

WelHatCycling: Meeting Minutes held 14th Oct 2015 Campus East

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

Apologies: Jeremy Payne.

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

Green Corridors

Chris G showed his proposed comprehensive circular walking route between Stanborough and Panshanger Park, which we discussed in detail. This path could be extended west under the A1M using the bank of the river Lea. The path can also be used for utility activities, school and shopping. We have tended to concentrate on urban links but shouldn't miss rural opportunities.

Chris G has also attended a development meeting with Gasgoyne Cecil Estates at Hatfield House and is lobbying for the path to be created. Do keep us updated on future GCE meetings.

Gasgoyne Estates have produced a document written by Peter Clegg and Anthony Downs suggesting a central green corridor, utilising 10 linking areas running from Symonshyde to Panshanger Park.
<http://www.gascoynececil.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Green-Infrastructure.pdf>

Jenny Smith (WHBC Planner) has been given an environmental remit as part of her job *and will be invited to a WHC meeting to give us a presentation on the Green Corridors.*

Rides and Events

Sat 10th Oct, Adam, 7 rode to Burston Garden Centre at Chiswell Green.

Thurs 15th Oct Litter Pick Alban Way, meet Galleria south entrance 9.30am, Blackberry Arch to Wrestlers Bridge.

Sun 18th Oct Alban Way 150Y. Meet at Ellenbrook Playground at 9am for stall setup with 4 min after unloading with Roger. Pickup at 4pm. Mick to be backmarker for Roger for the 2 rides.

Tues 3rd November 11-3pm stall at UH Environment Week. **Roger** to email us nearer the time, done.
Sat Nov 14th WGC Magical Mystery Ride, Dave. *Confirmed as Morrisons to Hertford.*

Sat Dec 12th The Greens ride, Ian.

This Girl Can, 17th Oct, a 10 day promotion to get women more active.
Not enough notice for us but we could try a 'five miles to fabulous' for this in 2016.
<http://www.sportinherts.org.uk/news/this-girl-can-in-herts-week-2015-12323/>

Alban Way Logo Change

Unanimously agreed that options 1 and 4 (of the 6 options) were the most appropriate.
A new print run of the Alban Way map is underway.

Silly Bikes

3 silly bikes for WHBC to use at events. Storage by HCC with WHC having priority booking.

Infrastructure

Adam to request some money from the Smurfit Factory to be spent on the Queensway crossing. Done. *However Dan Tandcock has said the money has already been allocated to footpath improvements on the business park.*

S106 items from the Oct agenda email of 13th Oct.

We need to try and ensure that developer contributions are usefully spent. **Ongoing.**

Hatfield Town Centre Stakeholder workshop 30th Oct. No-one is available to attend but Adam will speak by phone beforehand on the Commons to Queensway missing link and will also circulate details to Trevor Mason.

Peacocks will be the 'Anchor Store'.

http://www.whitimes.co.uk/news/fashion_chain_peacocks_to_open_in_hatfield_1_4196913

WelHat Local Plan. There will be 2 drop in sessions, 20th Oct Hatfield Hub, 4-7.30pm and 11th Nov (WHC meeting) WGC Focalcare Centre, 69 Parkway 4-7.30pm.

AOB

Tom and his wife have now boosted their cycling prowess by the purchase of folding electric assisted bikes from <http://theflatearth.co.uk/> of Codicote.

Simon Barnes of the Redbourn Bike Hub had a comprehensive interview in the Herts Age Concern magazine. The Bike Shop operation has separated from the Café by a new shop.

Meetings 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.