



Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9th March 2021 @ 18.30 via Zoom

Introductions and Attendance:

Chair: Steve Pemberton (SP), John Edwards (JE), Peter Duffy (PD), Patrick Eakin (PE), Andy Chappell (AC), Allan Arthur (AA), Frank White (FW), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Allan Fincham (AF), Chris Copeman (CC), Nick Sljivic (NS), Patrick Milroy (PM)

Apologies:

Dave Walsh, Colin McEnaney, Darren Hayes, Cllr. Lynn Riley

Minutes:

Previous meeting of 12th January 2021 were approved

AOB and new actions:

CC – received call from Jane Stewart around FP4 diversion in Delamere. JE suggested CNC stay out of it for now, general agreement but happy to support.

Next meeting:

11/5 at 18:30 - <https://zoom.us/j/98191107770?pwd=TEo3czFVMmFPU0hTek5HSWdHR210Zz09>
Meeting ID: 981 9110 7770 Passcode: 642626

	Topic	Sub-Topic	Background from previous minutes	Current Status	Action Needed	Who
1	Sustrans	Future Vision	Sustrans Future Vision is taking the A56 out of the national cycle network, which gives more impetus to our work on cycleways. Also, proposal to convert the Marshes to a leisure loop + opening up the Helsby-Mouldsworth line, which fits well with CNC projects.	Waiting to find out when “Future Vision” is to be public knowledge. Done : Paul Bruffell emailed - <i>in the 'New year</i> . Jan 2021 is planned date for release.	CNC will be asked to comment on Future Vision	AMc/SP
2	Active Travel Forum		<p>The programme is headed by Ian Ashworth and coordinated by Lydia Orford.</p> <p>Some disquiet that this is not achieving and is becoming a “tell” session. CNC/CCC written to express concerns</p>	<p>SP questioned how we ‘turn the heat up’ – AMc responded that it was down to the members to apply pressure, even with the Covid ‘defence’.</p> <p>Mar: Too much of a talking shop, needs more action. AMc reminded us that we now know the budget for the Highways Authority (15% recommended by government) so we should be pushing for them to spend much more on cycling projects.</p>		SP AMc

3.	Active Travel Forum	LCWIP (Greenway Extension)	<p>LCWIP has been passed to incorporate all CNCs objectives, (except the link from Helsby to J14 M56)</p> <p>SP is pushing forward with a plan to develop the concept to a budget ready plan</p>	<p>Mar: See emails for funds raised. AC has details. CWAC have now committed to at least the first stage of the project, so it is moving forward. MCBF grant application now in, AC commented that the application had been very well received.</p>	<p>Mar: No further action needed right now.</p>	<p>CC SP AMc AA AC</p>
4.	Active Travel Forum	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>This HHS survey feedback has been fed into the metre by metre 'Local Residents Requirements Specification' completed. SP has summarised community inputs checked with Sean Traynor prior to seeking funding</p> <p>Jan:</p> <p>AMc has asked for thanks to be passed to students etc.</p> <p>Jan:</p> <p>The Tranche 2 project linking Frodsham to HHS was confirmed. Hurray!</p>	<p>None current</p>	

5.	Proposed Weaver Valley Route	2c 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 Olver 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>Mark Warren has recently written to Canal and River Trust regarding the potential for this path</p> <p>Jan:</p> <p>Update 17/1: Following MW submission, AA will contact the Canal and River Trust about the possibilities of a virtual meeting to obtain their response.</p> <p>Mar:</p> <p>AA confirmed no response as yet, but it may come soon.</p>	AA: Pushing for face-to-face meeting in April.	<p>MW</p> <p>AA</p>
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6.	Road Surfaces	Potholes: Reporting	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.	AA suggested we require a regular report of inspections, reports from the public etc. i.e., the activities of CWAC in response to potholes and other. SP identified it was not just potholes, but also degraded surfacing etc.	CNC have been asked to put someone forward to lead a working group on road surfacing across CWAC. SP asked for volunteers – AMc agreed to engage with the process (with support from AA) although perhaps it is more about including cyclists in consideration when doing general road checks. AMc suggested involving Sustrans in terms of suggesting tools. Discussion about how we could measure and report all this, but AMc highlighted that we need someone accountable within CWAC to take ownership of the project.	SP AA
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7.	Marshes	BICC : Shared use cycle footway alongside A56	<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>A project plan is in operation. Signage and Bollard plans are included. Ongoing are cost of regarding, Land ownership and funding applications.</p> <p>Mar: NS and AMc met with John Harding, who ran through how to build a path. JH will provide a costing to turn stretch from track to metaled/tarmac etc. End game is to present it to CWAC / other with substantiated costs for shared cycle way.</p> <p>Comments about whether there is an additional responsibility from CWAC to maintain the lane, especially as it is being used by slurry tankers etc.</p> <p>Signs are now prepped and made, but have not yet been installed by Pete Atkinson (who has been dealing with floods etc.).</p>	<p>Wait for costings and then present a case for funding. NS said wait for quote before determining who the best person to approach within CWAC is (or Tarmac etc.).</p> <p>PD will do some digging around to find out who is responsible for maintenance of the roads due to slurry trucks etc. Peel Holdings were interested previously but not now. SP more than happy to get in touch with the new owners once we know who they are.</p> <p>AM To discuss with SM when costs are available</p>	<p>NS</p> <p>AMc</p>
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8.	Planning Applications		<p>CNC monitor planning applications to</p> <p>A Ensure they meet requirements of Active Travel design</p> <p>B Establish whether any S106/CIL monies can be obtained to further our objectives</p> <p>Major schemes are all in Helsby at the moment</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>Mar: PD Now sports club is open, they can build houses. CNC have asked that the frontage to the main road (A57?) is a shared path, CWAC are also pushing for this. Latest is that Lane End have been asked to knock down the brick bus shelters opposite the garage (owned by Helsby PC) and build a glass shelter somewhere else. No confirmed plans but they are now at least at the next stage of the project. Highways have an issue that there is not enough connectivity to the site in terms of cycling or cars. Helsby</p> <p>2. Elton: No update yet. This is important.</p>	<p>HPC seeking a full consultation before things move much further, and developing a Vision document.</p> <p>PD Will circulate Vision to members</p>	PD
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9.	Publicity	Newsletter	Nothing issued of late	Hard copy is an aspiration.	Newsletter has gone out – SP suggests we just send out a link to members to see how many members follow the link. Hard copy might be worth considering for the future, but not right now. Many agreed this is a sensible aspiration. Post on Facebook	NS AMc
10.	FTC	Frodsham Neighbour-hood Plan		AMC update 12.05.20. For information only. No update available from FTC Jan: No NP meeting for over a year now – SP suggested we put the item on the backburner for now. Frodsham TC have apparently got close to consultation. SP suggested this raised a point that we need a better relationship with FTC, who would be a useful partner in the LCWIP extension.	Update required when published for consultation	MW
11..	Safe passing distance	Highway Code	Cheshire Police to launch a campaign and have committed to pursuing any cases reported with video evidence	CNC to support via publicity when its gone public Facebook & website SP said that Police seem to be supporting the safe passing action.	Publicity needed AMc will put a summary on the website. Need to figure out how to get some good footage (with SP's new camera)	AMC

