



Minutes of meeting held on 26th July 2022 via Zoom (as a replacement to the face-to-face meeting)

Introductions and Attendance:	Steve Pemberton (SP), John Edwards (JE), Frank White (FW), Sarah Temple (ST)
Apologies:	Ashley McCraight (AM), Andy Chappell (AC), Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS)
Other:	Mark Warren (MW)
Minutes:	Previous meeting of 26 th April minutes were proposed, seconded, and approved
AOB:	ST asked about email to Protos – SP said no action / response yet. ST is rep on Protos Community Forum but previous ambassadors have had limited success. Will ask Lois to get a response to SP.
Next meeting:	13 th September – meeting in Helsby Parish Council rooms (ST to confirm). FW sending apologies in advance.

#	Topic	Background and Latest status	Action Needed	Who
1	Integrated Sustainable Taskforce (ISTT) (previously Active Travel Forum)	<p>Background: 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>Latest (July): Eventually got agreement (although diluted) – seeking meeting with Cllr. Karen Shaw and Rosa McArthur to get issues on the table – not enough action, as with the Active Travel Forum. 3 asks are: (1) Implementation of LCWIP (2) Proper study of issues with surfaces in Chester and CWAC and (3) Development of a comprehensive cycling strategy to replace the original (underused) one.</p>	<p>Apr: Agreed SP would contact Cycling UK and Chester Cycling Campaign and co-author a timeline/letter explaining concerns over lack of action / outcomes within ISTT.</p> <p>July: Action with John B from Cycling UK, CNC will be signatories.</p>	SP AMc
2.	Road Surfaces - Pothole Reporting	<p>Background: 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>Latest (July): Agreed to act jointly with Chester Cycling Campaign to report as many potholes as possible to maximise impact.</p> <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>Apr: No action required but this is an example of the inaction happening through ISTT.</p> <p>July: SP to collaborate with Chester Cycling Campaign.</p>	All SP

3.	Planning Applications	<p>Background: 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>Latest (July): Majority happening in Helsby not Frodsham, especially around Tesco (700 dwellings). Active Travel haven't really benefitted. ST indicated that there are two separate applications (sports club and old Honeywell site) – could we get a cycling path in front of it but there was resistance – ST suggested we could revisit plus pick up other plots with developers, will revisit planning applications to discuss cycling ways. SP mentioned a similar project in Chester. ST said we can't claim despite our neighbourhood plan – CLC not s.106. Significant s.106 contribution from the developers on the Honeywell site (planning has just been approved). SP confirmed that although getting a single cycle path is the end game, taking opportunities to get fragments are still worthwhile ambitions as part of the longer game. ST mentioned potential for bits when verge being replaced.</p>	<p>Apr: Losing Peter Duffy is a loss to the group on this matter. SP will drop a note to Sarah Temple (Helsby Councillor) to see if she could step into PD shoes on planning ... please. (July: welcome to Sarah Temple).</p> <p>July: Keep a watching brief on Honeywell although note we're reliant on developer ambitions. ST will try and keep us abreast of progress and inform us about any actions/guidance needed from CNC.</p>	SP ST
4.	Publicity	<p>Background: CNC look to make people aware of its work and key issues via web site and Facebook pages. Encouraging more volunteers and driving forwards the CNC agenda.</p> <p>Feb Latest: 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> <p>Latest July: No action needed.</p>	Apr: No action	MS

5.	Cycle Maps	<p>Background: 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>Feb Latest: The high resolution maps struggle to be downloaded from the CNC web site</p> <p>Latest (July): Action from Tesco Local Community Scheme (proposed by Dave). £500 award to fund local cycling maps in Helsby. New maps had already been produced using other funds. Could re-print the Helsby map but funds now received. ST asked for hi-res maps.</p>	<p>Apr: No action but positive feedback from all.</p> <p>July: Need to understand Tesco audit process i.e., does the money have to be spent on Helsby Maps or could it be spent on another similar project. SP to investigate.</p> <p>SP to ask AMc to send over OneDrive folder with hi-res maps on.</p> <p>SP to ask MW where maps are distributed to and when stock is checked.</p>	SP / AMc
6.	Chester Air Quality	<p>Background: CNC provided input to the consultation request from CWaC</p> <p>Feb Latest: ?</p> <p>Latest July: No action as AMc not here.</p>	<p>Apr: No action but return to next meeting</p>	AMc

