

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: Minutes Wednesday 10th July 2013

Present: David Dixon, Bryn Jones, Ian Gregory, Roger Moulding, John Shead. Chris Whitehouse.

Apologies: Cathy Wilkins, Adam Edwards

AGM Minutes, June 2013 Correction: WHBC donated £60 to pay our CTC Affiliated Group Membership.

June Roundup.

Despite the poor weather £15.50 was raised at the Hatfield town centre stall and £23.58 at the Welwyn Festival. Many thanks to Roger, Ian Chris, Adam, Cathy and Mick.

The HADs Charity ride to St Albans was poorly attended. Ian, Roger and John rode with the small group riding from Gosling Stadium to the Old Albanian Sports Ground. However our efforts were appreciated by all involved.

Two things that we should take away from this: maximum publicity is essential to get bums on seats and WHCF should not organise a Charity Cycle Ride.

Events:

12 and 17th July. Panshanger Park Charrette. John and Jeremy will represent WHCF, with Roger as back up. We will push for more bridleway routes.

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

There will be no SSS for July.

14th July (Sunday) Family Ride to Wheathamstead Village Day. 11am Campus West Car Park. Adam to lead. *Our best ride this year.*

3rd/4th Aug. Ride London. Roger and Chris will be marshalling via the CTC.

10th Aug. SSS UoH to Shenly Park, Ian.

14th Aug. No meeting - ride to the Plough at Sleafshyde 7.15pm. Food is available.

8th Sept Mixed Group Charity Ride, Autumn Grove Scout Hut, WGC 12.45pm

<http://www.themixedgroup.org.uk/events.html> Ride to Hertford. Sponsorship for Roger **Action All**

14th Sept SSS TBD, John, probably Amwell Nature Reserve TBC

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

Nov.SSS Roger Tour de Hatfield.

Dec SSS Chris TBD

Reminder: at the last AGM it was agreed to ask for a donation (suggested £1) on the ride.

Dr Bike 2014

John wondered if we could hold properly funded Dr Bike sessions, paying our mechanics, stall fees (?) and insurance premiums with grants and/or Council support. A discussion followed about holding Dr Bike this year and regular sessions next year. We don't really have enough of us able to commit to a monthly session, however we should try at least one session this year in order to gain more experience along with proper publicity. Ideas on publicity welcome.

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Some suggested locations were -

- Hatfield Town centre (Farmers Market).
- Asda Car Park, Hatfield.
- The Alban Way, with a 'pop up' stall held on the fly on a sunny weekend.. Use the WHCF banner.
- UofH Environmental Week. We still need a contact within the Uni. in order to get publicity on their online systems.
- Stanborough Lakes by the café near the Easy Riders disabled cycling.

<http://www.ctc.org.uk/map-feature/easy-riders-%E2%80%93-stanborough-leisure-park>

We can get Public Liability Insurance from Bikeweek for April to July and so should consider running 4 sessions next year. Again, we must have lots of publicity for this to work.

Chris is investigating obtaining his own insurance so if he is willing, we could still do a one off Dr Bike this year. Chris said we shouldn't show people how to do their own repairs as it is too time consuming, but we must insist that they stay and watch so that they do learn to do simple repairs themselves.

Section 106

S106 money has to be directly relevant but can be applied to any development. See WHBC document emailed by Cathy on 28th June.

It was disappointing to learn that S106 infrastructure money raised by WHBC is handed over to HCC. It is often forgotten, not used and ultimately handed back to the developer.

<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/beds/bucks/herts/8545908.stm>

On a more encouraging note, Locality Budgets may now make use of s106 money. From Welwyn Hatfield Highways Joint Members' Panel, 16 July 2012, p9 *"in future the Section 106 contributions would become part of the Highways Locality Budget. Following a further question about whether the Traffic Light report which appeared at Appendix A would still be produced, the Panel were advised that a procedure note would be produced about the future use of Section 106 monies and it would become part of the role of individual County Councillors to enquire about them and their use."*

John requested that when anyone sees any infrastructure that needs modifying, that they use Hertsdirect, to identify the Councillor for the area and email them directly with the problem rather than waiting for the next meeting. <http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/councillors/cllrs/indexbydistrict/> **Action All**

Dave suggested that for the stall we print one A0 map of Hatfield and one A0 map of Welwyn Garden and ask people to mark up where they would like changes.. Dave offered to generate the maps. Where can we get prints FOC ? **Action All**

Planning Applications

Mundells planning application ends 22 July. Suggest that we ask to upgrade the footway along the north side of Mundells to a shared Foot/Cycleway to link into the Mundells network and the Cycle Path to Sloans Way, Haldens. The latter would provide a safe route to the Primary School. [https://fastweb.welhat.gov.uk/detail.asp?](https://fastweb.welhat.gov.uk/detail.asp?AltRef=N6/2013/1288/OR&ApplicationNumber=&AddressPrefix=mundells&submit1=Go)

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Deadline is 22 July. Please respond online. **Action All**

One planning application found the day after the meeting, the Angerland Common application by Herts University. No cycle provision has been included. Please respond online by 26th July.

Action All [https://fastweb.welhat.gov.uk/detail.asp?](https://fastweb.welhat.gov.uk/detail.asp?AltRef=S6/2013/1261/MA&ApplicationNumber=&AddressPrefix=angerland&Postcode=&CaseOficer=&ParishName=&AreaTeam=&WardMember=&Consultant=&DateReceivedStart=&DateReceivedEnd=&DateDecidedStart=&DateDecidedEnd=&Locality=&AgentName=&ApplicantName=&ShowDecided=&DecisionDescription=&DecisionLevel=&Sort1=FullAddressPrefix&Sort2=DateReceived+DESC&Submit=Search)

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AOB

First Aid Courses and refreshers for Ian and John. Roger has been quoted £132.

Where can we get better value ? **Action All**

Roger to ask David Burt. **Action Roger**

Adopt a Road Scheme

Last week Roger attended a meeting about the Adopt a Road scheme. Although there are 23 active schemes in Welwyn Hatfield, only 15 people attended, of which only 5 were active scheme members. It was established that no commitment was required, other than the appointment of a co-ordinator, to liaise with WHBC regarding support and hopefully publicity for activities. Insurance is not provided. Volunteers participate entirely at their own risk, but may only carry out low risk activities they feel competent and fit enough to achieve. Activities performed by groups generally involved litter picking and light vegetation trimming, but bulb planting had been done by some groups. Activities take place at whatever frequency the co-ordinator wishes. Once a year was considered an acceptable level of activity for WHCF. Roger will discuss the scheme with Adam. **Done - Adam will sign up as our co-ordinator**

Grant Shapps Invite

We could invite Grant Shapps to meetings and rides but he is very busy. *Chris later suggested we invite Paul Zukowskyi instead. It was previously mentioned after the CC elections this year that Councillors might be added to the Newsletter circulation.* **Action John**

2013 Meetings 14th Aug - the Plough, 7.15, 11th Sept, 9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec.

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