



Minutes of meeting held on 13th September 2022 and via Zoom

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP), Sarah Temple (ST) Ashley McCraith (AMc),

Apologies: Andy Chappell (AC), Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS) John Edwards (JE), Frank White (FW),

Other: Mark Warren (MW)

Minutes: Previous meeting of 26th July minutes were proposed, seconded, and approved

AOB: None

Next meeting: **Tuesday** 8th November 2022 AGM 18:45– meeting in Helsby Parish Council rooms (ST to confirm).

Meeting will focus on AGM issues, short summary of any actions arising from the meeting below to be circulated in advance of the AGM and discussed after the AGM

#	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 (September) 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.</p> <p>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 Violet from Cycling UK, CNC will be signatories.</p> <p>Remains unactioned</p>	SP



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>	See above	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 (September): Majority happening in Helsby not Frodsham, especially around Tesco (700 dwellings). verge being replaced. No spec ifc new information/actions for Helsby.</p> <p>SP noted the potential for the Old Hall redevelopment to be significant inasmuch as the site lies on a potential favoured route for Halton border to Matty's Lane. ST pointed out that Morbain had been buying up land in this area and perhaps we should evaluate/contact. SP agreed to have a look.</p>	AM to get a better understanding of how FTC filters projects, especially in relation to potential Active Travel opportunities	SP ST AMc

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>September Latest: Commercial business are using the CNC Facebook page to promote their business. It seems only fair that these businesses also promote CNC where appropriate. One follower has been blocked and a number of others reminded of our policy</p>	Sept: No action	NS
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. September Tesco funds don't have to be used for the original stated purpose, (maps) but it might be worthwhile reprinting the "Old" maps with an artwork revision to reflect the new funder support.</p>	<p>MW has the stock of maps and some to be obtained for the Big Green event</p> <p>Ask MW about artwork files of old maps and his view on whether the new maps compliment or supercede the old ones.</p>	<p>SP / AMc</p> <p>SP</p>

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>	To be removed from our ongoing business and referred back if/when relevant	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>September Sustrans prompt has led to an acknowledgment that a redesign is needed but nothing yet reported back</p>	Chase HE for some info on the spec change.	SP
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>	Closed	
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>	No developments reported	SP FW SP

11.	Social Impact Pro Forma	<p>Background: JE mentioned a social impact pro forma he uses at Sellafeld 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	
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>September: CNC awaiting report back from CWaC to see if an opening/success celebration is to be held</p> <p>Sustrans Active Travel officer for Helsby/Frodsham who will focus on HHS and feeder schools had been appointed.</p>	Waiting for CWaC	<p>SP</p> <p>AMc</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>No real action has commenced other than some foundation stuff on land ownership by Paul Bruffell to be handed over to the senior project engineer when she starts in October</p>	Paul Bruffell meeting of Steering Group (CNC, Paul Bowers, HPC and CWaC) late Sept, date to be advised	SP
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>NS to investigate the HyNet project</p> <p>This part of the plan is in abeyance until we have something from the Helsby Study to show FTC and evaluate whether a similar exercise is needed</p>	On Hold

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>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>	<p>NO response after the initial meeting with Network Rail, Sustrans to prompt some action.</p> <p>Action on exploration remains stalled.. SP to contact Chris Copeman</p>	<p>SP FW SP</p>
16.	Frodsham Town Council	<p>The DFTC/CNC workgroup has commenced activities</p> <p>Latest (September) AMc circulated a comprehensive summary of progress to date</p>	<p>AMc to shared actions from meeting</p> <p>Work groups emerging but on additional person needed to support Cllr Sumner. AMc to see if we can recruit through the CNC and Frodsham FB groups</p>	<p>SP LS,PE AMc</p>

17.	Big Green Event	<p>CNC have agreed to participate in this event which is being organised by Ruth Basden at Frodsham Community Centre (on Saturday 1st October).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note : Patrick will bring his eBike along and see Patrick's very green story 'Ditching the car' https://www.cyclenorthcheshire.com/news/</p> <p>PCSO Neil Flanagan will also be running a bike marking opportunity in the afternoon.</p> <div data-bbox="369 716 772 1130">  </div> <div data-bbox="369 1143 772 1560">  </div>	<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 visits the stand – free bike for someone.</p> <p>JE / SP / FW confirmed to attend.</p> <p>All – could we do any cheap kids give-aways, could we do safety check on kids bikes etc.</p> <p>AMc to see if Sustrans have any material to quantify carbon saving benefits of cycling/walking for on our stand.</p>	<p>JE/SP/FW</p> <p>AMc</p>
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I will forward a copy of the advert for the event in mid /late August

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> <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>SP to action thanks to Sian and her team – item can be removed before next meeting.</p> <p>No mention of a celebration which I asked to be put on the agenda</p>	
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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 repot 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>		