

# CYCLE FORUM

## Minutes



Meeting No. 7  
 Weds 12<sup>th</sup> July 2006 at 15:00hrs  
 Riverside Centre, Newport

PRESENT	
Name	Organisation
Susan Cracknell	IWC Cycling Promotion Officer (chair)
Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond	IWC Councillor
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewright
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
Matt Archer	IWC Road Safety Officer
Claire Whittington	IWC Events Team
Laurence Keynes	IWC Rural Transport Officer
Chris Bartlett	IWC Traffic
Helen Stichbury	IWC School Travel Plan Advisor (minutes)

APOLOGIES	
Name	Organisation
Nick Farthing	Sustrans
Alan Ransom	IWC Engineering Design
Martin Gibson	Island 2000 Trust
John Hobart	IWC Councillor
Chris Wells	IWC Transport Policy Team Leader
Tim Slade	IWC Rights of Way
Matthew Chatfield	IWC Parks & Countryside Manager
Jim Fawcett	IWC Agenda 21 Officer

CIRCULATION	
Name	Organisation
Jeff Smith	Bikeshed
Steve Chapman	Offshore Sports
Tom Wilkinson	Halfords
Jason Joshua	TAV Cycles
Alan	Wight Mountain
Ian Gardener	Battersby Cycles
Adrian Wheeler	Extreme Cycles
Gavin Sullivan	Wight Offroad
Rob Hodgkinson	Wayfarers
Malcolm Ross	Cyclewright
Steve Dines	IW Youth Cycling Club
George Wilks	Sustrans Ranger
Martin Tigg	Sustrans Ranger
Tanzie Paige	Teacher Representative
Keith Joliffe	IWC Planning Officer - Development Control

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Introduction and Welcome Sue welcomed the group to the meeting. All previous Forum members including the retailers have been contacted and almost all have expressed an interest in at least receiving the minutes, and being involved as and when required. New members include Councillor John Hobart, Matthew Chatfield, Tom Wilkinson & Jim Fawcett.	
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (26 <sup>th</sup> May 2006) The minutes of the meeting were agreed.	
3.	Matters Arising	
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Tour of Britain (Item 3.3)</b>	
	Bid to host a stage is moving forward; brief has been submitted. Sue showed a brief video presenting the potential impact of the Tour - this links too to the recent announcement of the IW's hosting of the Island Games in 2011.	
<b>3.2</b>	<b>Cycle Track Maintenance (Item 3.5)</b>	
	Sue has met with the Probation Service who are keen to provide cycletrack maintenance, which will be against a negotiated specification. This will be trialled on the Cowes-Newport section. Money currently allocated for quartering etc. can then be put into hard engineering improvements. Tim Slade to provide specification.	TS
	There are vandalism problems on the cycletracks which Simon said are difficult to police due to access. Sue is obtaining information from landowners which she will feed back to Simon.	SC
	Temporary repairs are being made to the bridge at the Cement Works, the work being programmed for the end of the summer to avoid the tourist season. Valerie (Cyclewright) asked that the route is diverted down to the riverside to keep the important commuter route open - Sue agreed but said advice would be sought from the Rights of Way and Insurance sections. Longterm solutions are being sought through the Highways Bridge Maintenance budget.	SC
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Island 2000 Cycle Trails Project (Item 4)</b>	
	On behalf of Island 2000, Laurence reported that the cycle tourism element of the bid has been dropped, but that he, Sue and Island 2000 are working to take the cycle trails part of the project forward.	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Cycling Festival September 2006 (Item 5.1)</b>	
	Claire thanked the Forum for the input and advice she has received, and said that the programme will be going out shortly.	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>East Wight Ways Project (Item 5.3)</b>	
	Laurence reported that the project is progressing well, consisting of two elements 1) Ryde Valley (Esplanade to Smallbrook) and 2) Sandown Bay. Regarding the Ryde Valley part, by the end of July Ryde Development Trust should know whether their bid for funding a feasibility study has been successful. Once this is received work on a route will start, which will be brought to the Forum for consultation.	
<b>3.6</b>	<b>Round the Island Route Map (Item 5.8)</b>	
	Sue is progressing this with the Rights of Way department to get it available on the website.	SC/RoW
	Wightlink will donate up to £2000 towards a hardcopy version, which would cover the artwork costs. Group agreed it required additional sponsors to secure longterm production and Cllr. Fitzgerald-Bond and Sue have a number of contacts.	JF-B/SC
4.	Baring Road Cycle Lane Cllr. Hobart asked that the Cycle Forum discusses the Baring Road cycle lane, which is part of the extension of Route 23 from Arctic Road to Solent Middle School, a Safe Routes to School scheme co-funded by Sustrans. Chris reported that comments from residents and the school have been received,	

and the scheme has been safety-audited. The scheme passes this assessment but some improvements will be made, including green surfacing to the cycle lane in Baring Road, improved signage, and the recommendation of a no-parking area around Woodvale Road. In addition PC Mark Thomas is working with the school to keep an eye on the situation. Whatever measures are put in place depend on users using them correctly, but the group agreed that over time, as drivers get used to the scheme (perhaps with some enforcement), the situation may improve.

