

Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2020 @ 18.45 via Zoom

Introductions and Attendance: Chair: Patrick Milroy (PM), Steve Pemberton (SP), Tom Stockton, Ashley McCraight (AMc), Patrick Eakin (PE), Peter Duffy (PD), Allan Arthur (AA).


Apologies: Betty Grieve, Sharon Marshall, Lucy Sumner.

Minutes of the previous meeting on 12th May 2020 were approved

No	Topic	Sub-topic	Background from previous minutes	Current status @ 12.05.20	Action needed	Who
1	Sustrans	Future Vision	Greenway extension and Helsby to Mouldsworth link Now in Future Vision. Awaiting feedback from Sustrans on their plans.	Waiting to find out when "Future Vision" is to be public knowledge	Ashley to find out	AMc
		Air Quality in Frodsham	Two 'Air Quality Action Plans' (AQAP) published for Fluin Lane & Church Street. 14.11.18 - not discussed.	AMc update 12.05.20. For information only. See Item 15. The CCG's response should have Borough –wide implications.	See below No 15	AMc
2	Active Travel Forum & LCWIP	Active Travel Forum	The programme is headed by Ian Ashworth and coordinated by Lydia Orford. Expecting LCWIP publication to be deferred. Last meeting missed, next in April. Agenda items on 1 Surfaces 2 e bikes have been suggested by CNC	A. Virtual meeting held to update on LCWIP only B. AA update 12.05.20 re E bikes for information only. AA has introduced Lydia Orford to the Conway e-bike scheme & discussed, prior to lockdown, the possibility of a joint visit to see the scheme in action.	A. AA 14.07.20 update: None re E Bikes at the moment. Revive this topic post Lockdown. B. Road surfaces to be driven as an AT issue	SP AA
		LCWIP (Greenway extension)	The LCWIP draft plan gives CNC all that we have been campaigning for. On the basis that LCWIP will contain the path, SP is pushing forward with a plan to develop the concept to a budget ready plan	1. LCWIP has been passed to incorporate all CNCs objectives, (except the link from Helsby to J14 M56)	SP summarising community inputs and to check with Sean Traynor prior to seeking MCBF funding MW to provide brief to CNC on how the Halton Officer might help.	SP/ TS/ PD

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2a		Helsby High School	<p>Survey completed. Survey analysis confirms a big appetite for better facilities.</p> <p>Survey completed in Jan and issued by email. James Cooney thanked. Many examples of unsafe locations specified. e.g. o/s St Pauls Church, Helsby, Howey Lane. Included in model of local Resident's requirements (attached). Strong supportive data showing high potential for (4x) more cycling fed into Lucy Low & Jamie Mathews by SP</p>	<p>AMc update 12.05.20. For information only.</p> <p>This HHS survey feedback has been fed into the Metre by metre 'Local Residents Requirements Specification' completed. See above.</p>	c. None at the moment	AMc
3	Mersey Forest Plan	Proposed Weaver Valley route.	<p>14.11.18. Cllr. Lynn Riley is the sponsor of the Mersey Forest report titled an 'Environmental strategy for Frodsham'. Clare Oliver advised the meeting that this concept recommends a tarmaced path, is one of a number of potential improvement projects in the plan. She advised that Mersey Forest could not lead a project but saw either, FTC, CWAC or Sustrans as being potential leaders with CNC support. Potential funding might come from the Peel Holdings Wind Farm fund.</p>	<p>AA update 12.05.20. For information only.</p> <p>Prior to the lockdown Mark and I had a meeting arranged with the Canal and River Trust to discuss the possibility of such a cycle route. They are keen to reconvene the meeting after lockdown.</p>	AA. Meeting to be reconvened post lockdown	AA/ MW
4	North Cheshire Rail Users Group	Cycle parking @ Halton	<p>29.01.19. Halton Borough Council has consulted NCRUG re ; new cycle parking options at Runcorn East. Whilst DfT grants go to operators in England and TFW is ineligible, MW said they still plan to complete upgrades by 2024.</p>	12.05.20. On NCRUG's agenda.	None at the moment	MW
		Cycle parking @ Frodsham & Helsby	<p>Transport for Wales, (TFW), have a significant fund set aside for station upgrades and NCRUG will be lobbying for Frodsham and Helsby to get their share of funds.</p>	<p>All stands now installed at Frodsham station</p> <p>Network rail applying for cages?</p>	None at the moment. PD to pursue cycle parking at Helsby station.	MW/ PD
5	Road surfaces	Potholes : reporting	<p>Experience has shown that CWAC's Highways Dept. respond quite promptly to specific requests to fill them. Action from 14.11.18 was to try to encourage more reporting by creating an A4 handout</p>	<p>AA update 12.05.20. Currently CNC members are requested to report potholes direct to CWaC. We need a campaign like 'Cheshire roads to be proud of', thereby bringing to Press and CWaC attention those</p>	AA to progress idea of 'Cheshire Roads to be proud of'. SP has raised topic with senior CWaC officials and will raise topic at Active Travel	AA/ SP

