

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum

Minutes of meeting held 13th April 2011

Present

Adam Edwards Cathy Wilkins Roger Moulding Chris Cooke
Chris Whitehouse Ian Gregory Bryn Jones Neil McMillan

Apologies for absence: Tom Morley

1 Minutes of the meeting held 9.2.11 and matters arising not otherwise on the agenda

Note: The meeting held on 9.3.11 had only dealt with county wide matters with no actions for WHCF.

- Child safeguarding: Roger has emailed ProAction for more information. **Action Roger:** Further advice suggests this is not a sensible group as they are aimed at groups with regular contact with children which we are not. Agreed not to pursue this further.
- Goody bag. Still to be ordered. **Action Cathy :** Carried forward.
- Ellenbrook Fields: Adam still to check the cycle path. **Action Adam :** Carried forward.
- Herts Cycle routes priority list: Cathy still to add the spreadsheet to the Yahoo docs. **Action Cathy :** Carried forward.
- Business cards: Roger will order via the most cost effective supplier. **Action Roger. Done.**
- STACC barbecue: **Action Adam:** Can join but event is Thursday not Wednesday of Bike Week.
- Website: Adam still to contact Richard re events and sharing work with Chris. **Action Adam.** Done. Chris working on a Google Calendar to enable swifter updating of events. Concern expressed by members at the slow changes to the web site. Agreed Adam should talk to Richard about this. **Action Adam.**
- Alban Way:
 - o Resurfacing and the repairs to the bridge expansion joint will start next week. Work done. Noted work done to high quality.
 - o There is a budget of £15,000 for maintenance in 2010-11.
 - o Priority is to resurface west from Ellenbrook Lane, but money will mean a narrower strip and will not do the full length to the St Albans boundary. **Action Cathy.**
 - o Cathy has the Serco contract details for pruning and will put these on the Yahoo Group site. However, they must not be circulated further. **Action Cathy.**
 - o St Albans DC have issued a consultation document on their section of the route. Adam has a copy and will send to members. **Action Adam [Done]**
 - o Money is left for signs: Audit of number of signs currently on each post needs doing. **Action Adam as Sustrans route 61 Ranger.**
 - o 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:** No news.
- Petition: A petition to Herts CC asking for cycle paths to schools. At the time of the meeting 254 people had signed this. Thanks to all for encouraging this.

- Meeting with other groups. Adam to agree agenda with John Metcalf. **Action Adam** Done.

2 Events

- The updated list was discussed and 6 members volunteered to help with the first ride.
- Adam asked that members look at their diaries for 8th May and let him know if they can help with this ride too. **Action All.**

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	?

3 Fund raising – charging a membership fee

- Adam had noted at the 9th March meeting that many of the other groups in Hertfordshire charge an annual membership fee of £5.00 or so per family to raise funds.
- Other members expressed concern that a charge might drive people away. Passing round a hat at the rides or asking for donations at our stalls at events might be a better way to do this.
- Noted that any membership fee would have to be agreed at an AGM.
- Agreed Adam would email the wider mailing list and ask people who come to our rides what they think. **Action Adam.**

4 Any other business

- Chris Whitehouse is now a qualified cycling instructor.
- Tesco roundabout, Oldings Hatfield: Despite the signs by the road works, the work is footpaths only, not cycle paths. However the new sections look wide enough to become cycle paths at a future date.
- Welwyn Festival: Roger will running a stall at this event.

5 Dates of next meetings

- 11/5/11, 15/6/11 (AGM), 13/7/11, 10/8/11 (Pub ride), 14/9/11, 12/10/11, 9/11/11, 14/12/11.