

## MINUTES FOR THE CYCLE FORUM

Held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2005  
at 16:00, Meeting room 1, Enterprise House



Present: Mark Deans (MD) - Isle of Wight Council  
Steve Dines (SD) – B. C. F.  
Nick Farthing (NF) – SUSTRANS Hants & IOW  
Andy Greenwood (AG) - Isle of Wight Council  
Valerie Lawson (VL) – Cycle Wight  
Sue Marshall (SAM) – Chairman - Isle of Wight Council  
Rachel Mills (RM) – Isle of Wight Council  
Jan Penketh (JP) – Children’s Cycling Club  
Malcolm Ross (MR) – Cycle Wight  
Lee Skinner (LS) - Isle of Wight Council  
Jeff Smith (JS) – The Bike Shed  
Martin Tigg (MT) – SUSTRANS  
Charlotte Westwood (CLW) – Isle of Wight Council  
George Wilks (GW) – SUSTRANS

Apologies: Dawn Cooper - Isle of Wight Council  
Nick Gallin – Isle of Wight Council  
Cllr Peter Harris - Isle of Wight Council  
PC Simon Richardson – Hampshire Constabulary  
Chris Wells - Isle of Wight Council

### Minutes

### Actions

#### 1. Introduction & Welcome

SAM welcomed all members attending the meeting and asked the group to introduce themselves.

#### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (6<sup>th</sup> October 2004)

The minutes were agreed.

#### 3. Matters Arising

An enquiry was made as to the status of the Newport Bus Station development. The group were informed that construction was proceeding and that a full update would be provided later in the meeting.

#### 4. Reports:

RM gave an overview of the Second Local Transport Plan (LTP2) and how cycling fits into the plan. RM also explained how the Rights of Way Development Plan (RWDP) and Accessibility Plan are also incorporated into LTP2

LS provided the group with an outline of the RWDP. Due to the tight schedule LS apologised to any forum member who felt that they had been excluded from the consultation process. Following a brief discussion regarding the types of schemes which could be included LS, encouraged the group to submit comments.

The issue of publications for routes and trails was raised. **This item is to be placed on the agenda for the next meeting** when a Tourism representative will be present to identify ways forward. **CLW**

AG provided the group with details of the traffic management scheme which will be implemented during the Newport Bus Station development. MT enquired as to if the cross Newport town signage would be altered. **SAM agreed to follow this up with Iain Thornton.** **SAM**

#### 5. SUSTRANS - Nick Farthing

NF gave a brief presentation on the role of SUSTRANS.

NF identified that there were no automatic cycle counters on the Island however he offered assistance with installations. **RM offered to provide cycle data for the next meeting and to follow up with NF.** RM

NF identified some routes with potential for development as well as offering assistance with the creation of National Cycle Network Route 22.

6. Route 22 – George Wilks

GW gave a presentation on Route 22. MT, GW, SAM and NF to conduct a site visit on 11/02/05.

It was suggested by the group that Councillors should be invited to participate in cycling events in the future.

7. Chairman's Update.

SAM updated the group on the following issues:

- Tour of Britain representatives plan to visit the Island on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005.
- Three members of staff will be attended a Cycle Audit Course at Aston University.
- The theft statistics from April to October 2004 were 61 general thefts and 2 at school sites.
- The Isle of Wight Council will be rolling out BOOST on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2005 and BOOST in a box is being developed for business with less that 500 employees. The scheme will allow cyclists to save 50% of the cost of new bikes.
- Cycling is being included in the PE curriculum at Sandown High School and Ryde High.
- The Isle of Wight Council has corporate membership to CTC.
- MD would be working on the development of a cycle route from Newport to Cowes along the eastern coast of the river. This will be a joint project with Planning and was being undertaken by MD as the subject for his dissertation.

8. Any Other Business

VL suggested using publicity material to promote responsible cycling. **JS informed the group that his staff were currently working on the project and examples will be presented at the next meeting.** JS

VL raised concerns about the spending of 106 monies, specifically for Sylvan Drive. SAM reported that she is now part of a group looking to maximise the spending of monies to the benefit of cycling.

It was agreed that any items for AOB should be forwarded to the chair 48 hours before the meeting. Meeting papers will be circulated were possible by e-mail 10 working days before the meeting.

9. Date & Time of Next Meeting

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2005, 15:00, at Enterprise House, meeting room 1