

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:  
AGM Minutes Wednesday 8th June 2013

Present: Adam Edwards, David Dixon, Cathy Wilkins, Mick Wilkins, Bryn Jones, Jeremy Payne,  
Don Street, Ian Gregory, Roger Moulding, John Shead.

Apologies: Chris Whitehouse, Tom Morley.

### **AGM Accounts and Reports**

The AGM Minutes from June 2012 were accepted as correct.  
The Accounts for 2012-13 were accepted as correct.  
The Chairmen's report for 2012-13 was accepted despite some errors with dates.  
Cathy kindly agreed to review the accounts again for the forthcoming year.

### **Constitutional Changes.**

Roger had prepared the changes and circulated by email. Full details are on Yahoo/Files.  
Three items are to be changed, briefly these were -

Membership: Persons may not attend more than 3 activities without becoming members.  
Proposed Roger, seconded John.

New Post created for Membership Secretary. Proposed Roger,  
seconded John.

Committee: A Management Committee, consisting of the Chair, Treasurer, Secretary and the Membership Secretary may meet if required to discuss additional issues. Proposed Roger, seconded John.

All three changes were accepted and passed without further discussion.

Roger offered to circulate the new Membership Form and sign in sheet. **Action Roger. Done**

Post of Membership Secretary. Cathy had agreed to stand. Proposed Roger, seconded Adam.

We had previously agreed not to formally charge for each ride. However it was agreed instead to ask for a (suggested) donation of £1.

Matters arising from the meeting held 10 April 2013.

Section 106 funds, Cathy agreed to investigate, **Action Cathy**

### **May Roundup.**

The 2 rides to the St Albans Steam Rally and Mosquito Museum were poorly attended. John suggested that for next year we should not try to combine rides with external public events as it will add an admission charge and may create extra uncertainty for beginners, how their day may pan out, how to get home.

### **Events:**

15<sup>th</sup> June WHCF Stall White Lion Square, Hatfield Town Centre 9.30am set up with Chris and Ian and Roger, Adam to help during the day, John afternoon.  
15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June Bikeweek <http://www.bikeweek.org.uk/>  
22<sup>nd</sup> June WHCF Stall Welwyn Village Day, 9 – 12.30. Cathy and Mick and Roger.  
23<sup>rd</sup> June HADs Charity Cycle Ride. There will be a local leg from Gosling Sports Park leaving midday now using the Ayot Green Way. Finish at the Old Albanian

Sports Ground,

160 Harpenden Road, St Albans, AL3 6BB.

<http://www.hadnet.org.uk/fundraising/events/2013/bikeride.aspx> Welwyn Wheelers have dropped out. The 'Celebrities' appearance at the finish has been cancelled. Paul Bishop and Ian met last week to discuss details, Paul is finalising a revised route using the Ayot Green Way. Ian, Roger and John have offered to marshal. We requested that Paul lets us know details by Weds 19<sup>th</sup> June. **Action Ian. Done**

14<sup>th</sup> July (Sunday) Wheathamstead Village Day. 11am Campus West Car Park. Adam to lead.

<http://www.wheathamstead.net/events.htm>

There will be no SSS for July.

26 - 28th July Brompton World Champs, part of the <http://orbitalfestival.com/> at Goodwood. We are unlikely to send a team this year. <http://www.brompton.co.uk/news>

10<sup>th</sup> Aug. SSS TBD, Ian.

The August Treasure Hunt has been dropped.

!4<sup>th</sup> Aug. No meeting - pub ride. It was agreed to go the Plough at Sleafshyde 7.15pm. Food is available.

8<sup>th</sup> Sept Mixed Group Charity Ride, Autumn Grove Scout Hut, WGC 12.45pm

<http://www.themixedgroup.org.uk/events.html>

14<sup>th</sup> Sept SSS TBD, John

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept Sunday. Family ride to the NLSME miniature railway at London Colney. Adam

### **Panshanger Park Charrette.**

Lafarge are holding a charrette to canvas opinion on the change of use of Panshanger Park. Invited groups have been contacted and asked to send a single representative to meetings. The dates are 12 and 17<sup>th</sup> July. Don will represent Friends of the Mimram. John and Jeremy will represent WHCF, with Roger as back up.

The aim is to ensure that the Park will have full public access and that Lafarge do not try and compromise the original agreement. There are seasonal issues with grazing and pheasant shooting.

We need to ensure that North – South and East - West cycling routes and a recreational circular route are included in the plans.

Ian will be discussing similar issues with the Local Access Forum.

It was suggested that we look at the history of other County Parks to see how they evolved.

### **Action All**

The website <http://panshangerpark.co.uk/> will eventually go live for comments for anyone unable to attend.

### **Singlers Marsh, Welwyn.**

Don presented a discussion on the access issue to Singlers Marsh, Welwyn. A planning application for a change of footpath to limit public access is due to be submitted. The concern is that the current last 20 years walking and cycling have been permitted will be taken away. Don has offered to keep us informed.

### **AOB**

Alban Way. The steep bend near the Lindens, Hatfield has been widened.

Cathy suggested numbering the signs on the Alban Way for ease of identification.

WHBC Green Travel plan for staff is to be updated and Cathy asked if Chris would be interested in providing cycle training for staff.

Bryn suggested that everyone had a look at home for any unwanted (but sale-able) cycle items to sell at our stall. **Action All**

Jeremy attended the TRRL experimental session at Crowthorne as a motorist and as a cyclist

and recommended the experience. Travel expenses should be available up to £50.  
Cars, bikes and Boris bikes are provided.

[http://www.trl.co.uk/transport\\_research\\_development/sustainability/sustainable\\_transport/cycling\\_facility\\_trials/participants.htm](http://www.trl.co.uk/transport_research_development/sustainability/sustainable_transport/cycling_facility_trials/participants.htm)

Roger was given a 'Discover Cycling' DVD which we could copy and sell at the stall.

Hatfield Station Redevelopment has another exhibition at York House, Old Hatfield on 25/26<sup>th</sup>  
June 2-8pm

<https://consult.hertsdirect.org/hatfieldstation/assets/documents/hatfield-station-improvements-4>

2013 Meetings 10<sup>th</sup> July, 14<sup>th</sup> Aug, the Plough, Sleafshyde 7.15, 11<sup>th</sup> Sept, 9<sup>th</sup> Oct, 13<sup>th</sup> Nov, 11<sup>th</sup>  
Dec.

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