				roads, including potholes, which are a disgrace. SP & AMc agree!	Forum. See Active Travel action above	
6	Marshes	Control of access	<i>SM reported: Adele (CWAC's PROW Asset Managem't Officer) is reviewing the consultation & survey information and options to prevent illegal motor vehicles accessing & reduce antisocial behaviour.</i>	<p>AMc. Update 12.05.20.</p> <p>A constructive meeting took place on 12th February with various agreed actions for CWAC & CNC listed in the emailed (attached) update provided to CNC members on 6.03.20</p> <p>CWaC working on getting access control in place to reduce the risks of fly-tipping etc. CNC to seek funding from FCC and Tarmac benefit funds to repair paths so they are suitable for leisure cycling. CWAC actions- Waiting feedback from CWaC on access measures. Actions 4 & 7 for CNC.</p> <p>4. NS to progress funding applications and sound out National Grid re current activity.</p> <p>7. AMc to assess commitments made by British Geological Society survey of the Marshes.</p>	<p>14.07.20. Information required from CWaC as to who owns the land over which PROWs pass before any progress can be made before :</p> <p>1. Discussing with owners the potential for regrading of surfaces and then -</p> <p>2. Seek funding to carry it out.</p> <p>3 CNC- Identify key employers in Elton and contact to make them aware of our work on this and LCWIP.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>AMC /NS</p> <p>SP</p>
7	Planning Applications	BICC : Shared use cycle footway alongside A56	DT reported (11.11.18) that the new developer (Trafford Housing Trust) was receptive to the idea that they can incorporate a shared use cycle footway along the front of this development at no cost. For continuity, it is important that it needs to start at the junction of Robin Hood Lane & the A56. New application for redevelopment of Honeywell site in Helsby. PD advised they are already positioned to raise cycling and walking issues. The Elton traffic movements do not come under CIL/S106. constraints: although Elton is due for a complete review which will include cycling & walking amongst a plethora of other issues. 10 .03.20 DW to monitor Elton. Discuss with the local MP, Justin Madders (Labour) who is also the Shadow Health spokesperson.	<p>14.7. 20.</p> <p>1. Honeywell site. Update from PD. The developer's proposals are for 248 houses. An HPC review shows a number of major local needs will be not be met. e.g. schools, GP access. HPC to raise with CWAC Planner, once one has been appointed. HPC will take account of LCWIP & feeder links using similar standard to that used on the Tesco development of 218 houses.</p> <p>2. Elton: No update yet. This is important.</p>	<p>1. PD reported a positive outlook for a cycling route at the site with a potential link via Heat Trace.</p> <p>2. Elton. Update welcome from PD, DT or DW</p> <p>3. Helsby specific inputs to be chased by SP</p>	<p>DT, PD & DW</p> <p>SP</p>

8	Publicity	Newsletter		One completed recently. 12.05.20. AM suggestion discuss options to help people ride more during lockdown	Probably need one for next meeting.	All
9	FTC	Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan	MW & AM are members of the team which is currently drafting the plan which includes policies relating to cycling & walking. (C & Accessibility). 14.1.20 The Plan will not be published for several months. No further discussion at the meeting. Share with CNC when relevant aspects of the Plan are available	AM update 12.05.20. For information only. No update available from FTC	None for 14.07.20	MW & AMc
10	Safe passing distance	Highway code	<p>AMC showed signs spotted in Cumbria used by Cumbria Police.</p>  <p>Potential AT agenda item? Madeleine McCraight arranged a constructive meeting with PCSO Neil Flanagan & AMcC on 16th March. Emailed notes of meeting attached. Action for AMc to find out how much signs cost to install.</p>	PD reported that there appears no real appetite for any action within the police for this at county level.	14/7/20 Neil Flanagan offering to pay for some local signage	AMc
11	Cycle maps	Stock levels	2nd Edition of Frodsham & Ist Helsby issued 2018. 20.1.20. 1 box of Helsby maps was available. David Temple made an application in January.	12.05.20 No update from DT yet	None for 12.05.20	DT
12	Social ride & BBQ	Social	AA hosted a social ride and BBQ in 2018	AA Update 12.05.20. A July date (27/7) was discussed. We shall wait and see if we are allowed by July to have a gathering of friends. Neighbour, Tony Archer may come.	Possible dates 12 th / 13 th or 20 th September	AA
13	Constitution AGM	AGM	See minutes of AGM	See minutes of AGM, meeting to appoint a deputy chair to succeed PM when he retires as Chair, next November. 12.05.20 update. To be discussed at May meeting, minutes to go on website when approved.	SP was unanimously appointed Deputy Chair w.e.f. 12.05.20.	PM

14	The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)	Possible Grants	Possible Grants of up to £175k available for suitable projects, (potential funds for Helsby – Mouldsworth path?) Waiting for LCWIP to be pursued and then seek opportunities.	None.	None for 12.05.20	SP
15	Chester Air Quality	CWAC 2020-22 Action Plan	<p>Whilst outside of our immediate sphere of interest it was felt we should write to CWAC to raise our concerns about the lack of effective action and their avoidance of tough decisions that could help reposition the CWAC budget more towards Active travel.</p> <p>Ashley has drafted and then developed a joint input from CNC, CCC and Cycling UK. It is an excellent piece of work. The CNC /CCC/Cycling UK joint response was issued as part of the consultation. After a meeting the Lead Scientific Officer (Martin Doyle) at a 'Drop in session', AM issued a follow-up response on 17/2.</p> <p>AM issued a personal follow-up response on 17/2 and also sent two questions to the West Cheshire Clinical Commissioning Group (Health Authority) for the March meeting.</p>	<p>AMc Update 12.05.20. For information only. CCG confirmed on 16 April that they were not consulted. AMc has submitted three follow up questions for May 22 meeting. i.e.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Should they have been consulted? 2. What is CCGs reaction to plan which ignores health outcomes? 3. What is the CCG's reaction to evidence that air pollution leads to higher Covid death rates? 	To be elevated with Director of Public health	AMc
16	A533 Murdishaw bridge	Safe transit of cyclists	Highways England, Halton BC, Sustrans and CNC inputting suggestions	Mark Warren is acting for CNC and has submitted a proposal for discussion	Copy to be circulated	SP/ MW

Next meetings : Tuesday 8th September, 10th November.

Note : PD offered to host a Zoom meeting