

The Isle of Wight Council Cycle Forum Minutes Meeting 02/2004

Road Safety Centre, Shide Road, Newport, Isle of Wight
1st July 2004
10:00 – 13:00

Attending:

Tim Slade – IWC
Ruth Jones – Wight Leisure
Susan Marshall – IWC
George Wilks – Sustrans
Martin Tigg – Sustrans
Steve Dines – British Cycling Federation
Kirsty Overton – Angels on Bikes

Brian Crane – Principal Road Safety Officer
Valerie Lawson – Cyclewight
Dawn Cooper – Planning Policy
Andy Greenwood – IWC
Keith Jolliffe - IWC
Lee Skinner - IWC
Kevin Hirst - IWC

Apologies:

Jeff Smith – The Bike Shed
Tanzie Page – Sandown High School

Not Present:

Battersby Cycles
First Gear Cycles
Halfords
IW Tourism
IW Police

Autovogue
Transport 2000
Extreme Cycles
LA21 Officer
Offshore Sports

Item No.	Item	Discussion	Action/ Decision
1	Introduction of new members invited to the meeting.	As there were a number of new people, forum members were asked to introduce themselves.	
2	Approval of the previous meeting minutes and any matters arising	There were no matters arising or changes to the previous meeting minutes.	
3	Update on cycling schemes for this year by IWC representatives	<p>Tim Slade –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £250,000 had been approved for cycling improvement schemes for this year. • The next scheme is the Wooton High Street bypass through the woodland burial site. • The remaining 200K has not been allocated yet <p>Susan Marshall – various plans and schemes were discussed including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A free bike loan service to run through Cowes week for people wishing to travel on the island. • Cycling training cards were shown to the forum. Ideas and suggestions for wording were requested. See DOC1. • The tax incentive scheme for purchasing bikes was explained. See DOC2 for more information. • Island lifeguards are now using bikes. • Police on bikes was questioned, but there was no police representative present. Members asked if more police on bikes would be present at Cowes week. • Extra cycle parking was being investigated for Cowes week, but no suitable parking facilities had been found as yet. 	<p>Members to look at training card DOC 1, and return comments or suggestions to Susan Marshall (01983) 823777 or susan.marshall@iow.gov.uk.</p> <p>New cycleway signage for the Love Lane development to be ordered.</p>

		<p>Brian Crane –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cycle Seminar programme was handed out. See DOC3 • SM & BC recently visited the Child Cycle Training Conference <p>Andy Greenwood –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More cycle racks had been placed at schools on the island. • There are currently eight schools requesting more. <p>Keith Jolliffe –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are current cycleway issues to be dealt with at the Cowes Love Lane development, and similarly at Carisbrooke. • The Cowes site was still showing footpath signs – TS to organise new signs. <p>The Kingston and Pan developments are at initial planning stages, so cycleway access is being investigated.</p>	
4	2004 Cycling Festival – Ruth Jones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The festival will run over 9 days from 18th September 2004. • The 18th will see the festival launch around Church Litten, with help from various cycling groups & Island 2000. • The 19th will have organised rides on the RTI route, with a smaller family route available. • Smaller rides and activities will be run throughout the week. • Wednesday 22nd is the national ‘In town without my car day’. • The AONB festival is the same week, so the two will work together where possible. • The last weekend will see the 3, 7 and 14 hills challenge taking place. 	Any ideas or suggestions for the cycling festival can be put to Ruth Jones on (01983) 823828

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See http://www.sunseaandcycling.com/ for more information. Ruth asked that any ideas or suggestions be forwarded to her. 	
5	Cycling schemes and additional issues – Val Lawson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cowes Community Partnership had expressed concerns over parking and safety for cyclists within Cowes. A scheme is currently being planned. • The out of print 'Round the Island' guide was discussed. Rights of Way are to have the guide re-printed. • QTP meeting for 24th June has been postponed with no further date set. It was noted that there was a desire for the IW Police to attend this meeting. • Route 23 Newport end was discussed. Works are needed at the Dodnor end to allow a safe off road route. Possible funds may come from S106 developments in the area. • Cycleweights priority is now the East to West cycleway. TS explained that the Newport – Ryde route is the main priority for this year. • The Sylvan Drive plans are still active, but a suitable engineer is still to be allocated to the plan. 	<p>ROW to get RTI guide re-printed.</p> <p>IW Police to be asked to attend the next QTP meeting.</p>
6	British Cycling Federation Go-Ride scheme – Steve Dines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaflets for the Go Ride scheme were handed out to the forum. See DOC4. • There are new plans to try and introduce cycling as part of the national curriculum. Sandown High School is currently supporting this scheme and Ryde High School may possibly get involved. • Please see www.Go-Ride.org.uk for further information 	
7	Cycling Matters and issues – George Wilks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cycle design guide was discussed. A copy of the IW draft guide is to be sought from Alan Ransom. 	Cycle Design guide draft to be sought.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A map of the proposed East to West Cycleway route was handed out. See DOC5. It was requested that the East – West route becomes the priority in cycling schemes. 	
8	Any other business	<p>MT raised various matters including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Newport – Sandown cycleway temporary signage had been placed in Newport, East Cowes and Sandown. • Susan Marshall confirmed that the Newport route had been walked and necessary permanent signage ordered. • The traffic lights near McDonalds are faulty. This would be addressed as soon as possible • The flooding on the Cowes-Newport cycleway was discussed. TS explained that no funding was available, so further flooding may be an issue. KH offered to investigate blasting the drain section again. • It was noted that a cover was missing from one of the drain pits. • The Medham link was discussed. Signage has been ordered. • The Wooden Bridge at Hasely was reported as a problem. TS is addressing this issue following a recent accident. • The bridge on the Newport – Cowes route is due to be fully refurbished this year. 	<p>Newport Town signs to be ordered and placed for Route 23 – Iain Thornton</p> <p>McDonalds junction traffic lights to be addressed – Iain Thornton</p> <p>KH to look into the Newport – Cowes cycleway drainage issue.</p> <p>Missing drain pit cover to be assessed and fixed.</p> <p>Cycleway wooden bridge to be assessed and fixed</p>