



Minutes of meeting held on 12th Nov 2024 Parish Room Helsby Community Sports and Social Club 19:30

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP), Mark Warren (MW), Nick Sljivic (NS), Andy Chapell (AC), Ashley McCraight (AMc), Frank White (FW), Tom Rawlings (TR), Chris Copeman [CWAC Councillor] (CC), Iain Ferguson (IF), Heather Green (HG)

Apologies: Sarah Temple [Helsby parish councillor] (ST), Patrick Milroy (PM),

Next meeting: **Tuesday 14th January 19:30 – Location TBA**

#	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: CC has asked Rose McArthur who said it would be looked at and will bring it up with Louise Gittings. One way of progressing could be to table a motion @CWAC meeting.</p>		
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>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>	Suggest highlight the pothole situation with a facebook page to report your top 3 potholes. Results will be collated into a top 10 and published. Members will then be asked to report each one in turn at the rate of one a month.	TR
3.	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: The next stage consultation is underway with a deadline of 19th Dec and CNC is a consultee. The response to the last consultation has 4Km of footpaths, a small car park and educational boards</p>	<p>CNC members to forward their views to Steve by 7 Dec.</p> <p>Steve will collate responses into a CNC response document</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SP</p>
3a	Hy Net H ² Gas pipeline	<p>Background: A Hy Net hydrogen gas pipeline is due to be built across the Frodsham marshes.</p> <p>Latest: The deadline for consultation submissions is 19th Nov.</p>	<p>CNC members to forward their views to Ashley.</p> <p>Ashley will collate responses along with Sustrans proposals to Hy Net. Post meeting note : Response issued</p>	<p>All</p> <p>AMc</p>

The meeting did not have time to discuss the points below – these will be picked up at the next meeting in January

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 Warren 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 Aidan Holman, Lucy Sumner & Pauline Lowrie is working to improve Active Travel (AT) in Frodsham.</p> <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. CW&C have indicated that they hope to install a crossing on Church Street in 2024/25 	CNC - monitoring	

		<p>iii) Also considering a 20mph speed limit.</p> <p>Introduce an e-bike hire scheme. On hold. 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 2025 2 learn to ride courses and a bikeability 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</p> <p>On surfaces there is no evidence</p> <p>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</p> <p>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>12/11 – Requests made to Sustrans & CW7C but no responses</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 doctor's 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				