7.	A533 Murdishaw Bridge - Safe Transit of Cyclists	<p>Background: CNC want to ensure the redevelopment of the A533 Murdishaw bridge has provision for safe cycling.</p> <p>Feb Latest: Still awaiting confirmation that the propped Toucan crossing is within the scope of the scheme which commences soon</p> <p>Latest (July): Had confirmation that they are putting in an uncontrolled crossing point, National Highways had not released any funds to make the crossing safe, Sustrans advised that it did not meet crossing safety standards, NH are re-designing to bring it up to standard. Potentially very good outcome.</p>	<p>Apr: Email from Martin, feels like we are at the end of the line with this project in terms of a cycle lane but retain as action as it may come live again.</p> <p>July: SP to continue monitoring NH/Sustains “persistence pays off”</p>	<p>MW</p> <p>SP</p>
8.	Kelfest	<p>Background: Kelfest Event 11th September. Aim is to take lots of people riding round Cheshire with multiple groups.</p> <p>Latest (July): JE has no news – will share anything that comes through.</p>	<p>July: JE to share anything on CNC Facebook</p>	<p>JE</p>
9.	Shovel Ready projects	<p>Background: 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 (see Helsby-Mouldsworth item below)</p> <p>Feb Latest: No progress – follow up next meeting</p> <p>Latest (July): See below for Helsby-Mouldsworth</p>	<p>No action</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>FW</p> <p>SP</p>

11.	Social Impact Pro Forma	<p>Background: JE mentioned a social impact pro forma he uses at Sellafield and suggested it could be used to focus our efforts.</p> <p>Feb Latest: 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>Apr latest: Keep as action to review against new projects but hold for now.</p>	No action required	SP
12.	Covid T2 project - Helsby High School	<p>Background: CWaC have now started work on the upgrade of the shared use path between Frodsham and Helsby.</p> <p>Feb Latest: CNC to look to see if we can get publicity with any planned opening events.</p> <p>Apr Latest: SP suggested to CWAC we should celebrate success, MP will want photo opportunity, might be good CNC publicity to be associated with this. Has raised with CWAC, waiting for a response.</p> <p>Latest (July): ST, SP and FW have cycled the new cycle way – reflected that some cyclists are not using the path, which partly defeats the object of CNC campaigning for the establishment of these paths. ST asked a good question about whether signage is clear – are they cycle lanes or shared lanes etc.?</p>	<p>No action required</p> <p>July: Promote on social media (SP to action)</p>	<p>AMc</p> <p>LS, PE</p> <p>SP</p>

13	Helsby Cycle Route	<p>Background: CNC have successfully used CWaC Spacehive crowd funding site to fund a study of a cycle route from Helsby High school to Tesco / Hornsmill Pub</p> <p>Feb Latest: Sustrans have indicated the study can start in April but don't have an end date.</p> <p>Apr: SP has written to donors to thanks and give update. No poster or publication yet. SPM being appointed by end of June (email from Sustrans) – creating working group with CNC, Sustrans, Parish Councillor, and CWAC to support Sustrans in the delivery of this project.</p> <p>Latest (July): Sustrans due to appoint a senior engineer with someone else (Active Travel Officer) due to start work in September (name TBC) working under Paul ? and Tim Holland (?) to get community views, deal with planning etc.</p>	<p>AMc to draft a poster and arrange publication of “What Happens Next” (Rolled over from Feb)</p> <p>No other action required.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>AMc</p>
14	Frodsham Cycle Route	<p>Background: CNC have the ambition to extend the cycle route from items 14 & 15 through Frodsham. This is on hold until the results of the Helsby route project (15) is clearer</p> <p>Latest: 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> <p>Apr: No update</p> <p>July: No update</p>	<p>NS to investigate the HyNet project</p>	<p>NS</p>
15.	Helsby-Mouldsworth	<p>Background: SP stated that this has now become a core Sustrans project, which is a big advantage (hence standalone item rather than inclusion with shovel ready project)</p>	<p>If Chris Copeman isn't there then FW and Jim Gaves will have to do the walk on their own.</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>FW</p> <p>SP</p>

		<p>Previous action: JG video dependent on Chris Copeman availability. Meeting w/c 16/5 with Network Rail, CNC, and Sustrans (CWAC have been invited) – SP will attend on our behalf with PM as deputy as req for limited numbers. Sustrans project so keen to let them lead it.</p> <p>Latest (July): No news from Chris Copeman on Helsby-Mouldsworth railway line – dependent on CC – FW suggested that now would be an ideal time to go as mostly dry (despite the amount of greenery that there is likely to be), FW has got down to the track near Manley. SP drew attention to the countrywide programme around the path in Warwickshire, a very similar project. Sustrans advised that DfT had funded that project so there is precedent. Sustrans leading. ST suggested speaking with Cheshire Wildlife Trust (FW has relationship with Kevin Feeley) so when the project is progressed, we could use that relationship and get them involved. First step is to get a license from Network Rail.</p>	SP and PM to attend meeting	
16.	Frodsham Town Council	<p>SP said that FTC want to set up an active life working group. Patrick Eakin, Lucy Sumner and others are now on a working group to try and change public behaviour into walking and cycling rather than driving. SP noted that we are in a support role not a leading role.</p> <p>Latest (July): AMc has some notes from a meeting in July – still in information gathering stage but AMc will share updated notes when they are prioritised / updated. SP suggested the action needs to be expanded to other organisations like the Rotary Club, CNC need to be in a support role here.</p>	<p>Watching brief</p> <p>July: AMc to share actions from meeting</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>LS</p> <p>PE</p>
17.	Big Green Event	<p>Steve & I have agreed we should participate in this event which is being organised by Ruth Basden at Frodsham Community Centre (on Saturday 1st October).</p>	<p>July JE to donate an old bike for SP/FW to 'bring back to life on the day' and give the bike away to someone who</p>	

The decision was not difficult as there is of course an exceptionally strong link between encouraging/facilitating more Active Travel and lowering demand for carbon.

