

**Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:  
Meeting Minutes Weds 14th May 2014, held at the Campus East Offices, Welwyn Garden City.**

Present: Adam Edwards, Roger Moulding, David Dixon, Cathy Wilkins, John Shead.

Apologies: Ian Gregory, Jeremy Payne, Chris Whitehouse, Bryn Jones.

Updates added since the meeting are shown in *italics*.

April 9th meeting: We received an informative presentation given by Andrew Mangham on how the Section 106 Planning System works. See Cathys email of 28<sup>th</sup> April for the slides. This was followed by a very quick meeting (we were short of time) and no minutes were taken.

### **Rides and Events**

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May Women's Tour Festival. We had our stall/gazebo (shared with Sustrans) located in the Stonehills Activity Zone next to the cycle simulator ready in plenty of time for the Women's Tour. It was rather windy so we chose not to use the side walls. The weather was sunny with showers but we still had good footfall. We may have missed some people at the back of the stall as it may not have been clear from the pavement what we were doing.

We had too many items on the table but the bike painting machine was a great success with Dave doing excellent work with the children. In future we may need to charge for each spin to cover the plates and paint, but could not agree on the price.

Thanks again to all those who helped out on the day.

*Update - Rupert Thacker asked for our opinions of the Simulator. Send to John to forward on. Action All*

We need a new banner for the stall, just a single line with 'WelHat Cycling', a slogan and a bike symbol at each end and can measure up for width & height & eyelet spacing for a new design when we have the gazebo out next on 7<sup>th</sup> June. **Action All.**

We could possibly use two feather flags fixed on the front legs of the stall. Prices required. **Action Roger**  
Adam suggested a new sprung roller banner in a box (to replace our old one) and will get a price for printing. **Action Adam**

Sun May 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday NLSME Railway. Family Ride. *Start time 1pm and not 11am as previously listed.*  
*We may need to check our process for event listings.*

Sat June 7<sup>th</sup> WHCF stall outside Howards Centre for the Healthfest (11-3pm). Help required - 4 people to set up and take down gazebo. A minimum of 2 needed to man the stall. **Action All.**

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

Sun June 29<sup>th</sup> Ian. Michael's Folly Open Garden, Epping Green. Morrisons, 13:00

**Herts Year of Cycling**, Rupert Thacker informed us at the festival that HCC are working on the website ready for the launch at the Herts Show on 24/25<sup>th</sup> May. *Update - still waiting for the new website to go live.*

### **Planning and Infrastructure**

Local Sustainable Transport Fund for 2015/6 S[http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf//lstf2\\_published\\_March\\_2014](http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf//lstf2_published_March_2014). (taken from <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/ltp/live/latestnews/lstf2/>)

See Page 59 for schemes. The aim is to increase active travel along the north – south A1 corridor.

It was felt that this document contains many words lot of encouragement but little in the way of concrete improvements. Hatfield isn't mentioned. WHCF haven't been consulted.

S106 and planning. How can WHCF get involved with planning at the start?

This was briefly discussed and ideas are still welcome. **Action All.**

WGC Town Centre Redevelopment.

Adam and Roger met with Anita Ward, Senior Planner WHBC (just before our meeting) to discuss safe cycling requirements for the WGC town centre redesign. The proposed John Lewis roundabout removal and junction redesign would speed up motor vehicles and actually make the situation more dangerous. The overall design has no improvements for cycling (apart from additional cycle parking) and no sane parent would allow their 11yr old child to cycle into the town centre over the bridge and around the Campus gyratory.

We will be most interested to hear when Anita can get the improvements included. She did confirm that the pedestrian underpasses would be retained.

Panshanger Airfield. On Sat 17<sup>th</sup> May a meeting at Panshanger Community Hall to lobby councilors on the proposed new airfield housing development.

**Website.** Chris was ill so we postponed discussions until next meeting.

## **AOB**

John wondered if we could create a new post of Publicity Officer to work on rides publicity. The consensus was that a formal post would not be needed, but we should have someone just working on sending rides and events to publications and websites - Skyride, WHBC, wherecanwego, BBC etc etc.

Volunteer needed. **Action All.**

**Note: next meeting AGM Weds June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Campus East Offices, WGC 7.10 start.**

Most meetings 7.10 pm, 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month, Sycamore Room, Campus East Offices, WGC (except for the August pub ride).