

## **WelHatCycling: Meeting Minutes held 11<sup>th</sup> May 2016 Hatfield Fire Station**

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

**Apologies:** Jeremy Payne.

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

Previous actions. Add litter pickers to newsletter list. **Adam** to pass names to John.

Our April Meeting fell on the same day as other meetings and was cancelled.

### **Rides and Events**

Sun 10<sup>th</sup> April Adam, WGC to Hertford, 10 rode.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup> May Ian, Alban Way short ride. Smallford platform. 10am.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> May WGC HealthFest, stall 11-3pm at Howard Centre. Gazebo provided.

**Roger** to bring car at 9am. **Adam, David, John** to help.

11-19<sup>th</sup> June Bikeweek

Sun 12<sup>th</sup> June Adam, 11am, Hatfield Swim Centre to Devils Dyke.

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July Chris, 10am Short Ride, Cole Green platform, Cole Green Way.

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> July, WGC Cycling Festival. This will be a long day and manning the stall will be an issue. We need to book the Painty Bike or Smoothie Bike for the day.

Luton & Dunstable Cycle Forum have a regular ride listing on Sustrans website.

It would be nice if we could do the same.

*However Sustrans are very risk averse and require that all ride leaders undertake their ride training programme.*

Short ride locations. Chris suggested Ellenbrook Fields. However car parking is difficult, cars could be clamped. We will monitor the short ride demand first to see if we need additional locations.

Chris wanted to hold a new off-road ride, start Hatfield Mkt Place. We can do this on June 19<sup>th</sup> for the end of Bike Week. Details TBC. **Action Chris**.

We are managing to attract people via the Skyride Local website.

Ride leaders can register & list rides without the need for Sky or British Cycling Membership.

### **Infrastructure**

Adam, and Chris met with Anushia Vettivelu and Mirka Singh from Herts Highways to discuss finding and S106 procedures. The problem is that the only funding available is from Developer S106 contributions. It was suggested by Anushia that we should attend and speak in the 3 min window available at the monthly planning meeting. However WHBC rules state that only one person is allowed to speak and objecting local neighbours usually get that slot. We cannot get any advance notification of schemes and will have still to rely on looking at the weekly list (published Fridays) online.

See Adams doc 'Meeting with HCC 13.4.16'.

**Adam** to ask Anushia for 'Growth and Transport Plans' document.

Anushia is willing to visit Hatfield to look at issues on the ground.

Adam, Chris, Roger also met with Anthony Downs, Cecil Gascoyne Estates on the same day.

Anthony is keen to see the Green Corridor completed and is supportive of the A414 path from Mill Green to Birchall Garden Suburb. Just 2 landowners are involved (Lafarge and Cecil Gascoyne Estates).

CGE want to build 'Quality Housing' and want their developments to stand out. He suggested meeting every month, but this won't be possible.

Hatfield Station 600/607 Bus to Business Park promotion. We should link up with the organisers.

**Chris/Adam** to contact Daniel Pagella to discuss.

[http://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/hatfield\\_residents\\_encouraged\\_to\\_use\\_bus\\_services\\_1\\_4511690](http://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/hatfield_residents_encouraged_to_use_bus_services_1_4511690)

Local 'Space for Cycling' doc. **Adam** to update for 2016 with **David** to revise the map.

The WGC Shredded Wheat planning application N62015/0294/PP now has 'revised documents'. There is still a lot wrong with the scheme details such as limited cycle parking (<100 spaces) at the footbridge, taxi movement safety, no 20mph zone and Bridge/Broadwater Road roundabout safety. Ends 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

Could **everybody** who hasn't responded please do so.

<http://planning.welhat.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=17483>

Govt Cycling and Walking Consultation. Also ends 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/draft-cycling-and-walking-investment-strategy>

## **AOB**

Ian suggested a spreadsheet compiling the track history of previous and present planning and infrastructure outcomes and eventually publishing on the website. Can people look back and send details to Chris.

**Action All.**

We are getting more spam and marketing requests via the website. **Chris** to substitute webform (to John & Adam) for the email address

**Next meeting (AGM) Hatfield Fire Station, Lemsford Rd, 8<sup>th</sup> June at 7.15pm.**

**Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weds at 7.15pm of every month at the Fire Station.**

**All welcome, but newcomers need to read the entry instructions on the website.**