

Welwyn Hatfield Cycling Forum: AGM Minutes Wednesday 11th June 2014

Present: Adam Edwards, Ian Gregory, Cathy Wilkins David Dixon, Chris Whitehouse.
Roger Moulding, John Shead.

Updates since the meeting shown in *italics*. Actions in **bold**.

Apologies: Jeremy Payne, Bryn Jones.

AGM Accounts, Reports and Voting

The AGM Minutes from June 2013 were accepted as correct.

The Chairmen's report for 2012-13 was accepted.

The Accounts for 2012-13-14 were accepted as correct.

Cathy kindly agreed to audit the accounts again for the forthcoming year, for the last time.

Proposed by Adam, seconded by Chris. We need to find a new Auditor.

No-one else wished to be put forward, and the existing officers were happy to stand for re-election for a further 2 years. John Shead – Chair, Adam Edwards – Secretary, Roger Moulding – Treasurer.

Proposed by Chris, seconded by Cathy.

Main Meeting

Tagline. Before the AGM we brainstormed the proposed tagline WelHat Cycling – xxx and came up with WelHat Cycling – people on bikes. We'll run with this on our literature and on the website and see how it looks. Update flier and sign in sheet (**Roger**) and website (**Chris**)

Event Roundup

HealthFest Stall. Fine weather after a wet start with an excellent location outside the Howard Centre meant plenty of interest. For future stall events we may need to challenge our assigned pitch if we feel that we will have a poor footfall.

Hertford Raft Race. 4 +5 new faces turned out a sunny day. On our arrival at Castle Park we asked people if they were happy to split up, and informed them that we would meet back at the bikes and return at 3pm. With an event of this nature we should ensure that people are ok to do this and to give them a return time. Depending on the event we could arrange a meeting place for the whole day if requested.

Events

Sat 14th June Scotts Grotto + Panshanger Park, Ian Morrisons 11am

14th – 22rd June Bikeweek <http://bikeweek.org.uk/> Roger has registered all our events.

There is no sponsor this year so we think that their website is staffed by volunteers.

Sat 21st June WHCF Stall Welwyn Village Day, 9.00 – 12.30.

Roger, Cathy, Mick, Jeremy and John. Setup 8.30, breakdown 13.00.

Sun June 29th Ian. Michael's Folly Open Garden, Epping Green. Morrisons, 13:00

Sat 12th July Adam. Trotters Bottom and beyond. *The start needs confirming as the flier and website may be different.* **Action Adam**

Sun 13th July Wheathampstead Village Day. Roger. 11am Campus West Car Park.

<http://www.wheathampstead-pc.gov.uk/>

Sun 27th July Friends of Panshanger Park. We were asked at their AGM to help marshal this self-guided ride around the park. John declined but has offered with to help with publicity. *Event now moved to the August BH weekend, date TBD.* <http://friendsofpanshangerpark.co.uk/>

Chris would like someone to take on his August SSS ride. **Action all**

Ride publicity. We should state that disabled riders on modified bikes, trikes, tandems etc are welcome.

Action All

Add Events Flier to the Council noticeboard. **Action Cathy**

Stall

As previously discussed at the HealthFest, we could use 2x small/medium sized feather flags to be tied on the front legs of the gazebo. These could also be used indoors on the table.

Blue text on a yellow background was suggested. Should they be double sided ?

Roger to pick size/price. **Cathy** to mock up a design.

The existing banner should be used at the rear of the stall. However we need something at the front perhaps two small, one line strips hung up high at each corner with the WelHat Cycling tagline. **John** to investigate.

The website <http://www.flags.co.uk/> will offer us a 10% discount. Cathy can arrange an invoice to WHCF.

Some other suppliers are <http://www.lanesigns.co.uk/> and <http://redmonsterprint.co.uk>

HCC use <http://www.hertssigns.co.uk/index.html>

We could make more use of the roof space to hang items inside.

Bring some wire to make small butchers hooks to the Welwyn Festival. **Action John.**

Bike painting machine. Could we build our own? John has found an aluminium pot for the plate chamber, (*but too small as 8inch ID*). Adam has an unwanted tagalong which could be adapted.

Chris offered to design and build, Paul Zukowskyj may be able to do some welding. The machine needs to be sized for children 4yrs up. Roger to circulate photo of the Sustrans machine.

Action Adam, John, Chris, Roger

Website

Tagline. Find a place to display. **Action Chris**

Minutes. Each set of minutes are agreed as correct at the subsequent meeting. Chris requested storing minutes on the website rather than Yahoo.

Web Form. **Chris** to look at adding to website.

It will need a simple anti-spam question, how many wheels on a bicycle etc ?

Newsletter. **John** to add WelHat Councillors to the email list.

(Secret) Year of Cycling

There was a low key stall at the County Show. The HCC Co-coordinator still hasn't started in the job. They should be invited to a CycleHerts meeting. Many local cycle clubs and shops are unaware of the scheme.

There is still very little to see on Hertsdirect, with nothing to see on the home page. Can people leave suggestions via the unhappy face? Feedback can be left anonymously. **Action All**

<http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/hertscountravsurv/travelwise/webcycle/yearofcycling/>

David Burt is no longer Cycling Officer. This has been taken on by David Tancock.

AOB

It was suggested that we get involved with local employers to promote cycling. Ideas please **Action All**

Ian had some news from the LAF meeting.

New River Path. RoW are engaged with both Enfield and Broxbourne Boroughs along with HCC cycling colleagues, Sustrans and Groundwork Trust, to look at multi-user improvements along this strategic route.

Ayot Green Way Extension RoW no longer have responsibility for this route however we continue to be involved from a RoWIP perspective in resolving the missing-link in the strategic route from Wheathampstead, through Harpenden, to Luton, with HCC cycling colleagues considering the scheme for inclusion in the HCC 2015/16 Integrated Plan (IP).

Previous (2011 to 2015) IP <http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf/r/LTP3rowip.pdf>

Date of Next Meeting - 7.10 Wednesday 9th July 2014, Campus East Council Offices. See website for entry details. All meetings are here (except the August pub evening) on the 2nd Weds of the month.