

WelHatCycling: Meeting Minutes held 8th April 2015 Campus East

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

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

Rides and Events

April 11th SSS. Ian. Country Bumpkin Tearooms, near Bramfield. 11am Morrison's.

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 has first aid kit.

Sat May 9th Sustrans Anniversary Ride, using the Alban Way and Ayot Green Way going anticlockwise via Batchwood. 11am Howard Centre, WGC with 11.45am pickup at Galleria south entrance, Hatfield.

Sustrans Rangers to lead. **Roger** to get Sustrans listing. **Done**.

See <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/events/national-cycle-network-20th-anniversary-tour-welwyn-garden-city>

This is now a Sustrans event and WHC won't be leading. There seems to be a limit on numbers.

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.

June 13th 10am Stall at WGC HealthFest town centre. Ride loops from the stall.

June 28th Stall at Galleria Fashion Show. 10am.

July 11th SSS Bhaktivedanta Manor, near Radlett. 11am Appleby's Café, Hatfield.

July 12th Family Ride to Wheathampstead Festival. 11am Campus West, WGC.

Sun July 26th WGC Cycling Festival. Stall. We will run a ride from Hatfield to WGC and try to run short rides from the stall and back. Time TBD.

This is a big event and the street closures set up will stretch WHBC. Would WHC be willing (and allowed) to help out with street closures before/after the event ?

Aug 8th SSS. Shaws Corner. Start Campus West.

Ians Sustrans Ride Leader Training, date TBD.

Print Events Flyer for libraries, bike shops etc. Emailed out by **Roger** on 16th April. **Action All**.

Completion of the St Albans Green Ring due to be finished in March has been held up around Morrisons in Woodstock Rd South.

Adam suggested we run a ride in Sept.

Cathy suggested that we have a special meeting just for event planning early each year to fix the calendar for the season ahead to save time in each monthly meeting.

Dr Bike at UH

This event was very busy, student expectations were high and there was some miscommunication regarding free service (the students were not expecting to pay for parts or make donations).

Roger, Chris and Ian met subsequently with Scott Copsey to discuss the issues.

UH have a new contract with Derwent Facilities Management <http://www.derwentfm.eu/> with a package to promote cycling to students, with regular cycle maintenance workshops.

Scoots <http://scootsw2w.org.uk/> are providing cycle and moped hire.

We won't be doing a conventional Dr Bike again but will run the cycling stall.

Another meeting has been arranged with Scott.

WelHatCycling Name Change

We need a replacement banner for the stall with just one line in one colour with a lower profile that can be attached to the gazebo (without touching heads) or be attached to a table.

We could also add the website tagline – **WelHatCycling – People on bikes**

We will aim to firm up details in the May meeting and order in good time for the next stall event on 13th June.

Cathy to investigate banner and feather flag prices.

We have a CTC webpage at <http://www.ctc.org.uk/local-groups/welwyn-hatfield-cycling-forum>

Roger to inform CTC of the name change in June for the annual update.

He should also have admin rights to the webpage.

Space for Cycling.

Adam has sent the document to local councilors and to Grant Shapps.

Ian circulated it to the LAF who sent it on to Richard Cuthbert, Herts RoW Officer. Waiting for response.

CTC <http://votebike.org.uk/> and

Sustrans <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/safetoschool> have web forms to lobby election candidates to ask for cycling commitments.

It is disappointing that to date no responses have been received from candidates in the WelHat area.

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

Sustrans Ride details have been sent to Jez.

No website updates have been seen for a while.

Activity Map.

This was hand marked with the recent new paths ready for reprinting. **Cathy** to get converted to draft pdf and circulate for comments. **Ongoing.**

AOB

Woods Avenue subway is full of glass. **Cathy** to report, **done.**

Hatfield cycle paths. There are several locations where entering or exiting a road from the cycle path is impossible or paths are missing. **Adam** and **Chris** to report to Daniel Tandcock.

Stream Woods signage. Some pedestrians are not aware that this is a cycle path.

A few more blue sticky labels may be required in order to make it clear.

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.