

## Minutes of the Cycle Herts meeting held 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013

1. Apologies for absence: Kate Jenkins, Ian Gregory,
2. **Present:** John Metcalf (Chair), Roger Bangs, Adam Edwards (Minutes), Jim Brown (Stevenage & North Herts CTC), Chris Whitehouse, Tom Spaven.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2013
  - Agreed.
4. Matters arising
  - *Maps: Districts and traffic free routes:* Alban Way and Nicky Line maps are being updated and reprinted to be followed by Ayot Greenway, Ebrury Way and Grand Union Canal. Ideally there should be one or two central council sites where these are kept. Adam to ask Hertfordshire Libraries if they might hold the stock at Welwyn Garden City Library as this is now the central Library for the county. **Action AE.**
  - *Who owns which cycle routes:* David Burt was sent a list by John Metcalf and has indicated who owns what. If you wish to know who owns a local path, ask David. Agreed this list should go on to web site. **Action IG.** The ownership information should also be added to Open Cycle Map. **Action IG/AE.**
  - *Active Travel Strategy:* Action plan still awaited. John to ask David Burt where this is. **Action JM.** This may be delayed due to changes in post holders in the HCC cabinet. We need to meet the new Highways chief Terry Douris. **Action JM.**
- 5 Update from Hertfordshire County Council
  - No one from HCC was present.
  - Jim reported on Broadhall Way, Stevenage where the cycle way has been narrowed after the incorrect placing of a post for a road sign, rather than move the post!
  - David Burt had been to the Spokes area to look at areas for improvement and a useful afternoon was spent looking at issues. Several examples of paths which could be shared use were looked at.
  - John reported St Albans Green Ring project is being worked on. A link from the Alban Way to Verulamium Park along side the railway will be built when the railway becomes a tram line.
  - Bike Week: STACC has funding for a "try a bike" event in St Albans.
6. County elections 2013:
  - *Responses to questionnaires:* The results from St Albans and Welwyn Hatfield had been circulated. Most councilors in St Albans signed up and the LibDems committed to everything. Spokes emailed those they could email. Most agreed. We need to now follow up and talk to those elected in our local areas. County panels will be decided next week so we then find out how many cycle friendly councilors are on Highways. Two St Albans County Councilors are members of STACC.
  - *Follow up actions:* STACC are writing to elected candidates suggesting small schemes in each division, e.g. dropped kerbs and small links. We need to educate new councilors to spend on cycling from their £90,000. Suggest we offer a seminar on cycling for any interested councilors and ask who the cycling champion will be. **Action JM to ask DB.**
7. Get Britain Cycling report
  - *Follow up actions in Hertfordshire and Districts:* This could be a subject for the seminar. We should also encourage people to sign the Government e-petition by emailing our supporters. <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/49196>
8. Ideas for Petitions to the County Council:
  - Agreed asking people to sign up to the national petition should be the priority for now.
9. County Council scrutiny of speed management:
  - This will look at the current strategy on speed limits and in particular at the creation of 20 mph zones. HCC currently only allow this where 85% of traffic is below 20 mph anyway, using police guidelines which is against Government guidelines and prevents adoption of

20 mph limits in Herts. The hope is this scrutiny will change this policy and more 20mph limits will come in. We need to put in our comments when it comes up. **Action JM.**

10. Police and Crime Commissioner: *Issues for a meeting with David Lloyd, the PCC*
11. Director of Public Health: *Issues for a meeting with Jim McManus, the new Director*
  - Agreed officers will ask members for suggestions and then agree these in advance of meetings with Terry Douris, David Lloyd and Jim McManus. **Action JM.**
12. WebSite:
  - No report. Site is running and Ian now has full control handed over from David Calder.
13. Treasurer's report:
  - An account has been set up with £50.00 in it. The debt to the Secretary has been waived. The account number can now go to STACC for their contribution. Chris can now ask for donations from other groups. **Action CW.**
  - Online banking can be done by one officer, yet constitution requires two to sign cheques. Agreed only the Treasure should use the online account. Agreed the Chair will have a second login to the online account to verify that the Treasurer has been acting responsibly. **Action CW, JM.**
14. Any other business
  - CTC national: Jim reported that the CTC Voluntary Campaigner of the Year runner up was John Metcalf. <http://www.ctc.org.uk/about-ctc/history/volunteer-and-voluntary-group-of-year-winners/2012-winners/ctc-campaigning-achievements>
  - Date of next HCC cycling forum: John to ask David Burt. **Action JM.**
15. Dates of future meetings
  - Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2013 meeting needs to be the AGM. However this is a poor date due to holidays. Agreed to move this forward to before 24<sup>th</sup> July. **Action JM.**
  - Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Summary of action	Action by	Outcome
Ask Hertfordshire Libraries if they might hold the map stock at Welwyn Garden City Library as the central Library for the county.	Adam Edwards	
Who owns which routes: List should go on to web site.	Ian Gregory	
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Active Travel Strategy action plan still awaited. John to ask David Burt where it is.	John Metcalf	
Meet the new Highways chief Terry Douris.	John Metcalf	
Offer a seminar on cycling for any interested councilors and ask who the cycling champion will be.	John Metcalf to ask David Burt	
Scrutiny of speed management: Put in our comments when it comes up.	John Metcalf	
Meetings with Terry Douris, David Lloyd and Jim McManus: Agreed officers will ask members for issues and these in advance of the meetings.	John Metcalf	
Treasurer: Ask for donations from other groups.	Chris Whitehouse	
Online access to account: Agreed Chair will have second login to verify that the Treasurer has been acting responsibly.	Chris Whitehouse, John Metcalf	
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