre.

Adam, Dave, Roger, Bryn and John offered to help on the day.

Do we need any more bike bits to sell? - probably not.

A rolling road closure will be in operation which shouldn't affect us but it would be useful to see the route in advance. *See Johns email of 17th March for route, also published in the WHTimes 19th March.*

Arrangements for our stall stalled when Matt Rayner informed us that the Sports Zone was fully booked just a week after the booking form was sent to us. Roger is busy making alternative stall arrangements with HCC and Sustrans. Ongoing.

May 18th Sunday NLSME Railway. Family Ride.

May 25th Festival of Sport, Stanborough Lakes. Triathlons, ½ Marathon, 100k Sportive.

Poster and fliers for sign in desk/office.

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

Ann McGetric sent us some ride suggestions to an open garden for us to consider. After some discussion over dates we narrowed it down to Benington Lordship or St Michaels Folly, Epping Green, both on Sun 29th June.

Ann requested the shorter ride so we have firmed up on St Michaels Folly, leaving Morrisons WGC at 1pm. Roger to add to events list with Ian to lead. Done.

July Kaleidoscope. Still TBC if being held this year.

Herts Year of Cycling, no further news.

On 24th March (see email from Adam) Trevor Mason announced that the HYOc will be officially announced at the County Show on May 24th and will run for 12 months to May 2015. Ideas for special events, Talks, Film Festival etc. welcome.

Planning and Infrastructure

Hatfield Town Centre.

Adam has requested that pedestrian improvements for the path from the Market Place crossing on Queensway to the French Horn Lane roundabout bypass be made into a shared use cycle path. The only additional cost would be for signage. (see email of 8th March)

Website

The 4 Family routes suggested by Adam (see email 18th Jan) with RidewithGPS links to go on.

Action Chris

AOB

1. Panshanger Park. Lafarge are adding new paths and information boards at the Thieves Lane car park located off the A414 at the Hertford end.

The Friends have cleared the path from Hertingfordbury under the A414 into the park

<http://friendsofpanshangerpark.co.uk>

The new access paths will be officially open from Monday 31st March.

2. WGC Town North Development. WHCF objections have been sent by Adam to the Councillors representing the wards concerned and to Malcolm Cowan and David Burt.

3. Events Fliers. Our website URL on the bottom of the flier might be missed if read from a noticeboard and needs to be made bigger.

4. Cycle map stocks are OK for this year.

5. The Alban Way has been resurfaced east from Ellenbrook as far as the graffiti bridge.

Note: next meeting Weds April 9th at the Campus East Offices, WGC 7.10 start.

Most meetings 7.10 pm, 2nd Weds of the month, Sycamore Room, Campus East, (except August, pub ride).