



## Minutes of meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 Parish Room Helsby Sports and Social Club 19:30

- Introductions and Attendance:** Steve Pemberton (SP), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Mark Warren (MW)), Andy Chappell (AC), Sarah Temple (ST), Frank White (FW), Chris Copeman (CC)
- Apologies:** Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS) Tom Rawlings (TR)
- Next meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 19:30 – Location TBA  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup> 19:30 – Location TBA**  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 14<sup>th</sup> 19:30 – Location TBA  
Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> 19:30 – Location TBA  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10<sup>th</sup> 19:30 – Location TBA  
Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 12<sup>th</sup> 19:30 – Location TBA
- AoB:** CNC were saddled with the recent passing of Peter Duffy a long-term contributor to the CNC forum and the whole Helsby community.  
The group suggested with his family agreement that they would like to put a suitable message on one of the community cycling facilities that the CNC have been involved with.

#	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' was to enable CWaC to consult a diverse group of engaged members to 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> Still no movement seen on re-starting ISST. CNC's view is that ISST scope is tool wide to make progress, The Active Travel Forum (ATF) was more successful with a more focused scope.</p>	Chris Copeman will raise a motion at CWAC to restart the ISST	CC
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> No movement 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>	This remains a key topic when the successor to ISTT is announced	All
3.	Planning Applications	<p><b>Background:</b> Nic Siddle's Chester Cycling campaign diligently monitors planning applications for our area to evaluate whether they meet requirements of Active Travel design &amp; 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><b>Latest:</b> The consultation on the potential solar farm located at the Frodsham marshes has been pushed back until the Autumn.</p>	Would anyone like to pick up this important role?	Members
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>Latest:</b> The site is live</p>	<p>Ongoing content required</p> <p>Try and get content from Sustrans Helsby to Molesworth route alignment study</p>	ALL SP

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:</b> We still have a good stock of the latest maps</p>	No actions for present	
6	NCN#5 re-route (previously Helsby Cycle Route)	<p><b>Background:</b> 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><b>Latest:</b></p> <p>CNC and Sustrans have met to break the route into 4 smaller sections, that could be independently commissioned, based upon the ideal route. Each section could then be optimized for cost. The group discussed the proposed 4 sections and agreed to the proposal, with a question to Sustrans about what could be done to make the Old Chester Road more cycle friendly.</p> <p>It was noted that Sustrans need to complete the work within the original budget.</p> <p>It was noted that it may now be appropriate to make Hapsford and Elton Parish Councils aware for potential connections to the proposed route</p>	<p>Sustrans to update the study based upon the proposed sections, with each sections having an estimated cost.</p> <p>Write to Hapsford and Elton Parish councils making them aware of the Sustrans study and potential connections to their areas.</p>	<p>Sustrans</p> <p>SP</p>
7	Frodsham Town Council	<p><b>Background:</b> A working group comprising CNC's AMc, FW, MW and Cllrs Patrick Eakin, Lucy Sumner &amp; Pauline Lowrie has been formed to improve Active Travel (AT) in Frodsham.</p> <p><b>Latest:</b></p> <p>i) Improve Active Travel signage &amp; information. Map concepts, locations and funding have been agreed. Local artist appointed to create the maps</p> <p>ii) Make certain junctions &amp; crossing points safer. FTC are not included to put crossings on Church street but indicated that they may consider a 20mph speed limit.</p>	Provide updates	AMc

		iii) Introduce an e-bike hire scheme. The group are looking to the experience of Frome Town Council who introduced an e-bike hire scheme		
8	CWAC Highway Consulting	Background: CWAC have opened a consultation on Highways All members are encouraged to respond individually as the volume of responses count.	Mark W has agreed to submit a response on behalf of CNC	MW
9	Indicators of success	<b>Improve cycle Safety</b> On surfaces there is no evidence On increased cycling there is no data, but anecdotal evidence suggests that more kids are cycling and walking to school.  <b>Increase Reach of CNC forum</b> The number of subscribers to the CNC Facebook page has increased to 270.	AMc to attempt to get the cycling and walking data from CWAC & Sustrans	AMc
10	Sustrans Invoice	The invoice from Sustrans has been received with the addition of VAT. VAT was not on the original quote and the view of the group is that it should be removed.	Talk to Sustrans about a way forward with VAT on the invoice	SP
11	Audit of Accounts	It is felt that some form of Audit of CNC's accounts should be done and an independent check	Chris Copeman has offered to do a simple audit of the accounts	CC
12	AGM Minutes	An error was noted in the AGM minutes	Amend AGM minutes to reflect Sarah Temples attendance - <b>Done</b>	AC
Retired Topics				
6.	A533 Murdishaw Bridge - Safe Transit of Cyclists	<b>Background:</b> CNC want to ensure the redevelopment of the A533 Murdishaw bridge has provision for safe cycling. <b>Latest :</b> Halton BC to install 2 crossings funded by HE.	This should close this item with a successful conclusion	
9	Active Travel Officer	<b>Background:</b> Sam Turner was appointed by Sustrans, funded by CWaC as an active travel officer for the region. <b>Latest:</b> It has been decided by CWaC and Sustrans who jointly funded the role not to extend the role for another year.	Item is closed for now	

		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.		
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