

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling: Meeting Minutes held 9th Oct 2014

Present: Cathy Wikins, David Dixon, John Shead, Ian Gregory. Adam Edwards, Roger Moulding.
Apologies: Jeremy Payne, Chris Whitehouse.

Actions in **bold**, updates in *italics*.

Actions from the previous meeting –

Cyclescape – When making entries with improvements, add the emails for the local Councilors involved.
Action All.

Event Roundup

Sat 11th Sept HealthFest Stall in White Lion Square Hatfield was a moderate success.
Sept SSS Chris and Dean rode that day to Hertford via Wildhill.

14th Oct UofH Environmental Week, Transport Day Roger, John and Cathy to set up stall in the DeHavilland building at 10.15 with Ian and Chris to man Dr Bike.

8th Nov SSS Ian to Emily's Tea Shop Whitwell.

Dec SSS Chris took over from Adam.
Jan SSS Roger, WGC Orbit.

March SSS. Dave volunteered to take over from John who will no longer be able to do weekend events.

Possible future rides.

Ian mentioned Potten End via Redbourn but was considered to be rather far.

Dave mentioned Castle Cary near Luton Airport using the Harpenden to Luton Path.
Could be interesting, possible picnic. Will need to find a loo stop.

Stall

Some discussion on our extending banners and could we modify them for adhoc A3/A4 notices using pegs, but they only work indoors due to the wind. The competition is running to design a feather flag design using Cathy's template.

Membership

Adam to invite Dave Hurle and Steve Knight. **Done**

Infrastructure

WelHat Planning.

In view of the Local Plan for Welwyn Hatfield with 12,500 new houses planned, the existing Cycle Parking standards document (2004) is hopelessly out of date (just 1 space per dwelling). We need to get this raised to Cambridge cycle standards. (1 space per bedroom).

Ongoing. *Will discuss next meeting. There may be other WHBC documents that need revising.*

Herts University New Building Programme.

The University seems to welcome student motorists, which can have issues for the rest of Hatfield. They do have a Green Travel Co-coordinator and an inexpensive bike hire scheme.

A10 Corridor Campaign.

This group working on schemes between Royston and Cambridge seem to be well organised – could we learn from them ? Should we attend one of their rides or events ?

<http://a10corridorcycle.com/> John to contact.

Little Hadam Bypass, construction scheduled for 2020.

Consultation running until 3rd Dec. Exhibition on 20th Oct for 3 days.

<https://consult.hertsdirect.org/a120consult/>

Children's University

We could offer a children's ride to end a Bikeability Week, but we will need accompanying parents (and/or teachers). We would need a WHC stamp for the Children's 'Passports'.

Cathy has done a similar ride with Steve Wragg for Green Lane School, Hatfield.

Cathy recommended that this must be done on the Friday afternoon; Saturday has a very poor attendance. Consequently this can only sensibly be done in the summer months. John to contact DeHavilland School. Logo to go on our Website. Action **John and Chris**.

AOB

Hatfield Town Centre Ride Starts.

There are 3 current start points – Appleby's Café, Market Place; Hatfield Swim Centre; Asda Car Park; each one favoured by a different leader.

As we cannot seem to come to a consensus, the start point should just be decided by the ride leader.

Alban Way Maintenance. Cathy has secured funds from the Public Health Purse.

Year of Cycling. Jez is using Twitter. A dedicated website is still to appear. Still very little to see on Hertsdirect. Leave feedback on the current cycling page using the sad face. **Action All**.

Meetings (except Aug pub meet) start at 7.10pm on the 2nd Weds of the e month in the Campus East Council Offices, Welwyn Garden City (until further notice). All welcome but newcomers need to see entry instructions on welhatcycling.org.uk