

## Cycle Herts

Minutes of the AGM and meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015

- 1) Apologies: Dan Tancock, John Shead, Roger Bangs, Nick Truran, Kate Jenkins, Chris Whitehouse
- 2) Present: John Metcalf (Chair), Jez Cox, Cathy Wilkins, Adam Edwards, Ian Gregory, Bob Jones.
- 3) Minutes of AGM 22.8.13: Agreed.
- 4) AGM business. The following officers were elected:
  - Chair: John Metcalf
  - Deputy Chair: Roger Bangs
  - Secretary: Ian Gregory
  - Treasurer: Chris Whitehouse
  - Publicity Officer:
  - Web Officer: Ian Gregory
- 5) Minutes from meeting held 28.4.15: Accepted
- 6) Matters arising
  - Cyclenation: John had attended their AGM and argued for merger with CTC.
- 7) Space for Cycling:
  - STACC are following WHCF's good practice in creating a similar document with quick wins at the end. This will be circulated when agreed.
  - All WHCF proposals have been added to CycleScape<sup>1</sup>.
  - Community Safety Accreditation Scheme (CSAS)<sup>2</sup>: Ringway are accredited for this scheme. Police train accredited bodies to control traffic with same authority as Police. This power is then used for road races and events.
- 8) County Council issues:
  - Roads in Hertfordshire<sup>3</sup>: We need to aid the revision of this strategy based on models of good practice such as Wales or TfL. **Action All.**
  - Hertfordshire Recreational Cycling map: Jez circulated copies of the map which shows leisure routes plus some town centres. It will be reordered at the end of the summer and it is very easy to get corrections made. Members are invited to send comments to Jez by the end of the month. **Action All by end July.**

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<sup>1</sup> <http://welhat.cyclescape.org/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/community-safety-accreditation-scheme-powers>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf/r/rihsec4design.pdf>

- Maintenance: There are many examples of HCC being poor and slow maintaining routes. John is taking issues up with county councillors. Who is responsible for which route is on the web site<sup>4</sup>. It may need updating. **Action All to check and report to Ian.** Ian to also check the information with Dan Tancock. **Action IG.**
- European Mobility Week, 16<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015<sup>5</sup>: HCC are running events in East Herts in the Lea Valley. In other parts of Europe the week includes car free days. Agreed John would write to Trevor Mason to suggest this for 2016. **Action JM.** Noted that Rupert Thacker has moved to highways and is keen to improve cycling in county. He will be at the Petit Tour and lives in WGC.
- HCC Cycle Forum agenda issues:
  - i. Maintenance, as noted above. Jez reported that Herts Direct will soon have a new reporting system coming and will then forward on reports to other authorities. Agreed the site should contain the information on who is responsible to allow direct contact, e.g. WHBC for the Alban Way.
  - ii. Cycle standards.
  - iii. Prescribing cycling by doctors to improve health: The issue has become very slow to go through county.
  - iv. Minutes of the meetings should be published on the web site promptly to act as means of communication to non-attendees via web site.
  - v. Other suggestions to John. **Action All.**
  - vi. John to ask for date. **Action JM.**

9) Road Justice Campaign<sup>6</sup>: John still following up on issues, following his own accident.

10) Local Economic Partnerships<sup>7</sup>: Investment in roads comes from the business and economic case made via the LEPs. Agreed we should ask Rupert or Trevor to come and talk to us on the issue or as an agenda item at HCC forum, so we are better informed on how to lobby. **Action JM to invite RT or TM.**

11) Web site: No news.

12) Reports:

- Tour of Hertfordshire series<sup>8</sup>: This has been a big success if costly to run. There has been success in getting many commercial partners and events should therefore get sponsorship next year. Watford has run at the Building Research Establishment which has a good circuit. Redbourn: Numbers up were up on last year. WGC Petit

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.cycleherts.org.uk/resources/ownership.html>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.mobilityweek.eu/>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.roadjustice.org.uk/>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.hertfordshirelep.com/programmes/strategic-infrastructure-board.aspx>

<sup>8</sup> <http://www.hertsdirect.org/services/transtreets/hertscounttravsurv/travelwise/webcycle/tourhertfordshire2015/>

Tour runs on 26.7.15<sup>9</sup>. St Albans: John and Jez to work on trying to make it happen in 2016. **Action JM and JC**. Jez is working at HCC until April 2016 to establish a legacy programme of events.

- Stevenage: Work is being done on fitness routes to encourage people to progress from shorter to longer routes based on time taken to ride them, making use of the current cycle paths. This will be worked on after the Tour events have finished
- A10 Campaign<sup>10</sup>: WHCF had joined the campaign ride in May, including the nasty crossing of the A10. This had been videoed showing how difficult it is to cross. The ride ended at a garden centre in Melbourn with the chance to try a number of novel bikes.

13) Finance: No report.

14) AOB:

- Planning: Neighbourhood plans are a subset of Local Plan. These can be created in any defined area. These plans then have to be considered in the Local Plan, which includes cycling issues. E.g. Buntingford<sup>11</sup>, where the people are trying to fend off housing developments.

15) Next meeting: 27.10.15 at Campus West, WGC.

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<sup>9</sup> <http://www.hertsdirect.org/docs/pdf/t/tohhowardsgatediversionroute.pdf>

<sup>10</sup> <http://a10corridorcycle.com/2015/05/19/awareness-ride-royston-report/>

<sup>11</sup> <http://www.buntingford-tc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan.html>