



## Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2021 @ 18.30 via Zoom

### Introductions and Attendance:

Chair: Steve Pemberton (SP), Andy Chappell (AC), Frank White (FW), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Nick Sljivic (NS), Patrick Milroy (PM), Lucy Sumner (LS), Mark Warren (MW), Andy Browne (AB)

### Apologies:

John Edwards (JE), Peter Duffy (PD), Chris Copeman (CC), Patrick Eakin (PE), Allan Arthur (AA), Dave Walsh, Colin McEnaney, Darren Hayes, Cllr. Lynn Riley, Allan Fincham (AF),

### Minutes:

Previous meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved

### AOB and new actions:

### Next meeting:

13/7 at 18:30 -Venue TBD

	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.	<p>Paul Bruffell has published the Sustrans Vision 2040 for our area and is very keen to link the Greenway to Runcorn and Helsby to Wexham.</p> <p>This is shown as dotted lines on the map &amp; includes linking :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) the Greenway to Helsby.</li> <li>ii) Frodsham to Runcorn with new bridges over the Weaver/Navigation.</li> <li>iii) Helsby to Wrexham via Kelsall and Tarporley using the disused rail line to Mouldsworth.</li> </ul> <p>To progress the plans Sustrans will need to prove demand for the route.</p> <p>CWaC see Sustrans as an executor of projects.</p>	Let members know via Facebook and website	AMc/S P

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>The response to the criticism of the way the Active Travel Forum is being run was very defensive and disappointing. A further response is being drafted.</p> <p>MCBF funding was declined for the design of a cycle route linking Helsby to Frodsham. Alternative funding options being considered.</p> <p>With CWaC highways officer being recruited for at the moment it is anticipated there will be little support for any initiatives from CWaC until the role is filled.</p>	SP to submit the revised critique to Karen Shore and seek a dialogue	SP
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>SP attending space Hive course on crowd funding.</p> <p>SP to investigate Protos and Tarmac as possible funding sources.</p> <p>SP to write a summary for LS to brief FTC, potential to work in collaboration on the Frodsham end of the path.</p> <p>SP to seek a dialogue with Sustrans to update them and explore how the project could be split in some way to get it completed.</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 &amp; Jamie Mathews by SP</p>	The Tranche 2 project linking Frodsham to HHS – nothing to say this meeting.	Redesign based on feedback from the public, ourselves and Sustrans has prompted a redesign. This has pushed costs up and CWaC exploring how to fund this gap. We are advised that the plan is still to construct in this financial year	None
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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>Awaiting a response from the Canal and River Trust to the proposal for a cycle path along the canal.</p> <p>Canal and River Trust are in a similar position to many other organisations they will need external funding and with the not being part of the LCWIP or the local future vision it is not expected to be a high priority to fund.</p>		
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6.	<b>Road Surfaces</b>	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.	There seems to be a lack of energy in the Active travel forum. Lydia Orford from CWaC says she is working on creating a group to look at road surfaces. CNC hopes the initiative will move forward now that CWaC Covid response will start to be wound down.	Follow up with Lydia Orford	AMc
7.	<b>Marshes</b>	<b>BICC : Shared use cycle footway alongside A56</b>	<i>SM reported: Adele (CWaC's PROW Asset Management Officer) is reviewing the consultation &amp; survey information and options to prevent illegal motor vehicles accessing &amp; reduce antisocial behaviour.</i>	CWaC are currently not clear what types of vehicles are authorized to use the roads or who is responsible for maintenance. These are key questions because they will impact the surface needed.  Further investigations into who ownership and access rights continue.	NS to approach Manchester Ship canal Co. to see who they lease their land to and what vehicles are authorized to use the tracks.  And check Environmental Discharge permissions  AMc will approach CWaC highways to ask which organisations are permitted to take motorised vehicles on the marshes and the maximum axle weight.	NS  AMc

