

CYCLE FORUM

Minutes



Meeting No. 8
 Weds 13th September 2006 at 15:30hrs
 Enterprise House, Newport

PRESENT	
Name	Organisation
Andrew McIntyre	IWC Parks Officer
Claire Whittington	IWC Events Team
George Wilks	Sustrans Ranger
Helen Stichbury	IWC School Travel Plan Advisor (minutes)
John Hobart	IWC Councillor
Laura Gaudion (part of meeting)	IWC Assistant Solicitor
Malcolm Ross	Cyclewright
Martin Gibson	Island 2000 Trust
Matt Archer	IWC Road Safety Officer
Simon O'Dea (part of meeting)	Hampshire Police – Beat Manager
Steve Mew	Halfords
Susan Cracknell	IWC Cycling Promotion Officer (chair)
Tom Wilkinson	Halfords
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewright

CIRCULATION	
Name	Organisation
Adrian Wheeler	Extreme Cycles
Alan Ransom	IWC Engineering Design
Chris Bartlett	IWC Traffic
Chris Wells	IWC Transport Policy Team Leader
Gavin Sullivan	Wight Offroad
Ian Gardiner	Battersby Cycles
Jason Joshua	TAV Cycles
Jeff Smith	Bikeshed
Jim Fawcett	IWC Agenda 21 Officer
Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond	IWC Councillor
Keith Joliffe	IWC Planning Officer - Development Control
Ken White	Wight Mountain
Laurence Keynes	IWC Rural Transport Officer
Martin Tigg	Sustrans Ranger
Matthew Chatfield	IWC Parks & Countryside Manager
Nick Farthing	Sustrans
Rob Hodgkinson	Wayfarers
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
Steve Chapman	Offshore Sports
Steve Dines	IW Youth Cycling Club
Tanzie Paige	Teacher Representative
Tim Slade	IWC Rights of Way

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Welcome Sue welcomed the group to the meeting..	
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (12 th July 2006) The minutes of the meeting were agreed.	
3.	Matters Arising	
3.1	<u>Cycle Track Maintenance</u>	
	Cowes and Newport Police Officers are riding NCN Route 23 Cowes to Newport. Police have caught people on mini motos. Concern was expressed that the Cyclist Dismount signs on the wooden bridge are being repetitively removed; George Wilks suggested an explanation as to why they have to dismount may help prevent the vandalism to the signs.	
	Cllr Hobart suggested that, when the bridge is closed for maintenance, users are diverted via the footpath	Tim Slade
	Maintenance of cycletracks is underway.	
3.2	<u>Cycle Track Signage</u>	
	Sue tabled photographs of new rubber signs which are being used by Southampton City Council. The signs are heat-welded to the surface. They are cheap, graffiti is difficult to apply, cannot be turned around, and difficult to remove. They are not for use in every situation, and DfT's permission is required to use them, but are another option to pursue. Concern about different user groups on cycletracks continues; goodwill is required from all parties. Comments to Sue via email: susan.cracknel@iow.gov.uk	All
3.3	<u>Round the Island Route Map</u>	
	Sue has checked the route. Wightlink may possibly contribute £2000 towards the publication of the revised map; Sue is awaiting their confirmation before approaching other businesses for possible sponsorship.	
	Martin raised the issue of resigning the route at Yarmouth to show the joining point for the ferry and the spur to Freshwater. Sue agreed the IWC will resign.	Sue Cracknell
4.	Esplanades and Sea Walls – Cycling Policy Laura Gaudion explained that there is a conflict in places between different user groups but there is currently no byelaw in place. Sue and Laura are working on devising a seasonal byelaw which would restrict cycling during defined periods and could be employed islandwide. The byelaw would then be enforceable. The process would require a report to the IWC Directors Group and would take 12-18 months to put in place.	
	The Forum discussed the issues of signage, responsible cycling, whether to mark the cycleway (but in some areas the esplanade is under private ownership, leased to the council), and variable sections at different locations. Communication, such as putting the byelaw on routes, maps, information boards etc., would be important. It was agreed that the IWC would consider best practice from other areas, such as Bournemouth. Laura then left, and PC Simon O'Dea joined the meeting.	Sue Cracknell/ Laura Gaudion
5.	Policing and Cycling Crime Simon introduced himself as a Beat Manager and the link between the Police and the Cycle Forum, whereas Simon Richardson is the Police representative for highways issues. There are an increasing number of police officers using bikes, and Simon uses one	

