

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling: Meeting Minutes held 12th Nov 2014

Present: Roger Moulding, Cathy Wikins, David Dixon, Chris Whitehouse, John Shead.

Apologies: Adam Edwards, Ian Gregory, Jeremy Payne.

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

Actions from the previous meeting –

Children's University. John spoke to Head (Andy Peck) at DeHavilland School, Hatfield who is keen to involve the children in events.

A10 Corridor Campaign. <http://a10corridorcycle.com/> John joined the email newsletter so I should get notifications of meetings/rides for a possible visit.

Event Roundup

Tues 14th Oct UofH Stall and Dr Bike at DeHavilland Campus as part of Environment Week.
Sally Taylor wanted to run a WHC feature in the Footprint, a free magazine available at Sainsbury and at other outlets.

Nov SSS Chris, Ian, Roger and Frank (new member) rode to Emily's Café at Whitwell.

Dec SSS Chris, St Albans to the Waffle House. Starting at the Forum, College Lane.

Jan SSS Adam Tour De Hatfield, Start Swim Centre.

Feb SSS Roger, WGC Orbit.

March SSS. Dave TBD. Start WGC.

April SSS. Ian, (possibly) Westmill Tearooms on the old A10, near Ware.

May SSS Chris.

Publicity

St Neots Rangers <https://sites.google.com/site/stneotsrangers/home> have their rides listed on Sustrans website <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/events/st-neots-guided-rides-cambridgeshire> (using the same 1 or 2 starts) and have very good ride turnout. Should we do something similar with Sustrans and alternate strictly between Hatfield and WGC each month with a year's calendar in advance using similar start points?

Will discuss next meeting to see if we can fix 2015 SSS, maybe narrow down to 2 or 3 starts, detailed listing on our website with a general listing on Sustrans.

Roger to look at Sustrans event list procedure.

CTC are reluctant to list WHC rides as our events are too small.

Roger has added us to the Best of Welwyn Hatfield as well as keeping Streetlife up to date.

Chris to put us on Freecycle event listing.

An excellent photograph was taken by a dad on the Alban Way and could be used for publicity.

Chris to enquire if we can have permission for use on website.

Bikeability

Chris is keen to have a children's ride soon after a course.

Some ways of supervising the group (with parents to accompany their children) -

1. WHC to run ride.
2. Chris (along with paid HCC instructor(s) **Chris** to ask Nick Truran.
3. We just invite children and parents to the next SSS.

Dave thought that a week break between the course and a follow-up ride might be best.

(The DeHavilland Bikeability starts 1st Dec, however winter not really ideal for a children's ride).

Space for Cycling

Still a very poor response from Councilors, (just 6 signed in Herts) however we should write to those in our patch who have signed up to thank them.

John to email Maureen Cook, **Adam**; Paul Zukowskyj, **Roger**; Richard Smith. **Done**

Infrastructure

WelHat Planning.

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) ready for the new housing requirement.

<http://www.welhat.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=1075&p=0> (seems to be a scanned copy so not searchable)

John to email Andrew Mangham, Trevor Saunders, Roger Trigg and Colin Haigh to ask for the document to be updated.

Tesco/Spenhill Broadwater Road Development.

Spenhill have requested a meeting.

Damian Ford and Rupert Lyons will arrive at 8pm at our next meeting on Dec 10th to present plans.

Should we ask a wider audience? **John** to inform CycleHerts (done) and to add to the Newsletter.

Advance information to be requested.

Plans have been received; see emails of 24/25th Nov and 28th Nov.

However Damian and Rupert cried off at short notice due to meeting clash.

AOB

A Consultation spreadsheet listing schemes that we have responded to.

Chris to collate. **Adam** (done) and **John** to send their Chairs Reports which should capture most of the information.

Children's University. **Chris** to try again to make contact with the organiser

Feather Flag Competition. **Cathy** to award prizes.

Alban Way Closure. A truck has crashed into the bridge at Smallford. A diversion has been posted.

Alban Way works -

Vegetation clearance and big bump removal is scheduled for completion this year.

Lighting installation funded for the gloomy wooded section in Ellenbrook, installation planned for 2015.

Meetings (except Aug pub meet) start at 7.10pm on the 2nd Weds of the month in the Campus East Council Offices, Welwyn Garden City.

All welcome but newcomers need to read entry instructions on welhatcycling.org.uk