



Minutes of meeting held on 15th December 2021 via Zoom

- Introductions and Attendance:** Ashley McCraight (AMc), Steve Pemberton (SP), Frank White (FW), Peter Duffy (PD), John Edwards (JE)
- Apologies:** Nick Sljivic (NS), Lucy Sumner (LS), Patrick Eakin (PE), Andy Chappell (AC), 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 9th November 2021 were approved
- AOB:** SP to thank Spacehive donors: Another great success mainly down to the excellent work chasing potential donors. Frank suggested we thank everyone who contributed & we agreed. We also agreed that we needed to let people know 'What happens next'. AMc happy to draft a poster & arrange publication.
- SP to write to Sustrans and get their input to a timetable on delivery of the Helsby route alignment and budgeting plan.**
- Plans to repeat for Frodsham on hold until we get a clear picture of the Helsby process and its outcome.
- JE mentioned HyNet, potential for funding in the future if Stanlow/Winsford are selected as sites for production/storage.
- Helsby Jubilee 2022, CNC to offer to have a stall promoting our activities, possibly with a video of cycle maintenance? SP to write to HPC to offer engagement
- Onward community fund – explore potential as a funder. SP (Note this is £2.5k max and doesn't cover our area)
- Next meeting2:** **All at Helsby Sports & Social Club 18:45 9th February 18, 12th April 9th June, 6th September, 8th November (AGM?)**

	Topic	Sub-Topic	Background from previous minutes	Current Status	Action Needed	Who
1	Active Travel Forum		<p>The programme is headed by Ian Ashworth and coordinated by Lydia Orford.</p> <p>Dec update: new taskforce leader is Rose McArthur.</p>	<p>This specific meeting has been discontinued and adsorbed into the Integrated Sustainable Taskforce (ISTT) to broaden out to include rail and bus travel – as they are more carbon efficient than cars.</p> <p>Messages clear from meeting AMc attended last week.</p> <p>1. The core purpose of the 'ISST' is to enable CWaC to consult a diverse group of engaged members who will provide feedback in respect of projects that the council decides to pursue i.e. it is NOT looking for more suggestions as so many have been presented already but it has no independent funding.</p> <p>2. This has major implications for the three STTF groups who worked hard in Chester who came up with very well-argued plans which both the Chair, Cllr. Shore & deputy Garfield Southall went to great lengths to say they recognised this and commended the work.</p> <p>3. The Geography: the CNC area may not be in the Terms of Reference (TOR) specifically, but this fits in with the CWAC intention to broaden engagement to much wider group than Chester or North Cheshire i.e. Borough wide to include the less vocal areas such as Winsford. Note : both CNC & CCC have had very good access to date probably because we are organised and vocal.</p>	<p>AMc opinion – we stay engaged but not expect too much from it directly anytime soon, as the North Cheshire area is being funded for two big projects : Frodsham to HHS (approx. £900k) & the Rural Mobility fund (£1m).</p> <p>WSP have been appointed to review the LCWIP. CNC to contact Kristy Littler to establish if we can get involved and elevate our agenda, i.e. an integrated network of segregated SUPs to link centres of population, (as per our inputs to CWaC Land usage survey.)</p>	<p>SP AMc</p> <p>SP</p>

2.	Road Surfaces	Potholes: Reporting	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	Building on previous actions to report potholes, acknowledged that over 1000 potholes have made a difference. AMc stated that improvements for cyclists are "bottom of the pile" and highlighted example of new pale road where AMc friend Pete fell off due to road surface despite two warnings from AMc.	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 This subject needs feeding back into the ISTT agenda as a workgroup item	All SP/AM
3.	Marshes	BICC : Shared use cycle footway alongside A56 Badly degraded NC5	<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>	CNC have been unable to establish who is responsible for maintaining the byways across the marshes. Tim Hollins from Sustrans is picking up the case, CNC will provide all the support it can. Dec: As above plus comment around Hoverforce funding the path themselves.	NS to brief Tim Hollins of the finding of CNC so far in this long running saga	NS