	<p>on his beat. Officers using the cycletracks will report crimes even if they are off duty, and this increased police presence has already helped at the Riverside Centre, Newport Quay. Beat officers do work until midnight.</p> <p>The Forum then discussed conspicuity, lighting and the use of bells.</p> <p>Simon will bring the cycle crime figures to the Forum for the next meeting.</p>	Simon O'Dea
6.	<p>Potential Park & Cycle site at Blackwater</p> <p>A new Island cricket club is planned at Blackwater, and Helen has suggested to Keith Jolliffe (IWC Planning Dept.) that a Park & Cycle facility could be asked for under a Section 106/38 agreement. This would augment the bridge link to NCN 23 which is already conditioned on the application. It could be a development of the 'Blazing Saddles' idea, whereby people park in the cricket club, pay and use a bike, and either return it to the site or other sites around Newport and beyond. Cllr Hobart suggested contacting John Gurney-Champion at Standen House.</p>	Helen Stichbury/ Sue Cracknell
7.	<p>Improving road safety for cyclists</p> <p>Cyclewright are concerned to support cyclist commuters and have a number of suggestions to make roads safer for this group:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Lining to form cycle routes Enforcement of speed limits 60 mph on Fairlee Road too fast Traffic calming which considers the on-road cyclist <p>Val to contact Chris Bartlett (who is responsible for road safety audits and has cycle awareness training and experience). Sue told the group that the new IWC Traffic Design Manual has been developed with input from appropriately-trained officers, so new schemes should be more cycle-aware. She encouraged senior colleagues to take up the Cycling for England training on offer.</p>	Val Lawson
8.	<p>Newport Town Route</p> <p>Martin has funding for a map which could show on and off-road routes, once the bus station is completed. Alan off sick so unavailable for update.</p>	Agenda item
9.	<p>Cowes Circular Map</p> <p>Tim Slade on leave so no update.</p>	Agenda item
10.	<p>Artificial Mountain Bike Centre</p> <p>Adrian Wheeler (Extreme Cycles) suggests developing a good artificial mountain bike centre on the Island to attract cycle tourists. Sue reported that there are plans for a private development at Bouldnor.</p>	
11.	Isle of Wight Council Officers Reports	
11.1	<p><u>Events Team (Claire Whittington)</u></p> <p>Cycling Festival will start this weekend. Val commented that the booklet was good and was out in more time.</p>	
11.2	<p><u>Parks & Beaches (Andrew McIntyre)</u></p> <p>Andrew gave Trish Stillman's apologies, and had nothing to report</p>	
11.3	<p><u>Road Safety (Matt Archer)</u></p> <p>The IWC is one of only four authorities across England to be chosen to pilot the on-road cycle training, nationally known as the <i>Bikeability</i> campaign, which replaces the old cycling proficiency. This uses the IWC's existing <i>Stretrider</i> on-road training scheme and will be trialled for a three-month period.</p>	
11.4	<p><u>School Travel Plans (Helen Stichbury)</u></p> <p>The IWC has been working on a project to reduce congestion in Wellington Road,</p>	

	<p>which has involved the publication of a Travel Choices leaflet for residents in the Carisbrooke area, as well as to parents of pupils at the six schools in the area. This shows the on-road cycle route through Sylvan Drive, the bus route, and rights of way. Helen has negotiated Park & Stride sites for parents at Carpetland and Sainsbury's to add to those existing at the Eight Bells and Victoria Recreation Ground. Thanks to Halfords and TAV Cycles who responded to the request for maintenance details, which have been added to the leaflet due for circulation in October.</p>	
11.5	<p><u>Cycling Promotion (Sue Cracknell)</u> <u>Transport for London (TFL)</u> TFL have awarded £21,000 to a School in Hackney to enable them to implement IOW best practice. The school would like to partner with IOW School.</p> <p><u>Tour of Britain</u> Agenda item for next meeting</p> <p><u>Sustrans 'Connect To' Project</u> Sustrans have funds for projects of around £100,000 - £2 million for footpath/cycleways connecting places. Suggestions please to Sue Cracknell.</p>	<p>Agenda Item</p> <p>All</p>
12.	Any Other Business	
12.1	<p><u>Quality Transport Partnership (QTP)</u> Val asked that the minutes of the Forum meetings be sent to the QTP, which was agreed.</p>	Helen Stichbury
13.	<p>Date and time of next meeting To be advised</p>	

POST MEETING: Next Meeting:-

Wednesday 29th November 2006

1500 –1700

Meeting Room 1

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