

## Welwyn Hatfield Cycling: Meeting Minutes held 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2015

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

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

### Event Roundup

Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Stall at UH Forum. The usual issues with lack of publicity and students coming in between lectures on their way to the café. We had a few Dr Bike customers.

The Halfords stall (full time) roadshow rep also helps employers set up the Cycle to Work bike purchase scheme.

Feb 14<sup>th</sup> SSS, Roger, WGC Orbit. 11am Morrisons, WGC.

March 14<sup>th</sup> SSS. Dave, Codicote and Knebworth. Start Campus East, WGC.

Lunch at Robin Hood & Little John.

April 11<sup>th</sup> SSS. Ian. Country Bumpkin Tearooms, near Barnfield.

April Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Alban Way Litter Pick with Sustrans Rangers.

May 9<sup>th</sup> Sustrans Anniversary Big Circular Ride, using Alban Way and Ayot Green Way via Batchwood with pickups in WGC, Hatfield and St Albans. We need ride leaders for each town. No response from STACC.

June SSS Chris TBD.

The Women's Tour 17-21<sup>st</sup> June will be visiting Hertfordshire but not WelHat.

It was pointed out that the CTC risk assessment form we have been using has been updated. **David** to send ride leaders a link to the new form.

Sustrans have sent out an 'Explore More' memo to Rangers asking for anniversary rides to be organised by local groups. Not much on their website <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/ncn/map/national-cycle-network/celebrating-20-years-network>

### Year Of Cycling.

There will be 4 Cycling Festivals in Redborn, Watford, Letchworth and WGC. Details and dates to be announced by Jez Cox at the next HCC meeting at County Hall. There will be activities for all abilities with events getting more skillful as the day progresses.

*The last leg of the YoC has now been renamed the Summer of Cycling.*

Website revamp yet to appear, *but 2015 dates have been added.*

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/hertscountravsurv/travelwise/webcycle/events/>

A new county map is being produced showing leisure routes.

### Activity Map.

This was marked up with the recent new paths ready for reprinting. Funds need to be found in the next financial year for the revision artwork and reprint.

A new cycling map for St Albans is being printed.

### Infrastructure

WGC - Tesco/Spenhill Broadwater Road/Bridge Road Junction Trials started on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan and ran 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 took 2 weeks of the trial for this to happen, so the intended scheme ran for just one week.

As everyone agreed with **Rogers** document pointing out the dangers, it was agreed to send the WHC response. **Done.**

Individual comments can be still left at <http://oldshreddedwheatfactory.co.uk> or send to [rupert.lyons@tpa.uk.com](mailto:rupert.lyons@tpa.uk.com).

Space for Cycling. **Adam** will finish the document and will send to local councilors.  
The local boundary changes from May 26<sup>th</sup> will change the councilor count.  
**John** to send doc to Grant Shapps.

WHBC Infrastructure Consultation

[http://consult.welhat.gov.uk/portal/planning\\_policy/local\\_plan\\_consultation\\_january\\_2015/draft\\_idp\\_jan2015](http://consult.welhat.gov.uk/portal/planning_policy/local_plan_consultation_january_2015/draft_idp_jan2015)

A chance to influence local walking and cycling policy for the next decade.

Please have a read, register and make online suggestions. See Johns email of Feb 16<sup>th</sup> for some ideas.

Action **all**

### **WHC Leaflet.**

We could use a simple 2-fold flyer with core info, SSS, Meetings, and Website URL etc. It should include only information that will not date. Claire Bowyer creates recycling flyers for WHBC.

We don't have anyone so **John** will write and collate photos for review. Please send suitable photos and/or good leaflet examples to John. **Action all.**

### **AOB**

Sustrans have shown the awful WGC Heronswood Rd/Howlands route on their website. Adam has asked it to be removed.

David suggested that people carry cleaning materials for cleaning cycle signs.

David Tancock, the HCC (non-cycling) Cycling Officer is not responding to emails.

**Meetings (except Aug pub meet) start at 7.15pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds of the month in the Campus East Council Offices, Welwyn Garden City. All welcome, but newcomers need to read the entry instructions on [welhatcycling.org.uk](http://welhatcycling.org.uk).**