



Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 @ 18.30 via Zoom

Introductions and Attendance:

Chair: Steve Pemberton (SP), Andy Chappell (AC), Frank White (FW), Ashley McCraith (AMc), Nick Sljivic (NS), Patrick Milroy (PM), Lucy Sumner (LS), John Edwards (JE), Peter Duffy (PD), Patrick Eakin (PE)

Apologies:

Mark Warren (MW), Andy Browne (AB), Chris Copeman (CC), Allan Arthur (AA), Dave Walsh, Colin McEnaney, Darren Hayes, Cllr. Lynn Riley, Allan Fincham (AF), Sharon Marshall

Minutes:

Previous meeting of 18th May 2021 were approved

AOB and new actions:

Next meeting:

14 Sep 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 cycle ways. 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 Wrexham.</p> <p>This is shown as dotted lines on the map & includes linking :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) the Greenway to Helsby. ii) Frodsham to Runcorn with new bridges over the Weaver/Navigation. iii) Helsby to Wrexham via Kelsall and Tarporley using the disused rail line to Mouldsworth. <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>	<p>The LCWIP feasibility studies for the Frodsham to Helsby link support the Sustains vision.</p> <p>For progress and actions see item 3</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 Active Travel Forum char has acknowledged that there are some problems and has arranged for a Face 2 Face meeting to discuss a way forward. The F2F meeting is being rescheduled but various representatives have all agreed on the key problems and a common approach to seeking rectification.</p> <p>Note: Rose McArthur (ex WSP) has been recruited as CWaC highways officer although has not taken up the role yet.</p>	<p>SP to represent CNC views in the F2F meeting.</p> <p>Follow up dialogues on how to address our concerns is planned</p>	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 confirmed both Protos and Tarmac are as possible funding sources but do not fund “feasibility studies”.</p> <p>Approach is now to split the route into 3 sections Frodsham to Netherton hall, Netherton Hall to HHS (see section 4 below) and HHS to Helsby Tesco’s. Execution of the middle section is already planned by CWaC. For the remaining section CNC will attempt to partner with Frodsham and Helsby town councils to fund the 2 necessary design studies.</p> <p>The CWaC crowd fund looks like a possible source of some funding towards the 2 studies.</p>	<p>LS will ask if CNC can get a short slot at the next Frodsham town council meeting on the 26th July.</p> <p>SP plus support to present CNC’s case to FTC</p> <p>SP to investigate approach to Helsby Town Council.</p>	<p>LS</p> <p>SP</p> <p>SP</p>

4.	Active Travel Forum	Helsby High School	CWaC have confirmed a plan and funding from the Covid Tranche 2 for improved cycle lanes between HHS and the Netherton Hall in Frodsham.	<p>Following consultation and feedback from Sustrans, the public and CNC: CWaC have decided to make some changes to the plan.</p> <p>CWaC have not responded to requests for information about the status project.</p>	New route and details to be advised w/c 2/8 per CWaC	SP
5.	Proposed Weaver Valley Route	2c Proposed Weaver Valley Route	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.	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>Following little progress on this topic, it will be closed to allow focus on core CNC objectives.</p> <p>CLOSED</p>	

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.	<p>In a meeting with CWaC (Andy Bithell) explained the funding for road maintenance from the DfT is determined by a formula based upon the condition of the roads. CWaC roads are relatively good compared to other regions therefore CWaC receive lower funding. The formula does not take account of cyclist needs.</p> <p>CWaC (who?) will be challenged to do a joint ride of Guest Slack to see for themselves the problems faced by cyclists.</p> <p>If no progress with CWaC the subject will be escalated at the next Active Travel forum</p>	<p>Arrange Guest Slack ride with CWaC representative.</p> <p>Escalate road conditions and lack of plan to deal with them to the next Active Travel Forum (7 Sept) if no progress from CWaC.</p> <p>Post meeting update 29.07.21.</p> <p>CWaC's Highways Commissioner, Andy Bithell, did not take up the invitation to ride down Guest Slack on a bike and also confirmed that assessing road surfaces on a bike was not an approved process for him to adopt.</p> <p>AM has invited Cllr K. Shore, Chair of the Active Travel Forum for a response. Note : We need a policy shift to rebalance both the practical assessment process and culture.</p>	<p>AMc</p> <p>AMc</p>
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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 number of interest parties have been approached to get their view on who is responsible for the roads across the marshes Peel – No Response Man Ship Canal – No Response Steve Snowden (Peel) – No Response</p> <p>2 active discharge permissions were found for the marshes but there was no information on the size of vehicles permitted access to perform the discharge. CWaC highways have not responded to requests about size of vehicles allowed on the marshes. Sustrans have also raised the conditions of the marshes with the Active travel forum because it forms part of routes around the Mersey they want to promote.</p>	<p>Sustrans are in a better position to push this item. CNC will support where appropriate.</p> <p>Sustrans', Tim Hollins has arranged to meet CWAC' Sue Begley on site (the Marshes) in August and will update AM & NS on the outcome</p>	AM/NS (TH)
8.	Planning Applications		<p>CNC monitor planning applications to A Ensure they meet requirements of Active Travel design 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>	No update this meeting	

