Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum Minutes of Meeting 12th May 2010

Present

Adam Edwards Bryn Jones Roger Moulding John Shead Tom Morley Ian Gregory

Chris Whitehouse Cathy Wilkins Richard Balawender

1 Apologies for Absence

None received

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Minutes of meeting held on 14th April were accepted.

Matters Arising

Re WH Times, John met Ross Logan and contacts will continue. Press release has been prepared

Arrangements for Welwyn Festival 19th June look OK – Gazebo needs booking and we may need to take our own table.

Tour de Havilland is next day and volunteers for both events were sorted out.

Welwyn = Roger, Chris, John

Tour de H = Adam, Cathy, Tom, Richard, Bryn

Roger to collect the Gazebo and transport it to Hatfield for the second day.

3 Future Events

Ride to Oaklands: John is organising publicity in various places. We need volunteers to help- but several of us are away at that time.

Kaleidoscope 17th July – Cathy needs as much help as possible. It was a great success last year!

Information on the potential WGC 90th Anniversary celebrations (which had not been noted by most members) had been passed to Welwyn Wheelers. They may organise something in connection with their "derny-fest" event at Gosling Stadium, which is on the same day as Kaleidoscope "next door".

Action: Adam to register all our events with CTC to ensure insurance cover. [Done]

4 Financial Issues

Renewal of our CTC membership: Adam had forgotten forms and will post to Roger. **Action Adam.** Roger will pay fees due and recoup from individual members where needed. **Action Roger.** [Done]

5 Route Issues

The route to Hatfield Station has been tarmaced but will have to be dug up to reroute cables,etc!

There is no news on the Broadwater Road route.

The Stanborough Route is well used by schoolchildren (including the Chair's daughter).

6 Annual General Meeting

It was agreed that this should be on the occasion of our next meeting on 16th June. Adam and Roger will discuss details, including the auditing of the accounts. **Action Roger for Cathy to audit.**

It was agreed that Maria Collucci, David Burt, and PCSO Nishan Chelvachandran should be invited to attend. **Action Adam. [Done]**

7 Any Other Business

A note from PCSO Nishan Chelvachandran was passed round.

A grant application has been submitted. It was agreed that, if successful, the monies would be put towards training on: 1. cycle maintenance, 2. child protection, 3. first aid.

The Abbey Line at St Albans is being converted to a tram and there is some doubt as to whether cycles will continue to be carried. It was agreed that any lobbying should be done in liaison with STAC. **Action Chris to contact STACC.**

Richard commented that he must receive precise instructions to make any changes to the web-site. There was some discussion on this subject, including liaising with other sites such as "SHAPS".

There was also discussion on "non-motorised user assessment" and cycle-ways, on new developments in the area. It was agreed that our Forum needs to be pro-active but apparently there is no-one in WHBC involved with "green issues". It might be that we should go through Maria Collucci.

Publicity for August event – agreed to discuss at the next meeting.

Cathy Wilkins is on leave and emails should be sent to her home address: the.whippets@tiscali.net

The accident in Belgium involving Welwyn's Emma Trott was mentioned and it was agreed that a message of sympathy and support should be sent by Tom through Welwyn Wheelers.

8 Next Meeting

16th June (AGM)