



Minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 19th October 2021 @ 18.45 via Zoom

Introductions and Attendance:

Chair: Ashley McCraight (AMc), Steve Pemberton (SP), Andy Chappell (AC), Frank White (FW), Nick Sljivic (NS), Lucy Sumner (LS), Patrick Eakin (PE)

Apologies:

Mark Warren (MW), Patrick Milroy (PM), John Edwards (JE), Peter Duffy (PD), 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 19th Oct 2021 were approved

AOB and new actions:

Next meeting:

AGM 9th Nov 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.	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.	The LCWIP feasibility studies for the Frodsham to Helsby link support the Sustains vision. CLOSED	
2	Active Travel Forum		The programme is headed by Ian Ashworth and coordinated by Lydia Orford.	The Active Travel Forum has responded to criticisms of lack of action, by merging ATF with Sustainable Travel Taskforce. CNC have concerns that without an overall approach / strategy the joint meeting will fail.	CNC will attend the next meeting of the joint group in December	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>CNC's current focus is on the Helsby sections of the route.</p> <p>The aim is to fund an engineering survey and plan for the route leveraging the CWaC Space Hive crowd funding. The estimated cost of the study is £15K, so we need pledges for approx. £7.5K. Of which we already have £4K. Focus is on finding the remaining £3.5K by the deadline of year end. With demonstrated progress needed by the end of November.</p>	<p>CNC looking for a Helsby based person to be the focus for drumming up local support. CWaC will value a large number of small donations over several large donations. SP and AMc will finalise a poster this week. A number of the larger orgs have been or will be approached. FW and AC had specific contacts for approaching and NS will approach newspaper to see if they will carry a supportive article. SP will co-ordinate until a Helsby focus person can be found</p>	<p>SP/A Mc, FW/A C/NS</p> <p>SP</p>
4.	Active Travel Forum	Helsby High School	<p>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>	<p>CWaC have published a revised plan for the link from the Netherton to HHS. CNC's view is this is much improved, and will refrain from further commenting on the proposals incase minor comments delay to work which has to be completed by 31 March 22</p>	<p>CNC would like to thank Sustrans (John Violet) and Chester Cycling Campaign for their support on this topic.</p>	
6.	Road Surfaces	Potholes: Reporting	<p>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>All attempts to get CWaC to acknowledge cyclists needs have so far failed.</p> <p>The approach will now be to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A) Report as many potholes as possible B) Publicise the issues of potholes for cyclists 	<p>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>AMc will write a fac based article and attempt to get it published in the Chester Chronicle.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>AMc</p>

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>CNC have been unable to establish who is responsible for maintaining the byways across the marshes.</p> <p>Tim Hollins from Sustrans is picking up the case, CNC will provide all the support it can.</p>	NS to brief Tim Hollins of the finding of CNC so far in this long running saga	NS
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>1. Honeywell site. Helsby council are seeking a meeting with the CWaC having raised some issues about the plan. The meeting between Helsby PC and CWaC planning has been scheduled for November</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 action spending meeting between Helsby PC and CWaC planning	
9.	Publicity	Newsletter		Publicity policy was agreed to focus on online media and piggyback on existing print media (eg Helsby to Hand). Dedicated print runs for CNC material would be for specialist topics.	Recent articles have received good feedback including the Patrick's article on giving up a car. These articles will be pushed to as many outlets as possible	All
10.	FTC	Frodsham Neighborho od Plan		FTC has received feedback from the public consultation and is now reviewing the feedback	No action required at this stage	

11..	Safe passing distance	Highway Code	Cheshire Police to launch a campaign and have committed to pursuing any cases reported with video evidence	Cheshire Police are holding an event in Frodsham on Mon 25 th Oct. CNC will be allowed to observe and take photo's for publicity	CNC members requested to attend if possible, the event on Monday 25 th Oct, Frodsham Fire station 10am	All
12.	Cycle Maps	Stock Levels	2nd Edition of Frodsham & Ist Helsby issued 2018. 20.1.20. 1 box of Helsby maps was available.	2 nd Print Edition as been distributed to a number of locations. Feedback is they are flying out of the shops	Fantastic job Mark ! Feedback from one location was some pensioners asked if they know of any suitable cycling groups. It was agreed for CNC to link to ask many known groups as possible from our web site. Please send group details to AMc for inclusion on the CNC web site	All
16.	Chester Air Quality	CWAC 2020-22 Action Plan	CNC provided input to the consultation request from CWaC	Feedback from the consultation input has been received. CNC view is the feedback is very good but the plans could be improved	Feedback plan improvement to AMc who will collated them an respond to CWaC on behalf of CNC	All
17.	A533 Murdishaw Bridge	Safe Transit of Cyclists	Highways England, Halton BC, Sustrans and CNC inputting suggestions	It appears that all plans for any work have been dropped	Review how to take forward safe cycling at the bridge at the next meeting	All
18.	GDPR / Privacy Policy		N/A	The updated privacy policy has been agreed.	Completed 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 held 2 sessions and Saltworks and Castle Park. Very different attendees. With Saltworks being mainly about bike maintenance and Castle park about the CNC plans.	As a result of the events CNC were invited to run talks / training sessions for local youth groups – follow up PE suggested making a simple video, possibly just of pre-ride safety checks that could go on the CNC web site. PE to follow up with FW on the feasibility of create a video.	AMc PE
23.	Protos Plastic Park		Protos are looking for consultation feedback on their proposed new Plastic recycling center in the Protos park Ince		Consultation period has ended Closed	
24.	Shovel Ready projects		MW produced an excellent report on potential shovel ready cycling projects	No progress on either item but still active actions	AC will look to see how to take forward improvements in the link from the A56 to Ship Street. FW will look to help (name) produce a video of the walk along old Molesworth to Helsby railway line	AC FW
25.	AGM 2021			The chair invites proposal for improvement / changes to the CNC forum, scope, activities, approach	Prepare ideas for input to the AGM on 9 th Nov 2021	All