



## Chester County Cycling Coalition

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### Minutes

March 21, 2011

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#### **20 in attendance (3 names missing)**

Ellen Zadoff, Steve Warren, Ray McGlew, Natasha Manbeck, John Salmon, Roland Boyle, Fred Rothman, Amy Musser, Mike Broennle, Charlene Underwood, George Chiodo, Michael Carlin, Ray Ott, Jay Hayes, Bunny Shetron, Dick Antonson, Michelle Hellstern

#### **CCCC Support**

Ellen Zadoff announced that the Brandywine Bicycle Club and West Chester Cycling Clubs were now supporting members of the CCCC. Mike Broennle suggested that we invite DVBC since many members live, work or ride in Chester County. Mike Warren said Friends of the Chester Valley Trail would like to be a supporting member and in turn CCCC would support Friends of the CVT.

#### **Natasha Manbeck reviewed local projects**

- CVT
  - Phase I: Completed. County is building a trail head into its design of the Exton Park Site.
  - CVT Phase II is completely funded but there is no definite start date as of yet. Construction should start before the end of the year
    - This section is currently passable on a hybrid bike to Chesterbrook but it's not officially open so ride at your own risk.
  - Montgomery County is 100% behind constructing the 1 mile portion that would connect the CVT to the SRT. They are only in the design phase at this point but it is fully funded.
  - CVT Phase III: Valley Creek Blvd to Exton Main Street. Advanced design needs to be completed and funding identified. Possibilities include the William Penn Foundation (\$9 million set aside for construction of regional trails to fill in gaps), DCNR...
    - You can currently ride from Ship Road to Valley Creek on gravel.
- SRT
  - Crombey to Linfield is under construction but there have been some issues so the official opening has been pushed back until autumn. The piece to Spring City might be open earlier.
  - Linfield to Schuylkill River w/422 into Montco is still having right of way issues but this is funded.
- TII – This is a wish list of projects throughout the County. It's used as a resource as funds become available. The 2009 version has 40 Bike and Pedestrian projects listed. The update is underway. Requests have been sent to all municipalities for suggestions.



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- Bikeway Network Functional Classification Map – in the process of updating. Natasha asked for comments.
  - S&L routes were added
  - Schools, Parks, Bike Shops
- CCCC Bike Plan
  - DVRPC will hold a meeting in 2 months
  - Kick-off study this summer
  - Advisory Committee will be set and will include representatives from CCCC and municipalities
  - Envision an 18 month time frame (12/12 finish)

### **Mike Broennle discussed the Forge-Heinz Trail (see separate report)**

#### Chester Valley Trail

The last meeting of the Friends of the Chester Valley Trail occurred last Monday evening. Park Superintendent Ian Currie through Friend's president Bob O'Leary reported on Phase 2, Rte. 29 to S. Warner Rd. Bidding is anticipated in early summer. The contract will be awarded in the fall, 2011. Early clearing and grading may begin in the late fall 2011. Construction was previously estimated to take 2 years pushing completion to late 2013.

*See Forge-Heinz Trail Report*

### **Steve Warren offered to set up a Facebook page for the CCCC**

#### **Bike Friendly WC**

Tom Verderame will meet with Ernie McNeely tomorrow to discuss rules for installing bicycle racks in West Chester Borough. WC looked into a kiosk system but determined that the installation costs were too high.

Fred Rothman submitted an article about our Bike Friendly WC initiative to the DLN on March 10<sup>th</sup>. Three out of five comments were good.

Ray Ott will develop a map of suggested Bike routes through the Borough.

#### **Misc.**

Save the Date.....

PennDot Smart Transportation Workshop will be held June 16 from 8-12 at the Inn at Chester Springs.

Maps.google: Complaints abound regarding google maps poor cycling directions. Natasha has been able to have them to change things whereas others have had no



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luck. Send any revisions/suggestions you have for particular routes to Natasha for bike directions.

Potholes: We should send out an email to cyclists to please report potholes to either 1-800 fix road for state roads or to local authorities. It's a local road if you ride for more than ½ a mile and do not see SR signs.

**Next Meeting:**

July 25<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm

601 Westtown Rd West Chester

RSVP Ellen by 4pm on May 16<sup>th</sup> if you're coming at 6:30 for Pizza

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