



## **Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 via Zoom**

- Introductions and Attendance:** Ashley McCraight (AMc), Steve Pemberton (SP), Peter Duffy (PD) ), Nick Sljivic (NS), Lucy Sumner (LS) ), Andy Chappell (AC), Mark Warren (MW), Patrick Milroy (PM)
- Apologies:** Frank White (FW), John Edwards (JE), Patrick Eakin (PE), 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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were approved
- AOB:** Peter Duffy is stepping down from the CNC for personal reasons. CNC wish to thank Peter Duffy for his significant contribution to the work of CNC over many years.
- Next meeting2:** **All at Helsby Sports & Social Club 18:45 9<sup>th</sup> February , 12<sup>th</sup> April 9<sup>th</sup> June, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 8<sup>th</sup> November (AGM?)**

#	Topic	Background and Latest status	Action Needed	Who
1	Integrated Sustainable Taskforce (ISTT)  (previously Active Travel Forum)	<p><b>Background:</b> The 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. Formed from 3 separate groups including the Active Travel Forum. The ISST leader is Rose McArthur.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> The ISST is borough wide and it was agreed that CNC would be best to focus on implementing the LCWIP, surfaces and including pedestrians. CNC would be in a good place to engage with the local Councils which would help get support at the ISST. The ISST currently doesn't have a plan for getting from strategic objectives to deliverable items. Without such a plan it is difficult to see how to assess local initiatives such as those CNC may bring forward for backing, with the result CNC may be seen bringing trivial local actions. It was felt that helping ISST build a delivery framework should be the initial CNC focus. The ISST leader and CWaC Highway Director, Rose McArthur, is also looking for ways to engage the public in a practical way on the recent changes to the Highway Code.</p>	<p>Draft input to ISST on delivery framework including a way to engage with public groups</p> <p>AMc will organize a separate Zoom call to collect ideas of how to engage with the public on the changes to the Highway Code</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>AMc</p>
2.	Road Surfaces - Pothole Reporting	<p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Latest:</b> The subject has been feedback as part of the ISST as a working group item.</p> <p>CNC members are encouraged to report as many potholes as possible using the report -it app  <a href="https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app.aspx">https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/contact-us/report-it-app.aspx</a></p>		

3.	Marshes	<p><b>Background:</b> The byways through the Frodsham Marshes, which includes the National Cycle Route 5 (NC5) are badly degraded. CNC have been unable to establish who is responsible for maintaining these byways. Tim Hollins from Sustrans is picking up the case.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Sustrans view is that CWaC have no appetite of budget for this as other issues until they have dealt with other higher priority issues. CNC will comment on the state of the byways and repot to CWaC but are not optimistic of any action.</p> <p>CNC will continue to support Sustrans but suspending this topic</p>		
4.	Planning Applications	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC monitor planning applications to ensure they meet requirements of Active Travel design and establish whether any S106/CIL monies can be obtained to further our objectives.</p> <p><b>Latest Helsby:</b> No input from Peter D</p> <p><b>Latest Frodsham:</b> Moor Lane – Lucy S will keep an eye out for any re-applications.</p>		
5.	Publicity	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC look to make people aware of its work and key issues via it web site and Facebook pages. Encouraging more volunteers and driving forwards the CNC agenda.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Commercial business are using the CNC Facebook page to promote their business. It seems only fair that these business also promote CNC where appropriate.</p>	Create laminated poster promoting CNC and its work that business can display in their premises.	MS

6.	FTC - Local Neighborhood plan	<p><b>Background:</b> Each town council has to develop and maintain a neighborhood plan. CNC engage in this process for the transport section.</p> <p><b>Latest :</b> The plan was waiting on an external event, this has now occurred and the draft will be finalized this week.</p> <p>CNC suspending focus on Local Neighborhood plan to focus on LCWIP around Frodsham</p>		
7.	Highway Code - Safe passing distance	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC to promote the awareness and enforcement of the safe passing distance in the Highway Code. Cheshire Police have now run local events with more planned in 2022</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Moving this topic into the ISST with the ISST leader looking for ideas on promoting the recent changes to the Highway Code.</p>		
8.	Cycle Maps	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC have produced printed maps of local cycle routes in Frodsham and Helsby area. Which are also available on the CNC web site. These receive positive feedback.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> The high resolution maps struggle to be downloaded from the CNC web site</p>	Look to resolve the issues accessing the high resolution cycle maps from the CNC web site.	SP / AMc
9.	Chester Air Quality	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC provided input to the consultation request from CWaC</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> ?</p>	Following up with Martin Dyle	AMc
10.	A533 Murdishaw Bridge - Safe Transit of Cyclists	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC want to ensure the redevelopment of the A533 Murdishaw bridge has provision for safe cycling.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Still awaiting confirmation that the propped Toucan crossing is within the scope of the scheme which commences soon</p>	Find out latest plans / status of cycling in the plans for the bridge from Halton Council	MW

11.	Frodsham summer Evens 2021	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC held 2 sessions in 2021 at Saltworks and Castle Park. These were very well received.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Follow up next meeting</p>	<p>As a result of the events CNC were invited to run talks / training sessions for local youth groups – follow up</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>AMc</p> <p>PE</p>
12.	Shovel Ready projects	<p><b>Background:</b> MW produced an excellent report on potential shovel ready cycling projects. 2 are being taken forward. A56 to Ship street link and Mouldsworth-Helsby video link</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> No progress – follow up next meeting</p>	<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 Jim Gayes produce a video of the walk along old Molesworth to Helsby railway line.</p> <p>SP to follow up with Jim Gayes</p>	<p>AC</p> <p>FW</p> <p>SP</p>
13.	Social Impact Pro Forma	<p><b>Background:</b> JE mentioned a social impact pro forma he uses at Sellafield and suggested it could be used to focus our efforts.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> A group of CNC members tried out the tool on some existing CNC activities and it provided a useful confirmation. The proposal is to use the tool as a filtering mechanism for new ideas</p>	<p>SP to feedback to JE</p>	<p>SP</p>
14.	Covid T2 project - Helsby High School	<p><b>Background:</b> CWaC have now started work on the upgrade of the shared use path between Frodsham and Helsby.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> CNC to look to see if we can get publicity with any planned opening events.</p>	<p>AMc to ask CWaC (Rose McArthur?) if they have any opening plans.</p> <p>Lucy S and Patrick E to try and get it on the amenities committee agenda.</p>	<p>AMc</p> <p>LS, PE</p>

15	Helsby Cycle Route	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC have successfully used CWaC Spacehive crowd funding site to fund a study of a cycle route from Helsby High school to Tesco</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Sustrans have indicated the study can start in April but don't have an end date.</p>	Write to donors to than them for the donation and give them a status update on the plans for the study AMc to draft a poster and arrange publication of "What Happens Next"	SP  AMc
16	Frodsham Cycle Route	<p><b>Background:</b> CNC have the ambition to extend the cycle route from items 14 &amp; 15 through Frodsham. This is on hold until the results of the Helsby route project (15) is clearer</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> May be superseded by the FTC commissioned study by WSP</p> <p>The HyNet project proposes a pipeline through the Frodsham area. This may be a source of potential funding for a Frodsham route study</p>	NS to investigate the HyNet project	NS

#### Closed (or suspended) actions

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