



Minutes

Name of Meeting Cycle Forum
 Date and Time 14 January 2009 @ 3pm
 Venue Meeting Room 1, Enterprise House, St Cross Business Park, Newport.
 Attendance

Present	
Sue Cracknell	IWC Cycling Promotion Officer - chair
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
Lee Skinner	IWC Rights of Way
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewright
Alex Brown	IWC Monitoring Assistant – minutes
Helen Stichbury	IWC Sustainable School Travel Officer
Andy Newman	Wayfarers
George Wilks	SUSTRANS
Chris Bartlett	IWC Road Safety Engineer
Chris Spencer	IWC Highways Design Engineer

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (29 October 2008).**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Mountain Bike Trails & ‘Go Ape’ – Update.

Chris Wells had a meeting with Michael Pittock of the Forestry Commission to discuss possibilities for developing off-road mountain bike trails or ‘Go-Ape’ type adventure facilities. It was agreed in principle that there was potential for such a development, and Michael has been invited to future Cycle Forum meetings to discuss the ideas further.

Bikers Breakfast, Future of Events – Update.

Val Lawson (VL) had emailed Mike Marlow of GKN to discuss type of events that GKN have held in the past, it was thought that extending the event to ‘non-car’ commuters could increase participation amongst employers. It was felt that if there was sufficient interest amongst employers, the idea could be forwarded to the NHS/Council Workplace Travel Plan working group.

Cycle Track Maintenance and Signage – Update.

Sue Cracknell (SC) has investigated possibilities of using thermoplastic signage, after contacting Southampton, they do not have DfT approval to use the signs, SC has extended her line of enquiry to Swindon, who do have

approval.

Seaview Road, Cowes & Safety Issue – Update.

Chris Bartlett (CB) re-visited the site and noted that on one of the crossings did not have signage. The sites are included in a design process as part of Schools Reorganisation.

Sandown Revetment – Update.

Sandown Town and Lake Parish have shown support for an Islandwide cycling etiquette, although Shanklin Town Council are looking to pursue a ban on cycling in that area.

Birchmore Lane – Update.

No news to date, possible signage is being considered. No reports of further problems have been received.

Route west from Newport & Cross Newport Route (N-S).

VL expressed concern over developments threatening potential cycle routes through Newport and asked if new schemes and developments were audited for cycling. CB stated that although no formal cycle audit process takes place, all schemes and developments are safety audited, in which recommendations are also made.

Concern was also expressed over the strategic consideration given to cycling when new schemes and developments were designed and implemented, the group went on to state that it does not feel the voice of the cycle forum is heard at an appropriate level, and that it should feed in at a strategic level to policy makers.

The group felt it appropriate to invite the new Head of Highways to the next meeting to discuss how the forum can influence policy and strategy decisions.

Two other topics were also proposed:

- What cycle audit/review methodology is in place for new schemes?
- Attendance at meetings by all representatives (e.g. Traffic Engineers) was important to the groups effectiveness.

ACTION: Invite Peter Hayward (Head of Highways) to the next Cycle Forum meeting.

Freight Forum Report.

VL asked the group to consider the idea of Park & Ride as a solution to Newport's traffic issues and its impact upon cyclists, as has been discussed at the Freight Forum. The group agreed that a reduction in traffic entering Newport would improve conditions for cyclists. VL also stated that she felt the Freight group was an effective discussion group and had covered some very useful topics in recent times.

2. **Newport Accessibility.**

Nine Acres Development – Update.

No news to date. George Wilks stated that the works at Elm Grove were well received.

Pan Urban Development – Update.

No news to date, awaiting update from Tim Thorne.

Bus Contraflow, St. James Street, Newport – Update.

There is no reason in principle why cyclists cannot make a right turn from the High Street into St. James Street, the current traffic order would need to be re-advertised. **ACTION: SC to follow up with Traffic section.**

Post meeting note: The traffic order is in the process of being reviewed and an amended order, allowing cycling to turn right from the High Street into St James Street, will be in place by mid August 2009.

3. **Capital Programme.**

R23 Newport to Cowes – Update.

Works for the section near the Cement Mills is currently out for tender. VL stated she was impressed by strengthening works carried out near Dodnor. The group also expressed appreciation for the work done by Sustrans and volunteers.

Additional Capital Allocation – Update.

SC and Alex Russell (ROW) previously discussed a list of works to be carried out this financial year. Works include new signage at Blackhouse Quay and re-surfacing of cycle way near the Bargemans Rest. CB also noted at the bottom of Hurstake Road where it meets Little London there are drainage gulleys which could potentially be a problem for cyclists if approached from the wrong angle.

ACTION: CB to follow-up with SC.

Horringford Boardwalk – Update.

Works were due to commence 5th January, delayed for two-weeks. Whole of bridge is due to be re-surfaced with anti-slip material. Closure will be advertised.

4. **Any other business.**

PFI – Standard of Cycle Track Maintenance.

Standards to be confirmed later in the project.

Future Route Maps (e.g. Carisbrooke LAAP)

More maps are planned, but as part of the School Travel Plan process and be focused on schools as hubs of the community.

Shide – Excessive shingle at end of cycle track.

Aware of issue. **ACTION: SC to investigate further.**

Cycle Accident Statistics.

CB stated that there is a declining trend in the number of cyclists being injured on Island roads, which is good considering the increase in the number of cyclists.

Bikes, boots and hooves – Cycling Etiquette Leaflet.

SC welcomes comments on the leaflet (circulated with these minutes).

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 22nd April 2009 at 3pm @ Meeting Room 1, Enterprise House.

Two further meeting dates were confirmed, as below:

Wednesday 15th July 2009.

Wednesday 14th October 2009.