



Minutes of meeting held on 11th July 2023 Parish Room Helsby Sports and Social Club 19:30

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Andy Chappell (AC), Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS), Sarah Temple (ST) Tom Rawlings (TR), Frank White (FW), Sam Turner (SaT)

Apologies: John Edwards (**JE**), Patrick Eakin (PE) Mark Warren (MW), Chris Copeman (CC),

AOB:

Next meeting: **Tuesday 12th September 2023 19:30 – Location TBA 19:30**

#	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: Louise Gittings has said that the ISTT is back on the agenda for the Autumn and she would see CNC as a key contributor.</p> <p>Chris Coleman as asked CWaC for a list of project ready to go if money becomes available.</p>	Raise ISTT issues with CWaC elected members (Louise Gittins).	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: CWaC have appointed a new contractor, CNC notes that the latest repairs appear to be done to a higher standard which hopefully means they will last longer.</p> <p>Chris Coleman has asked Rose McArther (Director of Transport and Highways) how CWaC plan to tackle the repair backlog.</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>		

3.	Planning Applications	<p>Background: Nic Siddle's Chester Cycling campaign diligently monitors planning applications for our area to evaluate whether they meet requirements of Active Travel design & the Supplementary Planning Document. CNC then needs to consider the implications and whether any S106/CIL monies can be obtained to further our objectives.</p> <p>AM proposed that CNC would appoint a member to focus on our area as Nic is not familiar with local needs.</p> <p>Latest: The potential solar farm on the Frodsham marshes is the focus of CNC as it is a big change with the potential to enable significant community benefits including active travel infrastructure. CWaC planning team have already done significant work in reviewing the proposal. Comments by the Community must be submitted shortly, all comments must be considered as part of the planning application. CNC will provide a consolidated input.</p>	<p>Would anyone like to pick up this important role?</p> <p>SP, AMc to consolidate the views of CNC and submit them to the Solar farm community consultation forum.</p>	<p>Members</p> <p>SP, AMc</p>
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>Latest: TR shared a draft version of an updated web site. CNC agreed it was very good and requested Tom make the updated site live as soon as he felt it was ready.</p>	<p>TR to replace the CNC web site with the updated version he has developed.</p>	<p>TR</p>
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>Latest: We still have a good stock of the latest maps</p>		

6.	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>Latest : There is no road crossing in the scheme despite the promise of an uncontrolled crossing.</p>	Raise with Tim Gibbs of Halton council to suggest they raise the issue with National Highways	SP
7	NCN#5 re-route (previously Helbsy Cycle Route)	<p>Background: CNC commissioned study of possible cycle routes through Helsby has been adopted by Sustrans and extended to include Frodsham and the Helsby-Mouldsworth disused railway line.</p> <p>Latest: The study is now largely complete, but Sustrans don't want to release it until CWaC agrees to maintain anything built. Sustrans are not able to take on maintenance.</p> <p>Network Rail have agreed to a lease to enable the old Mouldsworth line to become a cycling and walking path.</p>	Steve Pemberton will raise the issue with Mike Amsbury (local MP) to see if he can help move this forward.	SP
8	Frodsham Town Council	<p>Background: A working group comprising CNC's AMc, FW, MW and Cllrs Patrick Eakin, Lucy Sumner & Pauline Lowrie has been formed to improve Active Travel (AT) in Frodsham.</p> <p>Latest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Improve Active Travel signage & information. Map concepts and locations have been agreed upon and North Cheshire Community Partnership has agreed to pay for the maps. ii) Make certain junctions & crossing points safer. The group have identified 3 locations and are developing proposals, 2 on A56 and 1 on Church street. 	Provide updates	AMc

		<p>iii) Introduce an e-bike hire scheme.</p> <p>The group are looking to the experience of Frome Town Council who introduced an e-bike hire scheme</p>		
9	Active Travel Officer	<p>Background: Sam Turner was appointed by Sustrans, funded by CWaC as an active travel officer for the region.</p> <p>Latest: It has been decided by CWaC and Sustrans who jointly funded the role not to extend the role for another year.</p> <p>CNC believe Sam did an excellent job of promoting Active Travel in the area and built a strong foundation with the local community and schools. CNC would like to thank Sam for her contribution to the CNC meetings.</p>		
10	AGM Actions		<p>To invite Hapsford and Elton 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				

