

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum

Minutes of meeting held 9th February 2011

Present

Adam Edwards	Cathy Wilkins	Roger Moulding	John Shead
Chris Whitehouse	Ian Gregory	Bryn Jones	Jeremy Payne
Chris Cooke	James Young (for item 2)		

1 Apologies for absence: Tom Morley

2 Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council geographical information systems

- James Young, WHBC GIS officer presented the new layered mapping service and how it shows cycling routes. It is possible to send a link by email to a specific part of the map. The maps also show council boundaries and councillors.
- Comments and corrections are welcomed. **Action All.**

3 Minutes of the meeting held 12.1.11 and matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

- a. Child safeguarding: Roger has emailed ProAction for more information to check they are really the best option for us to join. Will follow up on reply when received. **Action Roger.**
- b. Goody bag. Still to be ordered. **Action Cathy** (not Roger).
- c. Ellenbrook Fields: Adam still to check the cycle path. **Action Adam**
- d. Herts Cycle routes priority list: Cathy still to add the spreadsheet to the Yahoo docs. **Action Cathy.**
- e. Cyclenation membership: Cheque sent.
- f. Business cards: Draft design discussed and amended. Costs are quiet expensive, so members urged to check other suppliers and tell Roger who will then order via the most cost effective supplier. **Action Roger.**
- g. Community Payback: Adam had completed the online form suggesting work on the Alban Way but no response had been received.
- h. STACC barbecue: Adam had emailed to ask if we can join in but not had a reply, so will chase. **Action Adam.**
- i. Website: Adam still to contact Richard re events and sharing work with Chris. **Action Adam.**

4 Hertfordshire Cycling Forum – issues from the meeting held 18.1.11

- Discussing deferred until the March meeting with the other Hertfordshire groups.

5 Alban Way maintenance

- Resurfacing and the repairs to the bridge expansion joint will start next week. If anyone spots any missed sections once the work is done, please tell Cathy. **Action All.**
- The Cyclists Dismount sign will be moved to the correct location by the former station steps.
- A new Cyclist Dismount sign will be installed near a house where the owner complains of cyclists misusing a ramp down to a local estate.
- It is likely the remaining £4000 will be lost to spending cuts.
- Lost Railways information board: This is being supplied following an exhibition at St Albans Museum. Agreed the best location is probably near the steps to the former Lemsford Road Halt. Cathy is arranging installation. **Action Cathy.**

- Cathy was thanked for her work on the Alban Way.

6 Finances and fund raising

- Noted that the last grant money is spent and that we will be down to a remaining £500. Agreed levying a membership fee would simply mean the cost falls on the active members. Suggested we ask for donations at rides. A bid for the Waitrose token scheme has gone in. Suggestions of funds to bid to welcomed.

7 Events planning

- There is a local charity ride on 26/6/11 so agreed we should not compete.
- Potters Bar ride to move to April.
- A ride to Colney Heath to the steam railway has been added for August.
- Events list is therefore now as follows:

Date	Destination	Start from	Route	Miles	Lead
17/4/11 Sun	Potters Bar via South Mimms Services	Hatfield Station, 11:00	12 GN Way	7	Adam
08/5/11 Sun	St Albans Signal Box and Clarence Park	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	10	Adam
21/5/11 Sat	Earthworks Hill End open day	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:00	61 Alban Way	8	?
18/6/11 Sat	Welwyn Festival	Welwyn, 10-13:00	Stall	0	Roger
18/6/11 Sat	St Albans Festival, Verulamium Park	Ellenbrook Lane Hatfield, 11:00?	61 Alban Way	10	John
22/6/11 Weds?	Earthworks barbecue for STACC, tbc	Wrestler's Bridge, 18:30??	61 Alban Way	8	John
09/7/11 Sat	Wheathampstead Village day	Campus West, 11:00	57 Ayot Greenway	10	Adam
16/7/11 Sat	Kaleidoscope	Stanborough	Stall	0	Cathy
10/8/11 W	Pub ride	?	?	?	?
21/8/11 Sun	Colney Heath railway	Wrestler's Bridge, 13:30	61 Alban Way	6	Adam
03/9/11 Sat	Earthworks Hill End open day	Wrestler's Bridge	61 Alban Way	8	?

8 Any other business

- Petition: A petition to Herts CC asking for cycle paths to schools is now live. Members encouraged to add their names and ask friends to do the same.
Action All. Chris to see if he can get a message from HCC to all schools to encourage their support. **Action Chris W.**
- Lilian Goldberg has been made redundant from her post with HCC promoting green travel.
- Yahoo site: Chris C is not getting any emails. **Action Adam to correct this [Done].** Site appears to be open to all. Adam to check. **Action Adam. [Only email archive was open to all and setting now changed so only open to logged in members.]**
- Next meeting with other groups. Suggested items:
 - o Formation of a Hertfordshire Cycling Campaign as an umbrella group.
 - o Effects of spending cuts on funding for cycling
 - o Issues from the January Herts Cycling Forum meeting
 - o Adam to agree agenda with John Metcalf asap. **Action Adam**

9 Dates of next meetings

- 9/3/11 (19:15 - other Herts cycling groups joining us),
- 13/4/11, 11/5/11, 15/6/11, 13/7/11, 10/8/11 (Pub ride), 14/9/11, 12/10/11, 9/11/11, 14/12/11.