



Minutes of meeting held on 9th Jul 2024 Parish Room Helsby Sports and Social Club 19:30

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP), Mark Warren (MW), Sarah Temple (ST), Andy Chapell (AC)

Apologies: Ashley McCraight (AMc), Frank White (FW), Tom Rawlings (TR) Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS), Chris Copeman(CC)

Next meeting: **Tuesday 10th September 10th 19:30 – Location TBA**
Tuesday 12th November 12th 19:30 – Location TBA

Note:

In the previous meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2024 Parish Room Helsby Sports and Social Club Sustrans presented the output of their route alignment work from Tesco to Helsby High School. There were a small number of minor amendments proposed and accepted by Sustrans.

The next step would be to present the work to CWAC and encourage them to take the plans forward as a basis for funding and implementation.

Sustrans advised not to make the plans public at this stage due to the likely sensitivity around land acquisition that may be necessary to implement the plans.

CNC thanked Sustrans for their complete and comprehensive work which was clearly well thought out and fully met the brief from CNC.

AoB:

Sustrans have spent more time on the route alignment work than they had planned and asked if CNC would be able to make any contribution to cover the additional time.

CNC agreed that the £420 surplus would be offered to Sustrans as a contribution towards their additional costs.

#	Topic	Background and Latest status	Action Needed	Who
1	Integrated Sustainable Taskforce (ISTT) (previously Active Travel Forum)	<p>Background: The purpose of the 'ISST' was to enable CWaC to consult a diverse group of engaged members to provide feedback in respect of projects that the council decides to pursue. Formed from 3 separate groups including the Active Travel Forum. The ISST leader is Rose McArthur.</p> <p>Latest: Still no movement seen on re-starting ISST. CNC's view is that ISST scope is tool wide to make progress, The Active Travel Forum (ATF) was more successful with a more focused scope.</p>	<p>Chris Copeman will raise a motion at CWAC to restart the ISST</p> <p>Waiting Chris to feedback 12/3</p> <p>9/7 – no update from CC</p> <p>ISST will be raised in the meeting with Christine Little about Helsby route alignment work</p>	<p>CC</p> <p>SP</p>
2.	Road Surfaces - Pothole Reporting	<p>Background: Experience has shown that CWAC's Highways Dept. respond quite promptly to specific requests to fill them. However they need to pass a criteria which doesn't take account of cyclists needs</p> <p>Latest : Some of £168m has been allocated to potholes CNC members are encouraged to report as many potholes as possible using the report-it app https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app.aspx</p>	<p>This remains a key topic when the successor to ISTT is announced</p> <p>TR to monitor website visits to evaluate whether the way we distributed the info on the "levelling up/pothole" funs has led to an increase in traffic.</p> <p>9/7 – no update</p>	<p>All</p> <p>TR</p>
3.	Planning Applications	<p>Background: Nic Siddle's Chester Cycling campaign diligently monitors planning applications for our area to evaluate whether they meet requirements of Active Travel design & the Supplementary Planning Document. CNC then needs to consider the implications and whether any S106/CIL monies can be obtained to further our objectives.</p> <p>AM proposed that CNC would appoint a member to focus on our area as Nic is not familiar with local needs.</p> <p>Latest: The consultation on the potential solar farm located at the Frodsham marshes has been pushed back until the Autumn.</p>	<p>Would anyone like to pick up this important role?</p> <p>No volunteers have stepped forward</p>	<p>Members</p>

4.	Publicity	<p>Background: CNC look to make people aware of its work and key issues via web site and Facebook pages. Encouraging more volunteers and driving forwards the CNC agenda.</p> <p>Latest: SP has drafted an article with news that Network Rail will relinquish control of the Railway bridges if the disused line is used for active travel if there is no extra cost to the Department for Transport (DfT).</p>	<p>Ongoing content required</p> <p>9/7 – SP to publish article on the web site about Network Rails decision on bridge maintenance</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>SP</p>
5.	Cycle Maps	<p>Background: CNC have produced printed maps of local cycle routes in Frodsham and Helsby area. Which are also available on the CNC web site. These receive positive feedback.</p> <p>Latest: We have run out of maps</p>	<p>9/7 – Add maps to agenda for the next meeting</p>	<p>AC</p>
6	NCN#5 re-route (previously Helsby Cycle Route)	<p>Background: CNC commissioned study of possible cycle routes through Helsby has been adopted by Sustrans and extended to include Frodsham and the Helsby-Mouldsworth disused railway line.</p> <p>Latest: 9/7 – CNC has received the Sustrans study results and has a meeting arranged with Christine Littler to show her the maps and see if she can take the study forward towards implementation.</p> <p>It was suggested that CNC members Chris Copeman and Mike Garvey as CWAC elected members may be available to assist Christine.</p>	<p>Updated CNC following meeting with Christine Littler</p> <p>Publish holding note to the funders of the Sustrans study explaining the status and why the route cannot be made public at this time</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p>
7	Frodsham Town Council	<p>Background: A working group comprising CNC's AMc, FW, MW and Cllrs Patrick Eakin, Lucy Sumner & Pauline Lowrie has been formed to improve Active Travel (AT) in Frodsham.</p> <p>Latest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Improve Active Travel signage & information. 9/7 – Designs finalised and PO has been raised to get the signs installed at Frodsham station ii) Make certain junctions & crossing points safer. FTC are not included to put crossings on Church street but indicated that they may consider a 20mph speed limit. 	<p>CNC - monitoring</p>	

		<p>iii) Introduce an e-bike hire scheme.</p> <p>The group are looking to the experience of Frome Town Council who introduced an e-bike hire scheme</p>		
8	CWAC Highway Consulting	<p>Background: CWAC have opened a consultation on Highways</p> <p>Latest: CWAC have backed off their commitment to engage with the main respondents and the consultation comments will be added to the report to the council meeting in September 24</p>	9/7 - Monitor	
9	Indicators of success	<p>Improve cycle Safety</p> <p>On surfaces there is no evidence</p> <p>On increased cycling there is no data, but anecdotal evidence suggests that more kids are cycling and walking to school.</p> <p>Increase Reach of CNC forum</p> <p>The number of subscribers to the CNC Facebook page has increased to 270.</p>	<p>AMc to attempt to get the cycling and walking data from CWAC & Sustrans</p> <p>9/7 – No update</p>	AMc
11	Audit of Accounts	It is felt that some form of Audit of CNC's accounts should be done and an independent check	<p>Awaiting Chris to complete</p> <p>9/7 – No update</p>	CC
13	E bike consultation	<p>Background: Government consultation has two key elements</p> <p>1 Upping power limit to 500Kw _ helpful for cargo bike etc</p> <p>2 "Twist & go bikes" effectively electric motorbikes, no need to pedal, CNC against this</p> <p>Latest: No feedback from CNC response to the consultation</p>	9/7 - Monitor	
14	Rural PROW funds	<p>Background: £46k of funds available due to a cancelled project in Cheshire Oaks area, CNC sked if we have any ideas to submit.</p> <p>FW to circulate info on a potential idea to repair a derelict bridge at Plemstall over the Gowy.</p> <p>Latest: No projects we found that were suitable</p>	Topic complete - Close	
15	Frodsham Community	Background: CNC and Bren bikes working together to promote cycling at this event on 5/4/24 10:00-14:00. Aimed at Young cyclists	Feedback – CNC got good engagement from the public at the event with	

	Centre event	“Dr Bike” and bike marking are on offer, we will promoting our work and the route alignment plans for Frodsham to Helsby, as per Sustrans Future Vision plan	several people interested in the work of CNC. Topic complete - Close	
Retired Topics				

