

Chester Cycling Campaign

Minutes of Meeting Held on 5th December 2007 at the Custom House Pub

Present

Simon Brown (chair), Mary Gillie (minutes), David Robinson, Cathy Harington

Apologies

None

Minutes of November 2007 Meeting

These were agreed as being an accurate record of the meeting. Craig will be ask Simon to put them onto the website.

ACTION Simon

Matters Arising

1) T-shirts

No report from Craig with regard to the Campaign's order for more t-shirts.

2) High Visibility Jackets

No report from James on a source in Saltney for high visibility jackets which could be printed with Chester Cycling Campaign details.

3) LTP report

David wrote to the County Council with regard to the appalling performance on cycling targets in Cheshire recorded in the LTP report and awaits a response.

David has also asked the Council why it did not improve the cycle facilities on Hoole Bridge whilst it was being strengthened and for the accident rate.

Race Course

David has written to the Race Course Company asking for a meeting to discuss the closure of the Dee cycle way during race meetings. The company have asked to have three more races a year. The council have given permission but recommended that the cycle route should only be shut the morning of the race until the last race of the day. The Company has agreed to have a meeting at 3pm on the 10th December with the Cycle Campaign in the Express Holiday Inn. It is hoped that the number of days of closure can be considerably reduced.

Grosvenor Park

Mary reported she went to the display and consultation on plans for Grosvenor park. As reported in her email there are no cycle routes planned. She urged people to respond to the consultation either in the Town Hall or online by the 10th December. It was noted that we should be careful not to ask for too much in a leisure park.

Connect2

Concern was raised over whether people know about the Connect2 bid and 'The people's Million's. Cathy has done great work leafleting and publicising it. She suggested contacting Dee106 on Saturday and handing out leaflets with the number to vote in Boughton at 10am on Saturday the 8th and at 2pm opposite Brown's in Chester.

ACTIONS: Simon to email the campaign asking for support
David to make leaflets
Cathy to organise

Development Control

David reported that he was pleased to note that some officers are now recommending cycle parking without a request from the council.

He requested cycle parking at Upton village surgery extension that currently does not have any facilities.

He is still looking for a replacement for his role.

Mileage Rates

Simon reported that after his survey of cycle mileage rates that showed that two PCTs have the lowest rates at 6.2p/mile, West Cheshire have agreed to consider increasing it to 20p/mile in line with the Countess of Chester. We will aim to give them good publicity if they do. Cheshire and Wirral have not responded.

Boost scheme

David reported that the County refuses to offer the Boost scheme citing reorganisation.

Publicity

Simon has achieved excellent publicity for the Campaign and was thanked by the meeting.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM at 7:30 pm on Wednesday, 6th February, at the Custom House Pub. Food will be served. The agenda and details will be sent out to all members.

ACTION: Simon to send agenda to Sue and ask her to send out details.