

## Minutes of CycleHerts: 28<sup>th</sup> October 2014

1. **Present:** John Metcalf (Chair), Adam Edwards (Minutes), Cathy Wilkins (WHBC), John Shead (WHCF), Ian Gregory (Web site, WHCF), Bob Jones (CTC East Herts), Jez Cox (HCC Year of Cycling), Roger Bangs (SPOKES), Jim Brown (CTC Stevenage), David Andrews (HCC).
2. Apologies for absence: Chris Whitehouse , Dan Tancock, Trevor Mason, Nick Truran
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2014 and matters not otherwise on the agenda:
  - Cambridge specification for infrastructure to go to all districts: Still to do but sent to St Albans DC. **Action JM**
  - Consultation on off road cycling: Item should have been removed. Jez explained this was about consulting with mountain bikers and finding areas where this is regularly done so as to explore safer cycling to ensure no conflict with others. **Action JC.**
  - Comment on need for white line reflective edge markers on off road paths. Jez to pass on to Dan Tancock. **Action JC.**
4. Department for Transport – Cycling Delivery Plan
  - Cycle Herts are keen to know if HCC intend to bid for funds and to meet with them if it is decided to go ahead. David and Jez to find out if HCC bidding. **Action DA, JC.**
5. Hertfordshire Year of Cycling
  - Jez described ideas being worked on for next year.
  - Film show at Campus West of cycling films, potentially sponsored by a local shop and using the new cinema. Agreed Jez would explore the idea with John. **Action JS, JC.** This could also potentially run in St Albans. **Action JM, JC.**
  - The Women's Tour of Britain will return in June 2015, dates to be confirmed.
  - There will be four cycling festivals modelled on the Rebound event in June and July 2015. All will involve road closures for events to happen. Hertfordshire Police are very happy with what happened at Redbourn and supportive. The events will have a local focus with local racing in the towns. The street velodrome and Company of Cyclists are being looked at. First event will be in St Albans in May. Sweet Spot are running the events and each one day costs around £60,000. The costs are recovered if the events attract enough people
  - Prescription of cycling by GPs is being discussed to find a workable way to do it.
  - Jez has been out filming all the main cycle routes in the county. These will be used for PR and to produce videos of each route, speeded up where there is plain route and running at normal speed to show significant features. All routes in Stevenage are being done as a student project. The videos will then be made available via the HCC website so anyone can see what each route is like. They will also be used on a new video system enabling riders to follow local routes on a static bike at events.
  - Marshalling: HCC follow the BCF Race Smart scheme.
  - Smoothie bikes: HCC now have five of these for loan/use at events.
6. HCC ranking of cycle schemes
  - John had met with Dan Tancock and Anthony Aldridge from HCC.
  - The 2010 ranked list of schemes is now considered out of date and does not consider value for money.
  - Agreed HCC should follow the Transport for London *Analysis of Cycling Potential* document and look at routes where people want to cycle. (<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/cdn/static/cms/documents/analysis-of-cycling-potential.pdf.pdf>)
  - A new list of planned routes is needed so councilors can see what can be done as quick wins from their locality budget.
  - The Rights of Way team are looking at desire lines for mountain bike routes, so the same idea could be applied to cycle routes to work, shops and schools.
  - Agreed John should pursue with HCC, copying in David. **Action JM, cc: DA.**

- Local Sustainable Transport Fund: StAlbans are using remaining money on the Green Ring. A1 corridor is supposed to be the next project. John to contact Trevor Mason to find out. **Action JM.**
7. Space for Cycling campaign
- Local Urban Transport Plans are key for ensuring action in local areas.
  - Noted that the CTC campaign targets HCC councillors, but planning and parking issues are district council matters so we need to lobby them too.
  - Agreed we should carry on lobbying HCC councillors via the CTC scheme. **Action All.**
8. Events
- Cyclenation/CTC/LCC conference, 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2014: Please send feedback on motions paper to John and copy to the discussion list. **Action All.**
  - SkyRides – future funding and development: Funding is carrying on in St Albans, Watford and Hemel for one more year. Nick Truran is working on a county wide scheme to carry the scheme.
9. Treasurer's report: No report
10. Website: No report
11. Dates of future meetings: Tuesdays preferred. Adam to canvass dates: **Action AE.**
12. Any other business:
- Lea Valley Velodrome: Please visit and support this.
  - Traffic information signs: Noted that Cambridgeshire use theirs to display safety messages where as HCC signs are usually blank. David to find out the policy. **Action DA.**
  - 2020 WGC 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary: Hope is the cycling festival will be self sustaining and therefore endure until then.
  - Albans Way: WHBC has found £30,000 match funded by HCC to enable £60,000 to be spent on clearance of trees and undergrowth, new fencing, path repairs, a revised slope for the disabled near the town centre and resurfacing. The full costs are £74,000 but the outstanding balance should be found. Cathy is looking at ground level solar lights for the unlit section from Ground Lane to Wrestler's Bridge, to be funded next financial year.
  - Panshanger Park: Jez is mediating to resolve issues such as poor surfaces and poor signs on the new cycle paths.
  - CTC Road Justice campaign: Few examples have come to John. There is a problem with the police not passing on details of accidents to HCC, which therefore inhibits work to remove dangers on roads and cycle routes.