9.	Publicity	Newsletter		<p>Possible topics for a newsletter update</p> <p>Protos Plastic – accessibility upgrade to the marshes</p> <p>PE article on giving up a car</p> <p>Close Passing</p> <p>Frodsham Summer activities</p> <p>Bike Marking</p>	<p>Several possible topics coming up.</p> <p>e.g. Close passing (Item 11), Summer Activities- CNC stand, Bike marking, Marshes – Item 7. Patrick offered to write an article on giving up a car</p>	All
10.	FTC	Frodsham Neighbourhood Plan		<p>The Neighbourhood plan 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> <p>FTC grants period now open but limited to £10K, full council meeting on 26th July. CNC will request a slot to request funding for Frodsham section of the Frodsham to Helsby cycle link (see item 3)</p>	No update this meeting on neighborhood plan.	
11..	Safe passing distance	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>Ashley and lucy have a meeting with Frodsham's PCSO Neil Flannigan about how to run some save passing awareness events in the Helsby / Frodsham area.</p>	Ashley & Madeleine McCraight and Lucy Sumner have a meeting with Frodsham's PCSO Neil Flannigan about how to run some save passing awareness events in the Helsby / Frodsham area. Dates to be confirmed and support will then be invited .	AMc
12.	Cycle Maps	Stock Levels	2nd Edition of Frodsham & Ist Helsby issued 2018. 20.1.20. 1 box of Helsby maps was available.	MW has secured some funds for a new print run, some minor artwork changes will be needed.	Mark has managed to obtain funding for re prints which he is updating.	MW

13.	Social Ride & BBQ			Review 2021	For Info : Delamere cycling club have social ride and BBQ on 31 July 2pm for ride and 3pm for BBQ – tickets available from the club	All
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.	No update	Following little progress on this topic, it will be closed to allow focus on core CNC objectives. CLOSED	
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.	Follow a meeting with the CWaC oversight committee the oversight committee has requested feedback from cabinet members. CNC have been promised to follow up on the 4 surveys where no feedback has been given. CWaC are writing improved guidelines for surveys	Circulate the reports which are required to be submitted to the CWaC Oversight & Scrutiny Committee in early September i On 26 th July there is a climate energy meeting focused on transport. CNC members encouraged to attend.	AMc All

17.	A533 Murdishaw Bridge	Safe Transit of Cyclists	Highways England, Halton BC, Sustrans and CNC inputting suggestions	Status of the scheme is unclear.	SP to pick up with Christian	SP
18.	GDPR / Privacy Policy		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	Item now complete CLOSED	
20.	Hondslough Lane	Bridleway Application		No Update		
22.	Frodsham summer Evens 2021		CNC have agreed to support Frodsham summer evens with 2 cycle workshops (basic maintenance and guidance)	CNC will run a 'stall' on Mon 9th Aug and Fri 27 th Aug 3.30pm – 5.30pm - Ship Street. There is a small budget for banners and CNC business cards	SP to order banners and business cards. NS to register with Weaver Vale Housing Trust to claim back CNC costs for the events. All – support by CNC members on the days would be welcome	SP NS All

23. AoB	Protos Plastic Park		Protos are looking for consultation feedback on their proposed new Plastic recycling center in the Protos park Ince		CNC suggest getting as many people as possible to request Peel improve the access via the marshes as part of the project	All
24. AoB	Shovel Ready projects		MW produced an excellent report on potential shovel ready cycling projects		<p>AC will look to see how to take forward improvements in the link from the A56 to Ship Street.</p> <p>FW will look to help (name) produce a video of the walk along old Molesworth to Helsby railway line</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>FW</p>