

For Welwyn Hatfield Cycling: Meeting Minutes held 11th March 2015 Campus East

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

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

Event Roundup

March 14th SSS. Dave, Codicote and Knebworth. Start Campus East, WGC.

Lunch at Robin Hood & Little John.

March 19th and 20th 11.30 Stall at UH dHav Campus, Roger, Chris and Ian. **Roger** to update rides list.

April 11th SSS. Ian. Country Bumpkin Tearooms, near Bramfield.

April Sat 18th Alban Way (Lemsford Rd going south) Litter Pick with Sustrans Rangers. Meet at Adams house 9.30am or 10am at Lemsford Rd. **Roger** to contact Sustrans for listing.

Sat May 9th Sustrans Anniversary Ride, using the Alban Way and Ayot Green Way going anticlockwise via Batchwood. 11am Applebys Café, Hatfield with 11.30am pickup at Campus West, WGC, Hatfield.

TBD to lead from Hatfield, with Roger at WGC. **Roger** to get Sustrans and CTC listing.

Flyer for bike shops. **John**. We should aim to get maximum publicity for this ride.

Sun May 18th A10 annual campaign ride, *starting from both Royston Station and Trumpington Park and Ride at 10am and convening as last year at Phillimore Garden Centre in Melbourn for tea & cake.*

Adam attending.

June SSS Chris TBD.

June 13th WGC Town Centre HealthFest. Stall.

June 20th Welwyn Village Day. We decided not attend this year as the group is fully stretched.

July 26th WGC Cycling Festival. See below.

Ian will be taking Sustrans Ride Leader Training, date TBD, which then involves leading 4 Sustrans rides.

Year Of Cycling (hertscycling.com goes straight to the YoC website)

Details were announced by Jez Cox today at the HCC meeting at County Hall -

Setting up of a Herts Cycling School.

Women's Tour 17-21st June, (20th June, Waltham Cross to Stevenage).

28th June. Cycling Fashion Show for Women at the Galleria. Possible WHC stall.

Sun 26th July. WGC Cycling Festival from midday. Parkway and Howardsgate to be closed for public circuits and races. Big screen for the TdF final stage.

Volunteers for the stall needed, John to invite (to May meeting) additional support via the Newsletter. We will also have one ride from Hatfield and one from Panshanger to WGC in time for the public closed road session.

John to email Jez for the days timetable. **Done**

Cathy to contact Marianne for stall details. **Done**.

We also discussed a ride from Welwyn that would involve some footpath riding. This issue, plus the lack of personnel means we probably won't do this one.

A new countywide information and fault reporting system (modeled on the WelHat Pedalpoint) scheme to be set up.

David Tancock, the HCC Cycling Officer was actioned to respond to emails.

Name Change

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Form to be replaced on our literature (but not the constitution or bank account) by one of these options –

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling
WelHat Cycling
WelHatCycling (as per our web address)

WelHatCycling was chosen at the meeting.

Chris to mock up the website and circulate. We also need to ensure that the Google search listings display a more accurate intro of what we do. Action **John. Done**

Streetlife. **Adam** to change Hatfield listing,
Roger to change WGC.

Infrastructure

WGC - Tesco/Spennill Broadwater Road/Bridge Road Junction.

Roger and John met with Rupert Lyons. His intention is to slow the traffic using raised crossings on a single lane entry and exit in order to enable a shared space scheme to work safely.

Our main concerns are that the shared space crossings and roundabout plans are too vague, the volume of traffic is too high, that motorists and HGV drivers will not understand how to proceed safely and that just mimicking each zebra crossing in coloured brick does not make it road legal. **Roger** to acknowledge our meeting and to mention our issues. **Done**

Space for Cycling.

Adam has finished the document and will send to local councilors.
John to send doc to Grant Shapps.

WHBC Infrastructure Consultation

Closes midnight Weds March 19th. Online comments can be saved as draft and submitted later
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 20 years.
Please read, register and make suggestions. See Johns email of Feb 16th for some ideas. Action **all**

Activity Map.

This was marked up with the recent new paths ready for reprinting. **Cathy** to convert to pdf and circulate for comments.

AOB

Congratulations to Adam who has won the Year of Cycling Photo competition with his 2104 ride photo.

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