



Minutes of meeting held on 10th Sep 2024 Parish Room Helsby Sports and Social Club 19:30

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP), Mark Warren (MW), Sarah Temple[Helsby parish councillor] (ST), Andy Chapell (AC), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Frank White (FW), Tom Rawlings (TR), Chris Copeman [CWAC Councillor] (CC)

Apologies: Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS)

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

AoB:

CNC have received 2 invoices from Sustrans for the route alignment study. CWAC have not responded to requests to confirm that the studies are for purpose. Another attempt to get CWAC approval will be made with a deadline after which if no response is received CNC will assume approval and pay the Sustrans invoices.

#	Topic	Background and Latest status	Action Needed	Who
1	Integrated Sustainable Taskforce (ISTT) (previously Active Travel Forum)	<p>Background: 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>Latest: Still no movement seen on re-starting ISST. CNC's view is that ISST scope is too wide to make progress, The Active Travel Forum (ATF) was more successful with a more focused scope.</p>	10/9 Chris Copeman is trying to get a meeting with Rose McArthur to push the ATF	CC
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: CNC note that there is some evidence that the situation is improving especially with the quality of the repairs which the group hope will result in better longevity</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>	All
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 consultation on the potential solar farm located at the Frodsham marshes has been pushed back until the Autumn.</p>	<p>Would anyone like to pick up this important role?</p> <p>No volunteers have stepped forward</p> <p>10/9 – Topic dropped, it may be resurrected should the CNC have the capacity in the future</p>	

3a.	Frodsham Solar Farm Planning Application	<p>Background: A consultation is underway for a proposed solar farm located on the Frodsham marshes. CNC hopes to influence the planning application to include shared use pathways for local community leisure use.</p> <p>Latest: A summary of the initial community consultation has been issues. CNC notes its feedback appears to have been acted upon and with the appointment of an expert on improving leisure and recreation being appointed to advise on the planning application.</p> <p>Next phase of the consultation is likely to start towards the end of 2024</p>	Monitor the situation to provide feedback at appropriate times	
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: following the publication of the article on the progress with Network Rail on the proposed Helsby to Mouldsworth greenway. It was suggested that the web site be updated to show what a greenway might look like incorporating images from other sites to spark the publics imagination and gather community support.</p>	Update web site with images of what a Helsby to Mouldsworth greenway might look like.	TR
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 have run out of maps</p>	<p>10/9 – See if Mark W can start any necessary updates</p> <p>Add current routes to CNC website</p>	<p>SP</p> <p>TR</p>
6	NCN#5 re-route (previously Helsby 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: Following a positive meeting with Christine Littler, there has been 2 months of silence. CWAC advised CNC not to publish a holding note to the study funders.</p>	Continue to try and contact Christine littler	SP
7	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>	CNC - monitoring	

		<p>Latest:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Improve Active Travel signage & information. 9/7 – Designs finalised and PO has been raised to get the signs installed at Frodsham station ii) Make certain junctions & crossing points safer. FTC are not included to put crossings on Church street but indicated that they may consider a 20mph speed limit. 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 <p>The group organized and supported a learn to ride course for complete beginners in late July. 3 x 2-hour course with 18 people booking and 13 turning up (a good ratio) – The course was deemed to be extremely successful, and it was suggested that during the Easter and Summer holidays 2 learn to ride courses and a bike ability course be arranged. CNC members said they would be happy to support these courses.</p>		
8	CWAC Highway Consulting	<p>Background: CWAC have opened a consultation on Highways</p> <p>Latest: CWAC have backed off their commitment to engage with the main respondents and the consultation comments will be added to the report to the council meeting in September 24</p>	9/7 - Monitor	
9	Indicators of success	<p>Improve cycle Safety 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.</p> <p>Increase Reach of CNC forum The number of subscribers to the CNC Facebook page has increased to 270.</p>	<p>AMc to attempt to get the cycling and walking data from CWAC & Sustrans</p> <p>10/9 – No update</p>	AMc
11	Audit of Accounts	It is felt that some form of Audit of CNC's accounts should be done and an independent check	<p>Awaiting Chris to complete</p> <p>10/9 – No update</p>	CC

12	E bike consultation	<p>Background: Government consultation has two key elements</p> <p>1 Upping power limit to 500Kw _ helpful for cargo bike etc</p> <p>2 “Twist & go bikes” effectively electric motorbikes, no need to pedal, CNC against this</p> <p>Latest: No feedback from CNC response to the consultation</p>	10/9 - Monitor	
13	Secure cycle storage	<p>Background: The provision of secure cycle storage as seen at some railway stations may encourage more use of cycling locally. The Frodsham doctors surgery and railways stations are possible locations.</p> <p>This type of project may be suitable to apply for MCBF funding</p>	Chris will contact the doctor’s surgery to see if they would support the addition of secure cycle storage	CC
14	A533 Crossing	Status of the A533 crossing that was planned to be installed is unclear	Steve will pick up with Tim Gibbs	SP
Retired Topics				