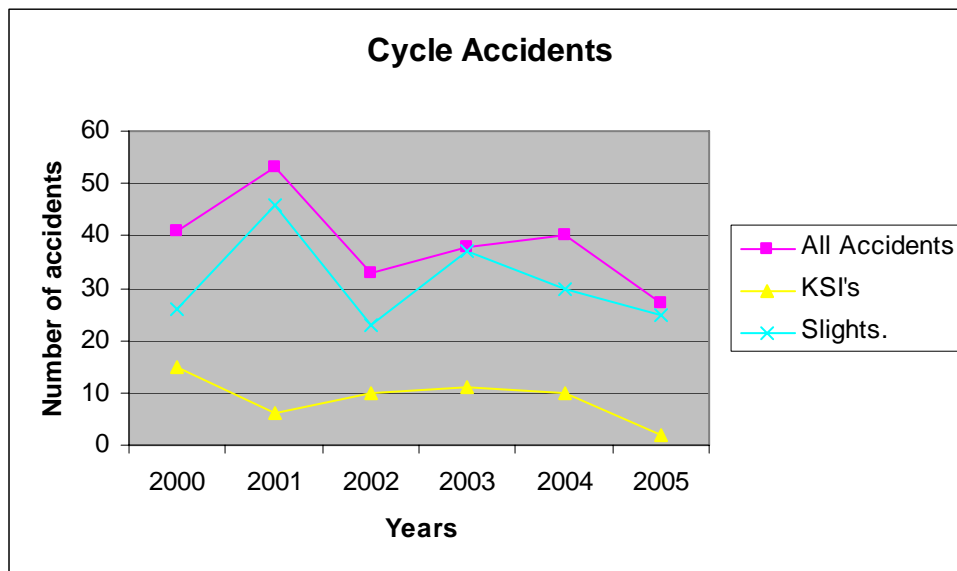
There is a wider issue over the use of shared surfaces by different user groups. Valerie agreed that Cyclewight would publicise the importance of abiding by signs, and Sue is looking at improving signage of shared routes at various locations.

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5. **Route 22 Newport - Yarmouth: Overview of Project**  
Sue reported on behalf of Jim Fawcett that project is progressing and initial land surveys for the route should be completed over the next few months.

6. Isle of Wight Council Officers Reports

6.1 **Highways - Traffic Section (Chris Bartlett)**



Years	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>All Accidents</b>	41	53	33	38	40	27
<b>KSI's</b>	15	6	10	11	10	2
<b>Slight's</b>	26	46	23	37	30	25

Accident figures are going down although the numbers of cyclists are going up. There are no clusters of accident hotspots.

6.2 **Events Team (Claire Whittington)**  
Programme for Festival will be out in the next couple of weeks.

6.3 **Road Safety (Matt Archer)**  
11 trainers will be trained to Level 3 by September.  
12 Streetrider (Level 2) on-road cycle training courses being run during the summer for children 10-15 years. Charging £10 per head, charge not affecting uptake but should improve attendance.

6.4 **Rural Transport Officer (Laurence Keynes)**  
Nothing to report

6.5	<p><b><u>School Travel Plans (Helen Stichbury)</u></b>  As end of term approaches, 'Bikewight' computer game linked to actual cycling activity has been successfully piloted at Nodehill Middle, and it is intended to roll this out to a small group of schools in the autumn for trialling.  Have been involved in raising the profile of cycling at schools' "Healthy Schools" events along with The Bikeshed, Road Safety, Cycling Promotion, and other stakeholders. Lots of support and interest from pupils, parents and staff.</p>	
6.6	<p><b><u>Cycling Promotion (Sue Cracknell)</u></b>  <u>Cycle Shelters at Schools</u>  Cycle shelters are being installed through the capital programme to deliver the Public Service Agreement, and proving very popular - some being used even before the headteacher has given permission!</p> <p><u>£15 million Government Grant</u>  The government has recently announced £15million to be put towards increasing cycling through Cycling England, including a programme of training for professionals (including council officers and members). Information handed to Cllr. Fitzgerald-Bond.</p> <p><u>Cowes Circular Map</u>  Cyclewight would like to see a circular route devised for Cowes with a map. Could include maps, information boards, website. Group agreed development of project must include Rights of Way department, and may link to Island 2000's Cycle Trails project, so this item to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Fishbourne Lane</u>  When the traffic lights were upgraded, Sustrans looked at remodelling the junction but it is not feasible against cost. The available budget is being spent on signing and upgrading the mostly off-road Route 22. Quarr Abbey are developing a bid together with IWC to upgrade the route adjacent to them.</p>	Agenda Item
7.	Any Other Business	
7.1	<p><b><u>New Highway Code - Valerie Lawson, Cyclewight</u></b>  Comments have been fed back to government through the local authority Cycling Officers Group.</p>	
7.2	<p><b><u>Sandown Bay - Valerie Lawson, Cyclewight</u></b>  Cyclewight and Chris Wells (IWC Transport Policy) are feeding comments in as the projects develop.</p>	
7.3	<p><b><u>Cycle Forum Minutes on IWC Website - Valerie Lawson, Cyclewight</u></b>  SC has checked with IWC IT department; this may cause problems to server. However, if Cyclewight wishes to put them on it's website for members, that would be fine.</p>	
8.	<p><b>Date and time of next meeting</b>  Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September - 1530 - Meeting Room 1  Enterprise House, St. Cross Business Park, Newport, Isle of Wight</p> <p>(From the Cowes-Newport cycletrack, turn up Dodnor Lane. The road bears left; take the cyclepath marked on your left which passes in front of a row of houses. You emerge alongside the South Wight Housing offices. Turn left to join the estate road. Turn right then immediately right again; Enterprise House is on your right.)</p> <p>(From B&amp;Q roundabout turn right along Dodnor Lane.  Keep straight ahead at mini-roundabout with ITS on your right.  Follow road as it bears round to right - this is St Cross Business Park.  Enterprise House is the second building on the left.)</p>	