



Minutes of meeting held on 2nd July 2025 Parish Room Helsby Community Sports and Social Club 19:30

Introductions and Attendance: Steve Pemberton (SP),, Frank White (FW), Tom Rawlings (TR), Chris Copeman [CWAC Councillor] (CC), Sarah Temple [Helsby parish councillor] (ST),

Apologies: Patrick Milroy (PM), Nick Sljivic (NS), Andy Chapell (AC), , Ashley McCraight (AMc Heather Green (HG))

Next meeting: **Tuesday 9th September – 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. One way of progressing could be to table a motion @CWAC meeting.	Still waiting for a response from Rose McArthur SP/AMc to raise with KS at 5/4 meeting 7/25 no update	CC SP/AM
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	Guests Slack not repaired and Howey La deemed safe! Elevate with KS?	SP
3.	Frodsham Solar Farm Planning Application	Background: 2nd stage consultation has been published and SP & AM met with Axis and Cubico ○ Latest: We have had a verbal agreement that horse riders and cyclists will be included in the planning documents for users of the paths within the scheme and that efforts will be made to make some paths useable by those with mobility challenges ○ Ashley has asked Cubico to put this in writing	Planning application has been submitted. But not yet reviewed.	AM CC
3a	Hy Net H ² Gas pipeline	Background: A Hy Net hydrogen gas pipeline is due to be built across the Frodsham marshes. Latest: NO feedback or real understanding of the opportunities that may be worthy of exploration	We need a person to pick up the "Marshes" area, Protos etc?	All

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. Latest: 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	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	TR to look at what we have and then present to next meeting to get agreement how to develop this topic	TR
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. Latest: Meeting held with Karen Stevens and a few queries raised, Sustrans to get these responded to then we need to close off the crowdfunding report off . HHS to Plovers La section to be carried forward into next stage, (assessment/prioritization by CWAcs consultants Crowdfunding report completed	Leave next steps until the HHS to Plovers La led progresses	TBC
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: Excellent progress reported ○ The town map has been completed and will be displayed at the station soon ○ The map is being reformatted for display at two bus stations ○ A crossing will be built on Church Street in the next few weeks ○ There is funding for two crossings to be built per year ○ Currently bidding for a 20 mph zone in Frodsham town centre	Crossing is deemed a great success Maps are up at station	AMc

		- Sarah: the North Cheshire Rail Partnership have ringfenced funding for similar projects in Helsby - CNC will support these efforts where possible		
8	CWAC Highway Consulting	Background: CWAC have opened a consultation on Highways LTP 4 Latest: LTP 4 report is published and focuses only on core principles at the moment	AMC submitted CNC response to latest version	AMc
9	Indicators of success	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. Increase Reach of CNC forum The number of subscribers to the CNC Facebook page has increased to 270.	AMc 's attempt to get the cycling and walking data from CWAC & Sustrans did not get a response. Item closed	AMc
11	Audit of Accounts	It is felt that some form of Audit of CNC's accounts should be done and an independent check	Complete with no queries Item closed	
12	E bike consultation	Background: Government consultation has two key elements 1 Upping power limit to 500Kw _ helpful for cargo bike etc 2 "Twist & go bikes" effectively electric motorbikes, no need to pedal, CNC against this Latest: No feedback from CNC response to the consultation	Government has reported and all our inputs were successful Item closed	
13	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
14	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.	SP
15	Climate Emergency Response	Ashley has circulated the CWaC Climate Emergency Response Plan 2025-203	Submissions made, no response as yet	AMc

		The consensus was that the aims were vague and not measurable Ashley: we should aim to influence the design code Liz: the design code will be published soon		AMc
16	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				