8.	<b>Planning Applications</b>		<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. Helsby council are seeking a meeting with the CWaC planning officer to oppose the plan on the basis that it does not fit with the local Vision document.</p> <p>2. The status of the Frodsham moor lane panning was unclear. Development in this location may have a direct impact on any cycle route through Frodsham</p>	<p>LS Will obtain latest status of More Lane planning from Frodsham council as this development could lie on a route that links Frodsham border to Helsby</p>	LS
9.	<b>Publicity</b>	Newsletter	<p>Nothing issued of late</p>	<p>The newsletter has been emailed out and posted to the Facebook group.</p> <p>The Facebook group membership is current around 150.</p> <p>The Website could do with more content, news stories, cycle routes etc.</p>	<p>All to send AMc any Interesting stories or maps/routes that might be relevant for inclusion on the website.</p>	All

10.	<b>FTC</b>	Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan		<p>The cycling element of the Neighbourhood plan has gone through the last process with no negative comments.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood plan needed an environment assessment which has been commissioned which will take about 2 months.</p> <p>The next step is a public consultation which requires Face to face meetings – its is not clear when these will be possible given Covid-19</p>	Update required when published for consultation.	MW
11..	<b>Safe passing distance</b>	Highway Code	Cheshire Police to launch a campaign and have committed to pursuing any cases reported with video evidence	<p>Cheshire Police have held a first event raising awareness.</p> <p>Frodsham's PCSO Neil Flannigan is happy to run an event locally.</p> <p>In an associated area AMc said that the Frodsham speed watch are looking for additional volunteers to be trained to carry out speed watch activities.</p>	<p>AM is due to meet PCSO Neil Flanagan in early June to schedule a date. Volunteers will be invited to help</p> <p>All asked to consider if they would like to be trained as a local speed watch volunteer, if so contract AMc</p>	All
12.	<b>Cycle Maps</b>	Stock Levels	2nd Edition of Frodsham & Ist Helsby issued 2018. 20.1.20. 1 box of Helsby maps was available.	<p>Stock levels are very low.</p> <p>The Community Rural Partnership (CRP) group have funding and want to push forward procuring cycling maps.</p>	MW to discuss with CRP if reprinting of the CNC cycle maps would fulfil their needs. These would support the planned cycle event. AOB 1	MW
13.	<b>Social Ride &amp; BBQ</b>			Mar: No action	Review 2021	AA



14.	<b>The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE)</b>	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.	No update		
16.	<b>Chester Air Quality</b>	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.	There has been no response to the public consultation exercise. This lack of feedback to consultation appears to be a CWaC trait that discourages respondents from further participation.	AMc will bring the lack of response to this & four other consultations to the attention of the CWaC Overview and Scrutiny committee, with input on other consultations when respondents have been given no feedback. AC to let AMc know the outcome of the Citizens Participation meeting	AMC  AC
17.	<b>A533 Murdishaw Bridge</b>	Safe Transit of Cyclists	Highways England, Halton BC, Sustrans and CNC inputting suggestions	Status of the scheme is unclear.	MW to see if he can find out the status of the scheme	MW
18.	<b>GDPR / Privacy Policy</b>		N/A	The updated privacy policy has been agreed.	AC to email AMc with the updated policy for adding to the website	AC / AMc

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	AC to recirculate the information about how to access the CNC OneDrive	AC
20.	Hondslough Lane	Bridleway Application		No Update		
21.	CWAC Draft Emergency Response Plan		Joint CNC & CCC response issued 10.01.21 CWaC draft plan & CNC/CCC response emailed 11.01.21.  Cllrs. Shore & Bryan acknowledged the response positively.	Feedback has been given. In summary the report is too technical and with no information on how individuals can assist.	To be included as part of item 16	

#### AoB:

AoB#1: Sharon @ CWaC has returned to local issues from Covid19 activities, Weaver Vale school has bid for summer events at Saltworks & Castle park. CNC have volunteered to run cycle stall to demonstrate basic bike setup and maintenance. Action : Volunteers from CNC members to support the activity requested.

AoB#2: For Info – Helsby to Mouldsworth railway line, Sustrans have asked Network rail how to get a license to use the discussed line but have had no response.