

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum:
Minutes Wednesday 11th Sept 2013

Present: David Dixon, Cathy Wilkins, Roger Moulding , Bryn Jones, Ian Gregory, John Shead.

Apologies: Adam Edwards, Chris Whitehouse, Jeremy Payne.

Actions from the previous meeting July 2013 –

First Aid Courses. We are still looking for best value for money. **Action All.**

Ian may be able to get a course through Friends of Stream Woods.

Update: Chris is now a qualified First Aider.

Alban Way Improvements.

Cathy will put in a capital bid of £25k for repairs to the eastern section. Cathy wants location details, remember that longer stretches of repairs will be better value than isolated patches. The Maps circulated by Cathy at the meeting can be requested by those absent. Roger said that the Galleria to Ellenbrook section is the worst. Suggestions to Cathy by the next meeting at the very latest. **Action All**

Events Roundup.

The July and August SSS rides to Wheathampstead Village day and Shenley Orchard Cafe were blessed with fine weather and were very well attended. Thanks again to Adam and Ian. Bryn, Ian, Chris, Roger and John met at the Plough for the August Pub gathering. 8th Sept Mixed Group Charity Ride, Autumn Grove Scout Hut, WGC. No WHCF members attended this year.

Events

14th Sept SSS to Amwell Nature Reserve, John, Morrisons, WGC, 11am.

8th October, Sunday. Family ride to the NLSME miniature railway at London Colney. Adam, Wrestlers Bridge, Hatfield, 13.30pm start.

12th Oct SSS to Hertford Food Festival, Adam 11am, The Forum *with a pick-up at Morrisons, WGC at 11.45.*

<http://www.hertford.net/events/food-drink-festival.asp> Lunch at Serendipity.

12th Nov, SSS Hatfield Student Tour, The Forum, Hatfield, 11am. *Chris and Roger may swap.*

Action Chris/Roger

14th Nov. Environment week, The Forum, UofH, WHCF Stall with Dr Bike. Setup 9.30am for 10am – 3pm. **Action All**

14th Dec. SSS TBD. It was suggested that we ride the Alban Way when the St Albans section has been hard surfaced, with an invitation to STACC to join us. We believe that the surfacing is part of the St Albans Green Ring and Local Sustainable Transport Fund application.

To download the detailed study

<http://www.stalbans.gov.uk/planning/Planningpolicy/greenring.aspx>

See P36/37 for the infamous Morrisons Narrows.

Note - advance info for 2014. Litter Pick on the Alban Way 19th April 2014. **Action All**

University Stall and Dr Bike Publicity

We need better event publicity within the University. Send organisers a flyer in order to ensure that WHCF and Dr Bike feature in internal publicity. Roger also to ask Jacqueline and Marjolein for advice.

Action Roger

Ask Hatfield Cycles for business Cards on stall. **Action John.**

Planning, Infrastructure, and Locality Budgets

Adam contacted Maureen Cook re footpath improvements in Birchwood and was told that - *'Unfortunately the path and land over which it crosses is NOT part of the public highway which is maintained by Herts County Council and as such, you would not be able spend your Highways Locality Budget on providing a cycle path across non-highway maintainable land.'* Something we should remember when making future requests.

We need to find the date for the Angerland Common Planning meeting and remind WHDC planning panel of their Travel Plan cycling commitment. **Action John.**

John objected to the new David Lloyd Sports Venue on the B1000 Welwyn Rd, near Sele Farm and asked for dropped kerbs and a central refuge for the existing footpath crossing nearby.

As previously discussed we should all be lobbying Councilors for their LB month on month and not waiting until year end. **Action All.** <http://www.hertsdirect.org/your-council/councilors/localitybudgetscheme/>

Grant Shapps will be having a meeting at Woodhall, WGC on the 25th Oct to discuss the forthcoming lobbying Bill <http://www.38degrees.org.uk/page/event/detail/wgt#rsvp>

AOB

There has been a bit too much personal email traffic. The WHCF Yahoo group list has to be used sensibly.

Before hitting the 'reply' button please consider who needs to see the answer.

The WHCF group list is not the best place for personal discussions.

Ian rode to the source of the Thames over 5 days covering over 150 miles and will also be cycling the North Sea route in Holland next month. Meeting report to follow. **Action Ian.**

Publicity. John to send SSS dates to WHDC for online listings and Life Magazine. **Done**

Future Meetings Update

Room bookings for Dec 2013 through 2014 at the Campus have been suspended due to building works.

For the December 2013 meeting, John proposed using the Red Lion, Hatfield. We can firm up on a venue at the next meeting.

*2014 Meetings – Venue to be advised. **Action Cathy.***

2013 Meetings 7.15pm , 9th Oct Acorn Suite, 13th Nov Park Terrace, 11th Dec. TBC.