



Minutes

Name of Meeting

Cycle Forum

Date and Time

08 May 2008 at 3pm

Venue

Meeting Room 1, Enterprise House, St Cross Business Park, Newport.

Attendance

Present	
Andy Newman	Wayfarers
Chris Bartlett	IWC Road Safety Engineer
Claire Critchison	IWC Events Officer
Cllr John Hobart	IWC Councillor (part)
Martin Gibson	Island2000 Trust
Martin Tigg	Sustrans Ranger (part)
Nick Farthing	Sustrans
Rebecca Tuck	IWC Assistant Road Safety Officer
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
Susan Cracknell	IWC Cycling Officer – chair
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewight (part)
Lee Skinner	IWC Rights of Way
Alex Brown	IWC Monitoring Assistant – minutes
Helen Stichbury	IWC School Travel Plans (part)

Circulation	
Adrian Wheeler	Extreme Cycles
Alan Ransom	IWC Engineering Design
Alex Russell	IWC Rights of Way
Andy Cooper	IWC Firefighter (SQ2SQ)
Chris Wells	IWC Transport Policy Manager
Cllr Geoff Lumley	IWC Councillor
Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson	IWC Councillor – Transport Portfolio Holder
Gavin Sullivan	Wight Offroad & Island Youth Cycle Club
George Wilks	Sustrans Ranger
Iain Thornton	IWC Senior Traffic Engineer
Ian Gardiner	Battersby Cycles
Jason Joshua	TAV Cycles
Jeff Smith	Bikeshed
Jim Fawcett	IWC Agenda 21 Officer
John Allen	Wight Cycle Hire
Keith Jolliffe	IWC Planning Officer – Development Control
Kelvin Wright	IWC Firefighter (SQ2SQ)
Kevin Burton	IWC Road Safety & Traffic Management Team Leader
Malcolm Ross	Cyclewight
Matthew Chatfield	IWC Parks and Countryside Manager
Richard Clark	Carisbrooke Sports Partnership - Teacher Representative
Simon O'Dea	Hampshire & IW Police

Steve Chapman	Offshore Sports
Steve Mew	Halfords
Tanzie Page	Teacher, Sandown School
Tim Thorne	Cyclewright
Tom Wilkinson	Halfords
Will Downer	Wight Mountain

10.

Minutes of Previous Meeting (20th November 2007)

- i. Mountain Bike Trails – Update, No news to date. **Action: Matthew Chatfield to continue to make contact with Forestry Commission.**

At this point Valerie Lawson joined the meeting.

- ii. Cycling Maintenance Webpage – Update, No news to date. **Action: Susan Cracknell & Andy Newman to contact Gavin Muncaster.**
- iii. Newport Cycle Routes, Most matters in hand in draft document 'Recommendations for improving cycle access in Newport'. **Action: Susan Cracknell to progress.**
- iv. Square to Square SQ2SQ, No news from Andy Cooper & Kelvin Wright with regards sponsorship, No reports from Forum members with regards to sponsorship. **Action: Forum members to continue promotion & report progress.**

At this point Helen Stichbury joined the meeting.

2.

Capital Programme

- i. Board Walk, Stickworth Hall, Horingford. Maintenance issues, out to tender.

At this point Martin Tigg joined the meeting.

- ii. R23 – Newport to Cowes, Badger burrowing issues proposed for investigation. Tender closes 9th May 2008 at 12noon. Programme of work for rebuild following investigation. Side issue of flooding and drainage. **Action: Susan Cracknell to report progress and contact Neil Morey with regards to drainage issues.**
- iii. R22 – Drainage work north of Fairlee scheduled.
- iv. Coppins Bridge, Possible improvements for cyclists, potential link between Matalan and County Hall or side link to Pyle Street.
- v. St. Helens, issue with traffic lights at end of Carpenters Road / main road. Issue of continuation along old railway line to Embankment Road.
- vi. Wootton Bridge, shared surface (Lakeside), issue of Oak Tree with TPO

(Tree Preservation Order). Possible strengthening work planned, potential opportunity to encompass shared surface works.

- vii. Cycle Parking, Group outlined issues with adequacy of cycle parking facilities throughout the island. **Action: Cyclewight & Sustrans to work in partnership with IWC to advise the forum on locations of facilities and possible improvements. Forum members to contribute.**
- viii. NCN22 Development, continued development East toward Ryde, possible extension along East side of River Medina towards East Cowes.
- ix. Cowes Contraflow Scheme, Ongoing, no news to date.

