

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Meeting Minutes Wednesday 8th May 2013

Present: David Dixon, Jeremy Payne, Ian Gregory, Adam Edwards, Roger Moulding, Bryn Jones,
John Shead.

Apologies: Cathy Wilkins, Tom Morley.

Matters Arising from the meeting held 10 April 2013:

Section 106 funds. Cathy agreed to investigate. Action Cathy

April Roundup

April 13th Sat Social led by Chris to Redbourn Bike Hub. This excellent little venue is run by Simon Barnes. We sampled soup, toast, cake and coffee.

<http://www.hemeltoday.co.uk/news/local/the-hub-in-redbourn-is-an-coffee-shop-with-a-difference-1-4881876>

Litter Picking. On Sat 20th April, 6 volunteers turned up at Wrestlers Bridge and cleared the section of the Alban Way up to Ground Lane. Thanks to Cathy who organized the distribution of safety equipment supplied by WHBC as well as trying to get us a mention in the WH Times.

An astonishing amount of rubbish was collected. However to maximize our efforts, perhaps we need to give ourselves a little more notice in order to try and get more publicity. Alternatively we possibly organize this in conjunction with another litter picking group.

Community Fun Day. 27th April. Roger, Cathy, Bryn and John, manned the WHCF stall (located in the corridor) at Campus West. £17.50 was raised through sales of puncture kits, donations and the lucky dip. Although we had a moderate amount of interest (we nearly ran out of maps) we felt that the event could have been better advertised.

Local Elections Cycling Questionnaire

We had answers from 12 candidates. These were generally very positive, except for UKIP. A summary was circulated in the May newsletter and by email sent 1st May.

Events:

11th May Sat Social. Verulamium Variations. Leaving 11am from the Forum U of H, Hatfield
1st June Steam Rally 11am from Hatfield Cycles. Please note change of start and time.
8th June Sat Social de Havilland Heritage Centre, London Colney. 11am The Forum Hatfield.
15th June WHCF Stall Hatfield Town Centre details TBD.
15th – 23rd June Bikeweek <http://www.bikeweek.org.uk/>
22nd June WHCF Stall Welwyn Village Day details TBD.

Hatfield Cycles have not yet fixed the date of their official opening.

HADs Charity Cycle Ride 23rd June.

There will be a local leg from Gosling Sports Park leaving midday and using the Alban Way. The finish is at The Old Albanian Sports Ground, 160 Harpenden Road, St Albans, AL3 6BB.

More details <http://www.hadnet.org.uk/fundraising/events/2013/bikeride.aspx>

WHCF and Welwyn Wheelers have offered to help. Paul Bishop is the contact for HADs.

We need to discuss how WHCF can help. **Action Ian, John.**

Update: At the time of writing no response has been received. We really need to make contact by June to discuss in detail at the next meeting.

CTC Insurance

The Annual CTC Affiliated Group Membership (£60) is now due. **Action Roger, done.**

The individual Affiliated Membership (now £16) is also up for renewal. Members can either renew online (see email 12 May) or see Roger. However there may be some teething problems with the online system.

<https://www.ctc.org.uk/join-membership/setup/AFMI>

WHCF Membership.

It was decided to give event attendees WHCF Membership on their 2nd appearance at no charge.

However donations will be most welcome.

It was suggested that we introduce this to 1st timers over lunch in the middle of the ride, rather than at the beginning.

The WHCF Constitution wording will be amended accordingly for the AGM next month. **Action Roger, done**

Locality Budgets

If anyone sees an opportunity to improve walking or cycling infrastructure, then identify the Councilor concerned and write/email to them with details.

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/councillors/localitybudgetscheme/>

We should be doing this month on month and not waiting until year end. **Action All.**

Open Street Map

David gave us a very comprehensive presentation with live updates on the OpenStreetmap software.

Anyone can update the information held on the system.

<http://www.openstreetmap.org/>

The software is free to use and even sell information provided the map source is acknowledged. Anyone can update the map to include such items as post boxes, pubs and cycle facilities. Open Street Map is the basis for CycleStreets and Open Orienteering Maps. David has contributed to the system for several years and is prepared to continue to do so for us in our area.

For a full list of feature see http://wiki.openstreetmap.org/wiki/Map_Features

AOB:

Kinetic Cycles, WGC are looking for a mechanic.

Panshanger Park. A new group known as The Friends of Panshanger Park are looking for a cycling representative. If anyone is interested contact Ian.

The group are aiming to ensure that the Park will have full public access and that Lafarge do not try and compromise the original agreement.

http://www.whtimes.co.uk/news/welwyn_garden_city_park_could_become_nature_reserve_1_878570

2013 Meetings
11th Dec.

12th June AGM, 10th July, 14th Aug (Pub tbd), 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov,

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