FYI- Patrick Eakin and other FTC councillors will also be present on the FTC stand, together with a wide range of approx. 20 other organisations/stands.

Note : Patrick will bring his eBike along and see Patrick's very green story 'Ditching the car' <https://www.cyclenorthcheshire.com/news/>

PCSO Neil Flanagan will also be running a bike marking opportunity in the afternoon.



visits the stand – free bike for someone.

JE / SP / FW confirmed to attend.

All – could we do any cheap kids give-aways, could we do safety check on kids bikes etc.

I will forward a copy of the advert for the event in mid /late August once Ruth has received the final version.

Whilst Steve and I will be present all day, and as CNC lead on this, I would would welcome your help to run this event please.

Our intention is to build on what we did last August at the Saltworks and Castle parks.





These are the intentions

Watch a bike left at the Recycling Centre - recycled.

Steve will be doing this.

Bring a bike for safety checks and adjustments. e.g. brakes & tyres.


Offers please

Mend a puncture – with our help.

Offers please

Learn how cycling to school or the shops saves carbon.

Ashley will prepare some material for any of us to talk to.

		<p>Discover local cycle routes - with free maps. Any of us – we will have some maps on boards Tell us where it is unsafe to cycle or walk locally. We will have a map of the town to put Black or Red spots on.</p> <p>We will be using space on the field between the West side of the Community Centre and the houses in the photo.</p>  <p>Both of the normally locked access gates will be opened so we can bring a few vehicles onto the grass to unload etc.</p> <p>So on Tuesday or before if you can't make it then, can you let me know if will be able to help please?</p> <p>Also we would like your views on whether you feel we should invite bike suppliers to get involved and if so in what way.</p>		
18.	A56 Chester Road Active Travel Scheme	<p>This is the final official update on this scheme issued by Vicky Chowdhury/Sian Williams on Thursday.</p> <p>FYI 1. – I replied to Vicky/Sian on Thursday requesting that both cycle tracks are cleared of the grit which has spread onto them from the re-gritted road surface.</p> <p>I suggest we discuss on Tuesday, how we wish to thank Sian and her team for the completion of this work.</p>	SP to action thanks to Sian and her team – item can be removed before next meeting.	

		<p>FYI 2. I will be posting this update today around Frodsham as usual.</p> <p>Final update</p> <p>Work is now at completion stage on the active travel improvement scheme between Helsby High School and Frodsham. The surface dressing has now been completed with just the road markings to be replaced, however, sweeping of the loose chippings will be ongoing as and when required but these should be mainly bedded in now. Please note that the surface dressing was not part of the scheme but it made sense to delay our finishing works until this was completed.</p> <p>Thursday 21 July from 7pm to 6am – A road closure will be in place for road marking work following the surface dressing last week. Please note that the section of the A56 from Godscroft Lane to Matty’s Lane will be under a full road closure (including no access onto the A56 from the junctions of Tarvin Road or Woodhouses Lane). Access will only be permitted to Emergency Services and to residents, however, a short delay may be incurred at times. If possible, please minimise trips through the area, so as not to slow the works down or create safety issues.</p> <p>The remaining segregators for the cycleway are on site and currently being bolted down between Tarvin Road and Matty’s Lane. The finishing of the grass seeding to the verges (which has a mix of grass areas and wildflower areas along the route) will be completed when we have imminent rain forecast. The cycleway work should be completed by Friday and will be opened up for full use by Friday evening (22 July).</p> <p>As previously mentioned, there will be programmed works to plant bulbs along the route which is expected to be arranged for September/October - bulb planting time. Also, please note that as the works have progressed, the existing footway has been cleared and we have noted areas that require some general maintenance</p>		
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		work. We will aim to carry these repairs out during school holidays where possible to cause minimal disruption.		
Retired Topics				
	Marshes	<p>Background: 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>Latest: 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 report to CWaC but are not optimistic of any action.</p> <p>CNC will continue to support Sustrans but suspending this topic</p>		
	FTC - Local Neighborhood plan	<p>Background: Each town council has to develop and maintain a neighborhood plan. CNC engage in this process for the transport section.</p> <p>Latest : 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>		
	Highway Code - Safe passing distance	<p>Background: 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>Latest: Moving this topic into the ISST with the ISST leader looking for ideas on promoting the recent changes to the Highway Code.</p>		

8.	Frodsham summer Event 2021	<p>Background: CNC held 2 sessions in 2021 at Saltworks and Castle Park. These were very well received.</p> <p>Feb Latest: Follow up next meeting</p> <p>Apr Latest: We have been invited to have a stand at two Jubilee events, probably only got enough people / energy to support one.</p> <p>Latest July: Completed – removed.</p>	AMc to suggest if this is the right course of action.	AMc

