

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum
Minutes of Meeting 16th December 2009

Present

Adam Edwards	Roger Moulding	Richard Balawender
John Shead	Ian Gregory	Chris Whitehouse
Jeremy Payne	Cathy Wilkins	Tom Morley

1 Apologies for Absence - Bryn Jones

2 Minutes of Previous Meetings

Minutes of the meetings held on 14th October and 12th November were accepted.

Matters Arising

DVDs containing all WHCF files to end November 2009 had been prepared and were handed to the Secretary and Treasurer as back up for the Chair.

The county on-line map showing cycle routes and other highways infrastructure is now live and can be viewed at <http://www.hertsdirect.org/maps/>. **Action: Email corrections to David Burt.**

Cathy will forward details requested re the Homes and Communities Agency. [Note: At the meeting on 22/12/09 the Chair was informed this is the agency working with WHBC on social housing for Hatfield town centre.]

Adam is meeting with David Burt (HCC) and Anita Ward (WHBC) on 22nd December re the Hatfield Station route and the Queensway roundabout issues.

3 Hertfordshire Cycling Forum

Adam and Tom attended the meeting at County Hall on 10th December and Adam had circulated a note on the discussions.

Cycling "champion" on the Council is David Andrews, Councillor for Ware North.

The Forum had agreed that David Burt should be asked to carry out Non Motorised User Audits where previous works were believed to be detrimental to cyclists, for example our concerns about the junctions on Chequers with NCN12/61. **Action: All to send Adam Welwyn Hatfield area issues by 10th January, so we can agree a priority list at the next meeting.**

HCF meetings are usually twice a year, funded by the County, and the next one is planned for 24th June 2010, but there may be an earlier one specifically to discuss progress on implementing the Transport Strategy.

4 Signing for National Cycle Network

Local Sustrans Rangers have been putting up extra signs on NCN12. Working with Sustrans nationally, the local rangers have agreed a plan for signing central WGC to be clear on which route goes where. This covers NCN 12, 57 and 61.

5 Treasurer's Report

There is approx £570 in the Forum's account. After the cost of various future activities are deducted, it is anticipated that the balance will be approximately £300 this time next year. **Action: Roger and Adam to work on bids for funding for future activities.**

6 Future Events

Adam circulated an updated draft list for next year with suggested dates and this was discussed. The aim is to organise approximately one event per month. Agreed that the Tour de Havilland, timed to coincide with Howe Dell School Fete, is to be a series of led rides during the day, rather than a marshalled route, as this will need less people and be less complex to organise. STACC are very keen to do a joint Steaming Cyclists event if we can agree a suitable date.

7 Any Other Business - None

8 Date of Next Meeting - Wednesday, 13th January 2010