

Minutes of the CycleHerts meeting: Thursday 13th February 2014

Present: John Metcalf (Chair), Adam Edwards (Secretary), Ian Gregory (Website), Jim Brown, Roger Bangs, Richard Stubbs, Cathy Wilkins.

1. Apologies for absence: Chris Whitehouse, Nick Truran, Kate Jenkins
 - Agreed to send agenda and minutes to the wider mailing list as well as discussion list. **Action AE.**
2. Introductions
 - Thanks to Cathy for arranging the room, coffee and biscuits for the next four meetings.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2013 and matters arising
 - Police and Crime Commissioner: John Metcalf still to write to him. **Action JM.**
 - A10 Campaign still to be invited to join the group¹. **Action JM.**
5. Update from Herts County Council (HCC)
 - Inter urban routes*
 - Cycle scheme priority rankings*
 - Dave Burt has not been responding to emails from the chair. Therefore no information on the two issues.
 - Agreed we should invite Sustrans to attend a meeting to speak to us about their work and in particular how they are involved and consulted on new schemes. **Action JM.**
 - Consultation with cycling groups is hit and miss depending on scheme. There is no sign that any Non-Motorised User Audits have been carried out. Getting schemes in to local transport plans and is key. Agreed to ask Rob Smith, Head of Highways. HCC to come and talk to us about the best ways to be consulted. **Action JM.**
 - Noted there will be a presentation on Section 106 agreements to WHCF on 9th April 2014 (19:15, Campus East, Welwyn Garden City). All Cycle Herts members are welcome to attend.
6. Hertfordshire Year of Cycling 2014
 - Report of meeting with HCC's Jim McManus, Director of Public Health and Trevor Mason, Safe and Sustainable Journeys*
 - Actions needed*
 - Jim McManus is keen on the idea and thought £50,000 might be possible to pay for person in Trevor Mason's office. Nothing appears to have happened since. Noted that time is now very short to set up any events for the summer.
 - Agreed John Metcalf should contact Trevor and recommend he focuses on:
 - o Publicity and web site information to link potential riders to local groups and their planned rides programmes. Groups need to make clear what rides are suitable for novices.
 - o Major route openings in 2014 e.g. St Albans Green Ring and Hatfield Woods Ave Five Schools Route.
 - o Laura Trott Centre opening in Broxbourne, 10.5.14.
 - Also suggested Jim should consider:
 - o Paying for the Company of Cyclists to bring their curious bikes to an event.
 - o Publicity to parents about local groups when children complete their training, to encourage them to contact member groups and join rides.
 - **Action JM.**
7. HCC Speed Management Strategy and 20 mph Scrutiny
 - Report of decisions by HCC and discussion of implications*
 - Getting roads limited to 20 mph is now easier than it was last year. But HCC strategy is still worse than most other councils and does not follow Government guidance.
 - Or as one member put this "If there's no problem you can have the solution."

¹ <http://a10corridorcycle.com/>

8. Cycle storage/parking provision

In new developments

In residential areas without existing provision

- WHBC requirement is one cycle space per dwelling. Cambridge is one per bedroom. Most districts in Hertfordshire seem to require one per dwelling.
- Agreed we would want Hertfordshire districts councils to copy Cambridge.
- Agreed to ask Dave Burt if HCC could send the Cambridge specification as a model to the district councils. **Action JM.**
- John Shead has copies of most districts information. Agreed we should put links to this on the web site. **Action IG.**

9. DfT consultation on Local Authority Parking: Response from CycleHerts

- Response agreed. **Action JM to send it in.**

10. The Laura Trott Leisure Centre, Broxbourne :

Involvement in renaming 10th May 2014, see email below.

- Date is the the womens Tour of Britain and WHCF will be running a stall at the stage end in WGC.
- Agreed John Metcalf to:
 - o Contact Sustrans so they are aware of this event.
 - o Advise Daniella Crouch at Broxbourne on contacts with Sustrans and us.
 - o Ask Broxbourne to support a meeting at the event with the aim of setting up a local group.
 - o **Action JM.**

11. Treasurer's report

- None.

12. Website

- Resources page added.
- Ian to add information on the 2014 year of cycling when this becomes available. **Action IG.**

13. Dates of future meetings

- Tuesday 29/4/14
- Tuesday 15/7/14
- Tuesday 28/10/14
- All meetings will be held at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council offices at Campus East

14. Any other business

- WGC plan for redeveloping the north of the town centre by John Lewis: There is little reference to cycling and no plans for any routes. WHCF need people to fill in the consultation and object to this².
- Herts Direct consultation on travel plans for businesses: Responses are needed³.
- Skyrides will soon finish as the three year funding runs out. Agreed we should suggest to Jim McManus that HCC should continue to fund ride leader training to enable similar rides to continue. **Action JM.**
- Local Access Forum has been to see Carbone Hill, Newgate St. Tesco are funding links across land they own and these will all be open to cyclists. Noted HCC is belived to be planning to out source rights of way and countryside management activities. Hereford is model of good practice in this regard.
- Date for next HCC Cycle Forum is not known and needs to be agreed well ahead so people can put this in their diaries so they can attend. **Action JM to contact David Burt.**

² http://consult.welhat.gov.uk/portal/planning_policy/wgc_town_centre_north_spd/wgc_tcn_spd

³ <https://consult.hertsdirect.org/travel-plan-guidance-for-business-and-residential-development/>