3. **National Bike Week | Hampshire Cycling Festival '08**

- i. Susan Cracknell has received 700 Leaflets and 300 Posters for Hampshire Cycling Festival '08. Publicity is aimed at island residents to raise awareness of the event so local residents can take part. **Action: Alex Brown to co-ordinate distribution of Leaflets/Posters to public buildings/ferry terminals/Health centres/etc. Forum members to contact Alex to request Leaflets/Posters to display/make available to the public.**
- ii. National Bike Week, 'Bikers Breakfast'. Group discussed possibility of including a 'Bike Doctor' at the event to encourage greater participation. **Action: Cyclewight to assist event and Susan Cracknell to liase with regards to inclusion of 'Bike Doctor'.**
- iii. Cllr John Hobart reported that the AONB team requested that an 'AONB Ride' be included within the list of National Bike Week events (for next year). **Action: Claire Critchison & Sue Cracknell to liase with AONB team.**
- iv. Bike to School Week, **Action: Helen Stichbury, Rebecca Tuck, Susan Cracknell & Alex Brown to liase.**

At this point Cllr John Hobart left the meeting.

4. **Newport Accessibility**

- i. Trafalgar Road flow direction / Nine Acres Community Development, Cycle lane should be preserved regardless of flow direction changes in respect of the cycling aspects of the community development. The group stated concerns over cascading impacts upon other roads within Newport (Elm Grove, Whitepit Lane, Chapel Street) due to Trafalgar Road flow changes, the group requested that Susan Cracknell writes on behalf of the group to ask for clarification on the decision making

process behind flow changes in Trafalgar Road. **Action: Susan Cracknell to write and look into a presentation of the Newport Traffic Model to the forum, Forum members to look over Newport Traffic Model, can be accessed at:**

http://www.iwight.com/living_here/planning/images/NewportTrafficModel_FINALReport2_24-01-08.pdf

- ii. Pan Urban Regeneration Development, Major issue of planned spine road & use for cyclists/pedestrians. The group strongly suggested a divided use for cars and cyclists/pedestrians over safety concerns. Simon Richardson voiced concerns over the balance of consultation between the developers and IWC Development Officers with respect to the development plan and inclusion of provisions for vulnerable road users. Issue of Furlongs crossing and context within Pan Development Plan. **Action: Chris Bartlett to follow-up with Iain Thornton. Action: Group members to forward concerns over inclusion of cycling amenities in the development process/plan. Susan Cracknell to contact Cllr Geoff Lumley with regards to concerns over development plan. Nick Farthing to forward concerns on behalf of Sustrans.**
- iii. Bus Contraflow – St. James Street, Newport, Currently shared use for buses and cyclists. It was felt that cycles should be allowed to enter St. James Street from the upper high street (turning right). Current safety concern due to incidents involving buses and pedestrians. **Action: Chris Bartlett to raise safety issue and possible cycle use with Southern Vectis.**
- iv. Bus Gate, Parkhurst, **Action: Kevin Burton to feedback on proposals for a bus gate at Parkhurst.**

5. **Cycle Track Maintenance**

The forum congratulated Martin Tigg (Sustrans Ranger) and Volunteers for the maintenance work carried out along Newport to Cowes cycle track. To build upon this progress, Susan Cracknell will look into formalising the work and consolidation of cycle track signage. **Action: Susan Cracknell to liaise with Lee Skinner and Martin Tigg with regards to future work. Nick Farthing to look into cycle track signage re: thermoplastic signs.**

6. **Any other business**

- i. Cycling – Fairlee/Racecourse, Concerns were raised at the Freight Forum regarding the possibility of conflict between cyclists and large

vehicles along Fairlee and the Racecourse. It was felt that if additional improvements were made to the path beside the racecourse it would encourage more cycling to use this route. The 'Cycling Etiquette' booklet is currently in production and should raise awareness of possible conflicts. **Action: Susan Cracknell to conduct a site visit of the cycle path besides the racecourse.**

- ii. Promoting Driver Education to Share the Road, Following from previous topic, could the Road Safety Unit look into addressing the issue of making road users aware of other vulnerable users (cyclists/pedestrians/motorcyclists). **Action: Rebecca Tuck & Chris Bartlett to look into possible ways of educating drivers.**
- iii. Canteen Road, Forum raised the issue of improvements carried out to Canteen Road, but no provisions included for vulnerable road users (no cycle path/pedestrian footway). Martin Gibson stated that all improvements should be audited for vulnerable users.
- iv. Freshwater Bay Carpark, Some users were not aware of overhead restriction barrier and cycle racks were hitting the barrier, Parking Services have since installed better signage.
- v. Eco-Island, Valerie Lawson expressed disappointment that the Cycle Forum had not been formerly included with the development of the Eco-Island strategy. Nick Farthing highlighted East Hants as having best practise in cycle policy. **Action: Susan Cracknell to contact Stuart Love and look into East Hants policy.**
- vi. Sunshine Trail, In light of vandalism, Martin Gibson stated that Signage has since been audited and new signs are on order to replace those which are missing/damaged. Martin has also planned an audit of usage of the trail.
- vii. Randonee, Andy Newman stated that the event attracted 1600 participants. It was also highlighted that they experienced some issues with registration of participants, exacerbated by Red Funnels lack of co-operation **Action: Nick Farthing to liase with Red Funnel to eliminate any future issues.**

Note: At the end of the meeting Claire Critchison handed out posters for the Isle of Wight Cycling Festival, posters and leaflets for Hampshire Cycling Festival were also available.

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

Date for the next meeting is Thursday 21st August 2008.