

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling: Meeting Minutes held 14th Jan 2015

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

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

Actions from the previous meeting –

Space for Cycling. John emailed Welhat Councillors to thank them for signing up and if not, requesting that they do. Grant Shapps was copied in and replied that he would be happy to meet us. We need a list of quality cycling related questions. Action **all**. The same questions can also be asked of the Councilors at another time.

Event Roundup

Jan 10th Adams Tour De Hatfield had 10 riders with 3 from Luton.

Jan 27th Stall at UH Forum Set up 10.15 for 11am – 3pm. Roger, Ian, John.

Feb 14th SSS, Roger, WGC Orbit. 11am Morrisons, WGC.

March 14th SSS. Dave, Codicote and Knebworth. Start Campus East, WGC. Robin Hood & Little John.

April 11th SSS. Ian. Possibly Westmill Tearooms, near Ware on the old A10.

April Sat 18th Alban Way Litter Pick with Sustrans.

John suggested that we try for a special event in 2015 for the tail end of the YoC.

Roger said it would fit in with the Sustrans 20th Anniversary year.

We suggested Sat May 9th for a Big Circular Ride using Alban Way and Ayot Green Way via Batchwood with pickups in WGC, Hatfield and St Albans. Ideally we need ride leaders for each town.

Maximum publicity – STACC, WHTimes, Sustrans, Walks and More etc. Need to work out the route and plan snack stops. *Ride support has been requested from STACC.*

Year Of Cycling.

The Women's Tour 17-21st June will pass through Herts but is not visiting Wel Hat.

The Redborn Velo Festival Date TBD

Jez Cox has Go-Pro footage of the main off road routes but we have yet to see them. John to ask. **Done.**

The revised YoC website is still pending.

Incidentally, the Herts Year of Walking will start this year and run for 18 months.

Activity Map.

This needs to be updated with the recent new paths ready for reprinting. (*Markup started at the UH stall, copy with Roger*). We will try to get this completed in the Feb Meeting.

Infrastructure

Tesco/Spenhill Broadwater Road/Bridge Road Junction Trials will start 19th Jan for 3 weeks.

We were told in the Council Presentation in December that the roads would be narrowed to one lane to slow traffic. *It has taken 2 weeks for this to happen, so the trial as originally planned is really just one week.*

Please leave comments at <http://oldshreddedwheatfactory.co.uk> or send to rupert.lyons@tpa.uk.com.

Action **all**.

Meeting Rooms.

Booked for 2015 and 2016. Cathy will continue part time for the foreseeable future and is now working as LLPG, Local Land and Property Gazetteer as well as overseeing the Alban Way.

AOB

Where's the Path. A useful website allowing 2 maps of the same area to be viewed side by side. Historical maps can also be pulled down, useful for tracing disused railway lines and stations.
<https://wtp2.appspot.com/wheresthepath.htm>

Jeremy would like to thank sponsors for his daughters ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro this year to raise money for Dig Deep and to ask anyone else who would like to contribute.
<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/tanyapayne1>

WHC Leaflet. We could use a simple 2 fold flyer with photos and core info, SSS, Meetings, Website URL etc. It should include only information that will not date.
A **volunteer** is needed to write and collate photos for review.

Meetings (except Aug pub meet) start at 7.15pm on the 2nd Weds of the month in the Campus East Council Offices, Welwyn Garden City (until further notice). All welcome, but newcomers need to read the entry instructions on welhatcycling.org.uk.