

# Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Meeting Minutes held Weds 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013

**Present:** Adam Edwards, Dave Hurle, Bryn Jones, David Dixon, John Shead, Roger Moulding, Ian Gregory, Cathy Wilkins.

**Apologies:** Tom, Jeremy, Chris, Cathy.

## Actions from the previous meeting held 9.1.13:

Streetlife community website. Adam has registered WHCF in Hatfield.

Activity Map errors and updates to Cathy. **Action All.**

Send items for inclusion in the Newsletter to John. **Action All.**

Steam Woods, updates held over until the next meeting.

## Events and Rides for 2013

- Ian's SSS to Emily's Teashop at Whitwell was a great success, 10 set out from WGC.
- Jeremy's 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat Social Ride 9<sup>th</sup> March, to Amwell Nature Reserve, leaving Kinetic Cycles at 10am.
- Chris's Sat Social Ride 13th April, Redbourn, route TBD. **Action Chris.**
- Hatfield Cycles re-opening now moved to May 13<sup>th</sup> (?), date TBC. Chris to liaise.
- May 11<sup>th</sup> Sat Social. Adam to lead, probably to St Albans, Verulamium.
- 1st June, Steam Rally St Albans John to lead.
- Bikeweek June 15 – 23rd. Sat 15th Stall outside Howard Centre, Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Stall at Welwyn Festival, (22 – 30<sup>th</sup> June)
- July 13th Wheathampstead Village Day, Start WGC.
- This years Kaleidoscope Festival has been cancelled.
- August, Treasure Hunt.
- Sept, NLSME ride to Colney Heath. Adam to lead (?)
- Ideas welcome for new rides, please send to Roger for inclusion on the reserve list. **Action All**
- The updated 2013 rides list is on the WHCF Yahoo site.

## Publicity

Action photographs needed. **Action All.**

John to get the original Wheathampstead ride photo from Chris and send a Press Release on our SSS to WHT before Easter. **Action John.**

## 20mph Speed Limits

The EU wide petition is here <http://en.30kmh.eu/> Please sign and pass on to friends. The reasons for adopting 20mph limits can be easily misunderstood and we would prefer not to get WHCF involved in any public debates.

## Off Road Charity Ride

John floated this as an idea to hold an annual charity ride, with proceeds going to a different cause each year. It would also give us extra publicity. It would be nice to devise a circular offroad route. **Action All**

At the moment we do not have the resources or adequate insurance cover. However we may revisit this idea if all the issues can be resolved.

*Update: British Cycling could provide insurance for £60 (upto 100 riders). If we charged a small entrance fee, this expense could be covered.*

## Ride Insurance

The question of insurance for public rides was discussed. Our understanding of the current CTC T&Cs is that there must not be more than 5 non (CTC) members on any one ride, nor should a non (CTC) member participate in a ride more than 5 times. This limitation does not apply to one-off events.

**Roger, John and Adam** will look into how we can best resolve this.

*Update. All WHCF members who want to regularly attend rides will need to be CTC members (at the discounted price of £16). Cycleherts are meeting this month and we should find out how the other groups operate.*

## **AOB**

**Cyclenation.** We have decided not to renew our membership.

**Finances.** At the moment we are spending approx £300 pa on expenses. We still need to look for grants however small. **Action All.**

**Skyrides.** There should be further opportunities to train and be paid as a Skyride Leader this year. If anyone sees any local Skyride events please circulate.

And finally: **Durham City Cycle Route**

Dave D has successfully lobbied to get an improved route accepted through the City.

*Some interesting background materials –*

*3-year Cycling Strategy*

[http://content.durham.gov.uk/PDFRepository/Draft\\_Cycling\\_Strategy\\_2012-2015.pdf](http://content.durham.gov.uk/PDFRepository/Draft_Cycling_Strategy_2012-2015.pdf)

*Joined up thinking with its neighbours*

<http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/DocumentLibrary/Transport/Leaflets/Cycleguide.pdf>

*And does Durham City have its own cycling officer ?*

[http://content.durham.gov.uk/PDFRepository/DCCF\\_NotesJan13.pdf](http://content.durham.gov.uk/PDFRepository/DCCF_NotesJan13.pdf)

**2013 Meetings** 13th March, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 8<sup>th</sup> May, 12<sup>th</sup> June, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 14th Aug (Pub tbd), 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**All meetings (except Aug) start at 7.15pm in the Acorn Suite, Campus West, Welwyn Garden City.**