

Minutes of the Cycle Herts AGM held 22nd August 2013

Present: John Shead (WHCF), Richard Stubbs (S. Herts CTC, 40 plus), Jack Pia (STACC) Ian Gregory (WHCF), Anne Nobbs (TBCC), Chris Whitehouse (WHCF), David Andrews (HCC, Champion for Cycling), John Metcalf (STACC), Roger Bangs (SPOKES), Tom Spaven (STACC), Kate Jenkins (Watford Cycle Hub)

AGM Business

1. Minutes of last AGM 28th June 2012.

Agreed correct.

2. Election of officers

Chair: John Metcalf. Proposed Roger Bangs, seconded John Shead.

Deputy chair: Roger Bangs. Proposed John Metcalf, seconded Chris Whitehouse

Secretary: Adam Edwards. Proposed John Metcalf, seconded John Shead

Treasurer: Chris Whitehouse. Proposed John Metcalf, seconded Roger Bangs.

Publicity officer:

Web officer: Ian Gregory.

Ian is willing to be Publicity officer while he is looking after the website.

Ordinary meeting business

1 Minutes of meeting 16th May 2013.

Agreed correct.

2. Matters arising

Need to follow up on crime and crime commissioner. John Shead proposed that we have a website for reporting bad driving etc.

Action contact Police and Crime Commissioner. John Metcalf. All

3. Report from HCC cycle officer.

Dave Burt sent his apologies. He will provide an update on all projects on cycling which will be reported to 10th Sept HCC cycle forum.

4. Active travel action plan.

Discussion on Maps and mapping Bikeability levels. Active travel maps for St Albans and Watford were rated as useless.

Trevor Mason (HCC) has agreed to coordinate cycle mapping across the county. He should be asked to include local knowledge (Steve Wragg). All cycling groups asked to provide details or general comments. Will arrange for everyone to have access to them. Should allow review by local cyclists.

Some discussion on how to determine the Bikeability level of a road.

Action. Ask Trevor Mason to make sure he includes local knowledge in preparing and also at review stage.

David Andrew mentioned the project for improving safety at the busy roundabout in St Peters Street/Hatfield Road in St Albans.

5. Update on rural footways suitable for converting to shared use paths.

Nothing heard. Next update September 10th cycle forum.

6. County Council scrutiny of 20 mph limits 23/24 October.

John M will present on behalf of CycleHerts. If any other groups want to present something they should contact scrutiny officer Tom Hawkyard.

Action John M to present to the scrutiny committee.

7. Watford Cycle Hub

Talk and discussion lead by Kate Jenkins, founder and general manager.

After the lively discussion Kate was congratulated on what had been achieved and thanked for her talk.

8. Campaign issues

a. Petitions to the county council

No proposals. David Andrews: suggested it was more effective to lobby county councillors than present petitions.

b. CTC road justice campaign

Not aware of any local action.

c. *Get Britain Cycling* campaign and Government's *Ambition for Cycling* (August 2013)

Debate 2nd September. Gov has offered briefing on its ambition for cycling.

Suggestion. How do we support the council in getting some of the central govt funding? Put together a proposal to attract money for cycling. Go to Europe. Should be working with councils to develop proposals for particular areas, e.g. St Albans.

Action. All start drawing up plans for their local area. Talk to Terry Doris and David Lloyd. Talk to Terry Heritage.

d. Briefing/seminar on cycling for county councillors

Action: David Andrews and John Metcalf to follow up.

e. Noted Cyclenation are having a conference with CTC in Leeds.

Suggested ask Cyclenation to come to our next meeting

Action Adam and John M.

9. CycleHerts Website

Way of exchanging information. We have a blog, anyone could post, comments below.

Ian could send info for how to post on the blog.

Action Ian.

10. Reports on meetings and events

a. Bike Week 2013

Poor response in most areas. Suggestions to have discussion about how to make it more successful. Agreed to have a full discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Agenda item for next meeting.

b. Cycle challenge. Report needed

c. SkyRides. Good attendance in Watford. Mixed elsewhere.

11. Finance report

We have a Co-op bank account with £50 in it.

12. Dates of future meetings

Tuesday 12th November 2013