

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Minutes of meeting, 12th October 2011

Present: Roger Moulding, John Shead, Jeremy Payne, Cathy Wilkins, Bryn Jones.

1. Apologies for absence: Tom Morley, Adam Edwards, Chris Cooke, Chris Whitehouse, Ian Gregory.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held 14.09.2011 and matters arising

- Lost railways information boards: still with incorrect information on. **Cathy is discussing errors with the producers.**
- Monks Walk School: Chris C is to meet the deputy head and we discussed issues for him to raise. **Action Chris C. No reply from the school yet. No update available as CC not at meeting**
- Mixed Group ride: Roger completed & has offered a number of alternative routes to organisers for next year, also circulated to group for comments and possibly to add to our planned events. Roger collected sponsorship from those present with thanks.

3. County Councillors road budgets (John)

- In 2 parts: £300 - £10,000 (projects only); £10,000 - £500,000 (revenue and projects)
- They are not interested in funding revenue for small organisations, but bids can be made for projects from £300.....
- John will post the 12 page document on the website but asks do we want to make the effort to offer up suggestions. Meeting discussed and suggestions passed to John were:
 - route from Monks Walk school to Welwyn via Bessemer Road & Hertford Road.
 - Missing link Bessemer Way to Ayot Green Way Route 12
 - Cycle racks on busesAny other suggestions to John.

4. Report on Big Lottery Funding Forum (Roger)

- In 2 parts £10k - £500k
They are not interested in funding revenue projects, bids can be made for projects from £300, but must be for a project.
Suggestions : new display boards, gazebo **Action Cathy to get price for these.** Bike stand for Dr. Bike.
For bigger projects we will need a way of monitoring.
Action all to send project suggestions to Roger so an application can be made.

5. Cycle Herts

- Meeting to discuss agree constitution is 20th October Campus West 7pm Acorn suite if anyone wants to attend. This will be the last open meeting.

6. Planned Events

Suggestions:

- long ride to Great Amwell (John)
- Rye Meads
- Colney Heath
- Something in possibly Bike Week
- Mixed Group ride September 2012
- Kings Mead Easter egg hunt **Action John to get date**
- Steam Fair Oaklands
- Possible ride to Shaws Corner
- Welwyn Festival
- Kaleidoscope
- Wheathampstead Festival
- Any De Havilland events **Action Cathy to contact Terry**
- Treasure Hunt (Cathy already has one prepared)
- Woolmer Green pub ride (was for Air Ambulance 2011)
- Kimpton & Burnham Green Festival

7. Any other business

- **Green Transport Day at University:** Times and plan for the day agreed.
- **Alban Way re-surfacing update:** Order has been raised, Cathy waiting for start date. Notice for alternative route to be sent to Chris to be added to website, will also be notices on site & on WelHats website. Diversion to be marked by contractors at both ends of Wilkins Green Lane and where road splits.
- **Alban Way signs:** Cathy expressed thanks to Chris W for GPS survey, a link to this has been passed to signs contractor so price can be given for regular service of signs. **Action Cathy**
- **Web site:** Agreed we can list local cycling instructors, but with a line to say we do vouch for any particular instructor. Agreed a link can be put on website for Chris.

8. Dates of next meetings

- 9/11/11, 14/12/11, Proposed thereafter: 11/1/12, 15/2/12, 14/3/12, 11/4/12, 9/5/12, 13/6/12, 11/7/12, 8/8/12 (pub ride), 12/9/12, 10/10/12, 14/11/12. 12/12/12. **Action Cathy to check bookings at Campus West.**