

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Meeting Minutes held 12th Sept 2012

Present: Bryn Jones, Adam Edwards, Jeremy Payne, John Shead, Roger Moulding, Cathy Wilkins, Chris Whitehouse.

Apologies: Ian Gregory, Tom Morley.

Minutes of the previous meeting held 11.7.12:

- ☐ Not discussed but the Dr Bike actions from July should be picked up for the October meeting.
- ☐ Proposed stall for UofH Environmental week. Need date and details. No response yet
- ☐ Publicity photos of riders in groups in action needed for next year. Send to John. **Action All.**

Events and Rides for 2013

- ☐ It was suggested last meeting that we have a regular adult social ride on the 2nd Saturday of every month to ride to pub or café in addition to our usual events. Also we could have at least one flagship ride in the summer for which we target extra publicity. Roger agreed to take and compile take ideas for events and a compile a list. We should aim to get the 2013 events list finalized before mid Dec. Events to Roger. **Action All**
- ☐ Children's rides. Would we have more takers if we could take on rides children without their parents?
A discussion took place over our uncertainty regarding CTC Insurance cover (none in this case) and any CRB requirements. If we offered a ride from a school at the end of their Bikeability week would we be covered provided a teacher rode with us?
Chris to contact Nick Truro and Tina **Action Chris**
Cathy also offered to contact her sister. **Action Cathy**
- ☐ Roger suggested we have a stall inside/outside the Howard Centre (possibly on or near Bikeweek?). Cathy to contact the Town Centre Manager. **Action CW. Done**
- ☐ Chris suggested could we share stall space with FoE and the Green Party at the Hatfield Farmers Market. **Action Chris**
- ☐ Does Gosling Centre, Hatfield Leisure Centre, and Birchwood Leisure Centre have noticeboards we might use ? **Action John**
- ☐ If anyone sees possible sources of free advertising for rides send to John. **Action All**

Newsletter

- ☐ John will try and get our regular newsletter out by the end of the month in good time to mention the Sat Social and highlight the following months events. Suggestions for other content please. **Action All**

Locality Budgets

- ☐ We need ideas for small infrastructure changes to pass on to County Councilors. <http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/councillors/localitybudgetscheme/>
Suggestions (with maps and photographs) to circulate and discuss at the October meeting. Also please identify the County Councilor for that area. **Action All.**
- ☐ Adam suggested a bigger project to join Stanborough Lakes to Mill Green. As Beatrix Potter stayed at Mill Green the path could be called the Beatrix Potter Way. Although almost certainly outside the scope of the LB scheme, we should bear it in mind for future projects

Hatfield Station Redevelopment: Red Lion Junction

- Although we previously discussed a safer route with Roger submitting a very good argument for moving the new cycle path from the East to the West Side of the Gt North Rd this has not been taken on board by HH. We will still be lobbying for the change and at the very least a set of guidance lights for pedestrians as we still feel that crossing on the East Side is confusing and dangerous.

Action Roger. Done

- For those wishing to comment individually on the station redevelopment, the Consultation closes on 30th Sept, despite the WHBC page stating 7th Sept.
<https://fastweb.welhat.gov.uk/detail.asp?AltRef=S6/2012/1610/LO&ApplicationNumber=&AddressPrefix=&submit1=Go>

Queensway/Lemsford Road Roundabout changed infrastructure

- We still have concerns regarding turning left into Briars Lane and into Lemsford Road from Queensway. Cathy to request Road Safety Audit. **Action CW. Done**
See <http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/18898968/1169996540/name/St1%26amp%3B2%20RSA.Sa075.2012.Final%20safety%20Audit%20Lemsford>

Alban Way

- Cost of resurfacing and signage works between the Galleria and Ground Lane will be £5693. Cathy has authorized works.
- Adopt a road. Although we don't have the resources for proper workparties, Cathy can arrange for gloves and hand tools for those who wish to prune and litter pick on an ad hoc basis.

Cyclenation

- Roger attending Cyclenation Conference in Bristol on Oct 13.

AOB

- Tom's Velodrome report postponed until 2013.
- Chris raised the subject of temporary parking restriction in Hatfield Town Centre. Consultation open Sept. <http://www.welhat.gov.uk/index.aspx?articleid=4530> (see email contact in rh corner)
WHBC have failed to point out the obvious in encouraging people to walk, cycle or bus. Nowhere is this mentioned. Consultation to be sent to Chris. **Action CW. Done**