12.	Cycle Maps	Stock Levels	<p>2nd Edition of Frodsham & Ist Helsby issued 2018. 20.1.20. 1 box of Helsby maps was available.</p> <p>David Temple made an application in January.</p>	<p>12.05.20 No update from DT yet</p> <p>Jan:</p> <p>No action although SP mentioned an idea on putting routes out in .gpx format.</p> <p>AMc would like routes sent over for the website if possible. SP identified that shorter routes might be a good idea as experienced</p> <p>Mar:</p> <p>Two routes suggested by Peter Conway (are now on website.</p>	<p>Stock levels - Not discussed</p> <p>.</p> <p>AMc encouraged all members to offer a route they really like together with a web-link and photos please. Evidence from the website is that web visitors look for new routes to try out in the Spring & Summer</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>All members</p>
13.	Social Ride & BBQ			Mar: No action	Review 2021	AA
14.	Constitution AGM	AGM	See minutes of AGM		No actions	<p>SP</p> <p>AMc</p>

15.	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.		Mar: No action	
16.	Chester Air Quality	CWAC 2020-22 Action Plan	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', AMC issued a follow-up response on 17/2.	<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> <p>1</p> <p>Mar. The original plan was apparently flawed, which means there will be a revised plan with consultation in April. Councillor Karen Shaw is now linking air quality directly with cars, which is good news.</p>	<p>Awaiting result of incomplete consultation</p> <p>Let members know when plan is issued for consultation and discuss</p>	AMC

17.	A533 Murdishaw Bridge	Safe Transit of Cyclists	Highways England, Halton BC, Sustrans and CNC inputting suggestions	<p>Mark Warren is acting for CNC and has submitted a proposal for a cyclist crossing at Chester RD junction discussion to Arup.</p> <p>Jan: Published report says they have made new provision for cyclists on the replacement bridge, but it is unclear whether they have accepted the proposals put forward by Mark.</p>	<p>Mar: Looks like it is a done deal but not clear</p> <p>SP to ring MW</p>	SP
18.	GDPR / Privacy Policy		N/A	<p>Jan: AC to update privacy policy as suggested although will share for final review beforehand.</p> <p>Mar: AC has done a good job. Everyone has been written to now. Those who are 'information only', active members held internally on membership list. None responders will be on info only list, which comes with an unsubscribe option.</p>	AMc to add privacy policy to website.	AC

19.	OneDrive / Shared Document Area		Jan: AC suggested we hold personal information on a cloud storage facility (such as OneDrive) – can then drop a mail list in a secure area with limited access. Also, better/easier place to store minutes etc. AC shared screen to show CNC what it's all about.	Now live	Do we need guidance on how to access and use?	AC
20.	Hondslough Lane	Bridleway Application		Someone is filming cyclists coming through the gate. CC confirmed that the application has gone in but still needs more support. SP reported conversation with Dawn Matthews that there is a real concern that the route becomes a back route into the lodges. It was agreed that CNC would support CC in this with personal statements where relevant.	CC: Will let members know how to provide evidence to him. Members are invited to submit personal statements of use to CC	CC All members

21.	CWAC Draft Emergency Response Plan		<p>Joint CNC & CCC response issued 10.01.21 CWaC draft plan & CNC/CCC response emailed 11.01.21.</p> <p>Cllrs. Shore & Bryan acknowledged the response positively.</p>	<p>Mar 2021. Cllrs. Shore & Bryan had initiated the formation of four Sustainable Transport Task Forces to recommend integrated projects which will make urban centres more 'live-able'. AMC, MW & FW are members of STTF 4 which is focusing on North Cheshire. AMc & MW have suggested a review of the brief.</p>	<p>Mar : Update members after next STTF 4 meeting</p>	<p>AM</p> <p>MW</p>
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