



## Minutes of meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Helsby Sports Club 19:30

- Introductions and Attendance:** Steve Pemberton (SP), Sarah Temple (ST) Ashley McCraight (AMc), Andy Chappell (AC), Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS) John Edwards (JE), Frank White (FW), Sam Turner (STu)
- Apologies:** Mark Warren (MW), Stuart Guy(SG), Alan Arthur(AA), Patrick Eakin (PE)
- Other:** Pete Duffy (PD)
- Minutes:** Previous meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November AGM minutes were proposed, seconded, and approved
- AOB:** None
- Next meeting:** **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2023 19:30 – location TBC**

**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><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> Frustration is growing amongst multiple parties that the new group has achieve nothing and doesn't appear to be likely to. CWaC have appointed a new decarbonizing officer (Sarah Karen).</p>	<p>Raise at the next meeting the lack of progress.</p> <p>If nothing improves escalate to elected members following the May elections.</p>	SP


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 (July):</b> 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  <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>	No update	
3.	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:</b> PD gave an update on the planning activity for another 100+ houses at Mere's Edge in Helsby. The town council are working with the developer to include active travel routes that could enable linking of routes from West Helsby to Dunham Hill and Hapsford.</p>		
4.	Publicity	<p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>September Latest:</b> 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>	No update (Jan 23)	

5.	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 (Sept):</b> Received £500 from Tesco Local Community Scheme £500 to fund local cycling maps in Helsby. New maps had already been produced using other funds. Tesco confirmed 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>No update (Jan 23)</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>	SP
6.	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 (Sept):</b> Sustrans prompt has led to an acknowledgment that a redesign is needed but nothing yet reported back</p>	As MW to contact National Highways for an update, since he has the relationship with them.	SP
7.	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 (see Helsby-Mouldsworth item below)</p> <p><b>Feb Latest:</b> No progress – follow up next meeting</p> <p><b>Latest (July):</b> See below for Helsby-Mouldsworth</p>	No update (Jan 23)	
8.	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> The CWaC planned opening ceremony, with HHS, was cancelled at the last minute due to poor weather. HHS did hold a brief ceremony without CWaC, it is unlikely that the event will be rearranged due to the logistics around HHS pupil participation. The event did prompt CWaC to arrange for the lanes to be swept which</p>	CNC event to be planned for spring as the weather improved.	

		remove 4 tonnes of material		
9	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 / Hornsmill Pub</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> SP will attend a site meeting later this week with Sustrans for an update. It was debated what the best way forward is with the report that Sustrans provide. It was felt that a workshop with Sustrans, FTC, Hapsford council and CNC members</p>	Arrange workshop to review draft routes / information from Sustrans	SP
10	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>	On Hold	On Hold
11	Helsby-Mouldsworth	<p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Previous action:</b> 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><b>Latest :</b> National Rail have indicated that they are now open to discussions with Sustrans. CNC's role will be a supported of Sustrans and use local community pressure as necessary to keep the project moving forwards.</p>	<p>No specific actions required.</p> <p>Monitor progress</p>	

12	Frodsham Town Council	<p>The DFTC/CNC workgroup has commenced activities</p> <p><b>Latest: A small group including</b> AMc, PE, LS from CNC have formed 3 working groups looking at improving signage, junctions &amp; Crossings and e-bike hire scheme. This is getting tractions with FTC and is being presented to the next FTC meeting. The group is seeking to FTC to allocate £30K funding for these activities.</p>	AMc to shared actions from meeting	AMc
13	Active Travel Officer	<p><b>Background:</b> Sam Turner was appointed by Sustrans, funded by CWaC as an active travel officer for the region.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b> Sam gave CNC an update on her activities and objectives which are to encourage greater use of active travel. This mainly involved working with local schools including HHS and all the local primary schools. Including activites such a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical and classroom sessions</li> <li>• Arranging bikeability sessions</li> <li>• Working with parents to encourage their children to cycle</li> <li>• Big Street survey (taking children out into the community to observer how it might be improved and giving the children's feedback to the local Authority)</li> </ul>		
14	AGM Actions		<p>To invite Hapsford and Elon parish councils to the next CNC meeting</p> <p>To arrange a review of the constitution and indicators of success at the next CNC meeting</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>AC</p>
Retired Topics				

11.	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>Feb 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><b>Apr latest:</b> Keep as action to review against new projects but hold for now.</p>	No action required	
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17.	Big Green Event	<p>CNC have agreed to participate in this event which is being organised by Ruth Basden at Frodsham Community Centre (<b>on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b>).</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' <a href="https://www.cyclenorthcheshire.com/news/">https://www.cyclenorthcheshire.com/news/</a></p> <p>PCSO Neil Flanagan will also be running a bike marking opportunity in the afternoon.</p> <div data-bbox="369 716 772 1560">  </div>	<p><b>July</b> 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

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>To be removed from our ongoing business and referred back if/when relevant</p>	AMc
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