

FARNHAM CYCLE CAMPAIGN
MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 25 November 2024

Online



Present

Peter Goodman, David Johnston, Jenny Roden, Clive Teague, Nick Williams

Apologies

Peter Schnabel, Steve Edwards

Partial

Dr Tom Lankester

1. **KEYNOTE PRESENTATION-** Tom Lankester- WBC Sustainable Transport Project Officer

Tom's update on Active Travel in Waverley can be viewed on FCC website <https://www.farnhamcyclecampaign.org.uk/>. This generated discussion and questions.

AP Tom will send Pete an email with details of work completed so far on the Hale Trail.

Tom was thanked for his presentation.

After Tom's departure it was noted that, despite active campaigning from FCC, the Farnham Infrastructure Programme (FiP) has not delivered any complete active travel/cycle route in its £15 million pound town centre redevelopment. The only existing significant route, Scholars Greenway, is over 20 years old in places and in disrepair. The timeline for the Local Cycling and Walking Plan (LCWIP) which was approved in March 2023 is delayed, so the earliest time a bid will be made to the Active Travel Fund will be late 2026. It was generally agreed that this is an unnecessary delay given the arrival of about 5 new Farnham housing estates and the climate emergency declarations from councils.

Please see the [slides of the following agenda items](#) on FCC website .

2. **REVIEW OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND OUR CONSTITUTION**

In 2023 we had set priorities for our activities under the headings below

- a) Improving the Local Cycling and Walking Plan (LCWIP) and getting involved in the Active Travel Working Group and Making sure the already agreed cycling infrastructure is delivered.

- b) Looking for opportunities in local development and planning.
- c) Getting our community moving through sustainable transport.
- d) Generating support for 20mph.
- e) Building our organisation

The committee members responsible for a)-d) gave reports, summaries of which can be seen on the slide from this meeting. It was agreed that no changes were required for the Constitution.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT

Rental for the website and its editing tool are the biggest expenditure items. We have enough funds to support this for 3 years.

AP. David will make slight amendments to the financial spreadsheet slide.

4. PRIORITIES AND THEMES FOR 2025

These were discussed and it was agreed that all the priorities need to be maintained. Re our theme a) 'LCWIP', following our email enquiry to the FIP, It does not appear that the council has a detailed comms plan around the upcoming pavement widening road works. It was therefore decided to go ahead with an independent 'Give it a go' campaign. This will be particularly relevant to the council elections in May 2025. In the meantime, it was felt that FCC should approach Active Travel England about the lack of cycling infrastructure planned in Farnham.

AP Pete to circulate wording for the statement to Active Travel England for comment.

AP Pete to circulate the same statement to the Secretary for State for Transport and to Cycling UK, with a different covering email.

AP Pete to draft up a series of press releases for release in the first half of 2025. These to be circulated to the team for comment.

Re our theme c) 'Getting the Community Moving', following disappointment over Heath End school (see slide presentation), it was agreed to make preliminary enquiries at another secondary school, Weydon. It's a good choice because there is a 20mph speed limit outside the school and there are many quiet streets around the school which are safe for cycling by students.

AP Jenny to contact an FCC supporter who has offered to help with small projects but cannot attend meetings due to childcare issues.

AP Nick to approach a contact who is a Weydon School governor.

Re our theme d) 'Promoting the 20mph Zones' Pete was complimented on the recent Herald articles about the benefits of the town's new 20 mph speed limits.

AP Pete to get back to his police officer contact re speed enforcement.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THEME COORDINATORS FOR 2025

Chair- Pete Goodman- Nominated David Seconded- Jenny
Secretary. Jenny Roden- Nominated Pete Seconded Nick
Treasurer Pete Goodman- Nominated David Seconded, Jenny

Theme coordinators:

LCWIP: Pete and David Johnson

Planning Applications: Peter Schnabel (Peter S had agreed prior to the meeting that he was still OK to continue with this)

Getting the Community Moving: Nick and Jenny

Generating support for 20mph-Pete

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was agreed to continue to hold meetings at the Hop Blossom, but to change the meeting to the 3rd Monday of every month so as to avoid Bank Holidays.

Meetings will be hybrid.

AP-Jenny to check with Hop Blossom and book meetings for 2025

It was noted that meetings should be only 1 ½ hours, and that they often overrun. More items will need to be taken offline and completed promptly after the meeting and this duration will only be made possible if everyone is completing action points shortly after each meeting. Then there will be no need to get updates on the status of each action point at the following meeting, which is what takes so much time at the moment.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

December meeting cancelled- (too near Christmas).

Dates for 2025 TBC