4.	Planning Applications		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	1. Honeywell site went through with objections from Parish Council (PD) – s.106 funds are being made available with £200k for schools, £800k for extension to Helsby Health Centre. 2. Onward are doing the construction – JE notes Onward Community Funds with up to £2,500 grants.	No action required at this time.	
5.	Publicity	Newsletter		Facebook working well – good publicity.	Continue with current actions, share, share and share again. Publicise meeting dates on Facebook to encourage more engagement and find more hands to pick up tasks	All SP
6.	FTC	Frodsham Neighborhood Plan		No movement	Drop Neighbourhood Plan as an ongoing agenda item. Superceding the Neighbourhood Plan is the longer term wish to develop the LCWIP around Frodsham, better engagement with FTC is central to this and CNC need to develop a plan and appoint a key person to drive this.	All

7.	Safe passing distance	Highway Code	Cheshire Police to launch a campaign and have committed to pursuing any cases reported with video evidence	CNC (AMc) attending safe passing event in October – very professionally run, PC Henry on bike w/ camera and radio, pulled over cars and took them to police station to show what 1.5m looks like.	More events planned in 2022, CNC members requested to attend.	All
8.	Cycle Maps	Stock Levels	2nd Edition of Frodsham & Ist Helsby issued 2018. 20.1.20. 1 box of Helsby maps was available.	Good feedback from printed cycle maps e.g. from Devonshire Bakery	SP to contact Mark to get route source files for AMc to share on website.	SP All
9.	Chester Air Quality	CWAC 2020-22 Action Plan	CNC provided input to the consultation request from CWaC	Will Pearson and Martin Doyle have been very helpful but indirect consequences Notes as JE wrote them down – this needs improvement	?	All
10.	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 Still awaiting confirmation that the propped Toucan crossing is within the scope of the scheme which commences soon	If no reply received resend the enquiry re crossing.	All

11.	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 creating a video.	AMc PE
12.	Shovel Ready projects		MW produced an excellent report on potential shovel ready cycling projects	No progress on either the A56 to Ship Street link or Mouldsworth-Helsby video link 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 Jim Gayes produce a video of the walk along old Molesworth to Helsby railway line	AC FW
13.	Social Impact Pro Forma	Maximising CNC impact	JE mentioned a social impact pro forma he uses at Sellafeld and suggested it could be used to focus our efforts rather than trying to achieve too much and dilute our work.	JE prepared pro form based on CNC indicators for success – working draft saved in the One Drive account alongside these minutes. Positive discussion	Review CNC actions in small group in Q1 2022	JE, AMc, SP, FW, All.
14.	Helsby-Frodsham	Helsby High School	CWac have confirmed a plan and	CWAC have now confirmed that work will start on 4 th January – great success for CNC.	Discussion to celebrate and agree next action once work is completed.	SP, All

			funding from the Covid Tranche 2 for improved cycle lanes between HHS and the Netherton Hall in Frodsham.			
15.	Helsby-Mouldsworth Route		Ambition for a shared cycle path along the old trainline.	Note from SP The planned meeting with Sustrans, ourselves and Network Rail was postponed due to Covid and hasn't yet been re-scheduled. Progress on this is frustratingly slow.	FW is going to try and get down there early Spring when weather is a little clear.	SP/FW

Closed (or suspended) actions

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3.	Active Travel Forum	LCWIP (Greenway Extension)	LCWIP has been passed to incorporate all CNCs objectives, (except the link from Helsby to J14 M56) SP is pushing forward with a plan to develop the concept to a budget ready plan	See comments under 2.	See comments under 2	SP/AMc
18.	GDPR / Privacy Policy		N/A	The updated privacy policy has been agreed.	Completed CLOSED	
20.	Hondslough Lane	Bridleway Application		No Update	CLOSED	

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23.	Protos Plastic Park		Protos are looking for consultation feedback on their proposed new Plastic recycling center in the Protos park Ince		<p>Consultation period has ended</p> <p>Closed</p>	