



Minutes of meeting held on 9th September 2025 Parish Room Helsby Community Sports and Social Club 19:30

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP), Andy Chapell (AC), Ashley McCraith (AMc)

Apologies: Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS), Heather Green (HG), Tom Rawlings (TR), Chris Copeman [CWAC Councillor] (CC), Sarah Temple [Helsby parish councillor] (ST),

Next meeting: Tuesday 11th November – 7:30 pm Helsby Sports and Social Club

Notes:

#	Topic	Background and Latest status	Action Needed	Who
1	Integrated Sustainable Taskforce (ISTT) (previously Active Travel Forum)	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. Latest: CNC to meet with Chris Hardwick and Karen Stevens every 6 months or so.	Push for 6 monthly meeting with Chris Hardwick and Karen Stevens	SP
2.	Road Surfaces - Pothole Reporting	Background: Experience has shown that CWAC's Highways Dept. respond quite promptly to specific requests to fill them. However, they need to pass criteria which don't take account of cyclists needs. 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 Some improvement seen with work in Kinglsey and Howey Lane and Guest Slack		
3.	Frodsham Solar Farm Planning Application	Background: 2nd stage consultation has been published and SP & AM met with Axis and Cubico Latest: around 25 parties have registered interest in being consulted. CNC expects to be consulted in the planning process (dates unknown) CNC wants cycling and walking facilities in the scheme, marshes paths improving for the benefit of commuting, leisure and active travel	Arrange separate meeting to agree strategy for CNC input	SP

3a	Hy Net H ² Gas pipeline	Background: A Hy Net hydrogen gas pipeline is due to be built across the Frodsham marshes. Cadance is looking to plan a CO₂ capture with liquid CO₂ pumped across the marshes. CNC to look for opportunities to get the 4 schemes on the marshes pulling together such as all schemes needing reliable emergency access routes	Meet early Oct with CWAC councilors to see if they can think about how to get the schemes working together	SP/ AMc
4.	Publicity	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. Website hits go up markedly when we post news bulletins then advise through FB posts HG suggested we write articles for Chester Chronicle which we agreed was a good idea. Latest: No Update	Strategy to be continued Draft a suitable article for Chester Chronicle on potholes and put on website	TR TR/NS
5.	Cycle Maps	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. Latest: We have run out of maps	Need to review approach in Nov CNC Meeting	ALL
6	NCN#5 re-route (previously Helsby Cycle Route)	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. HHS to Plovers La section to be carried forward into next stage, (assessment/prioritization by CWaCs consultants Latest: CWAC have 3 cycling and walking consultations in our area. CNC members are encouraged to contribute. The general view is all of the proposals are welcome.	Forward the consultations to as many contacts as possible.	ALL

7	Frodsham Town Council	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. Latest: The summer bike maintenance and learn to ride lessons were completed. The foot fall for bike maintenance was poor. Only 50% of the people booked on the learn to ride sessions turned up, possibly because it was held during the school holidays. Plan to re-run the learn to ride around May 26		AMc
8	CWAC Highway Consulting	Background: CWAC have opened a consultation on Highways LTP 4 Latest: CNC comments will go unedited into the LTP 4 appendix		
9	Secure cycle storage	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. This type of project may be suitable to apply for MCBF funding	Schemes going in at Neston and ? CC to monitor and advise	CC
10	A533 Crossing	Status of the A533 crossing that was planned to be installed is unclear	Halton recontacted, they are conceding that HE will not fund. Item closed	
11	Climate Emergency Response	Ashley has circulated the CWaC Climate Emergency Response Plan 2025-203 Latest: CWAC have issues a revised and much diluted plan.	Item closed	
12	Cheshire West Local Plan	Current position. Draft to go to government by year end. Implications: Focus will be on housing, indications are that CWaC expectations are to facilitate an uplift from 1100 to 1900 year for 20 years.	Establish how we engage and influence the AT opportunities and permeability in scheme design	
Retired Topics				

