



Minutes

Name of meeting

Cycle Forum

Date and time

20th November 2007 at 15:00

Venue

Meeting room 1, Enterprise House, St Cross Business Park, Newport

Present

PRESENT	
Name	Organisation
Andy Cooper	IWC Firefighter (SQ2SQ)
Andy Newman	Wayfarers
Claire Whittington	IWC Events
George Wilks	Sustrans Ranger
Helen Stichbury	IWC School Travel Plans – minutes
Keith Jolliffe	IWC Planning Officer – Development Control
Kelvin Wright	IWC Firefighter (SQ2SQ)
Kevin Burton	IWC Road Safety & Traffic Management Team Leader (part)
Malcolm Ross	Cyclewright
Martin Gibson	Island2000 Trust
Matthew Archer	IWC Road Safety
Richard Clark	Carisbrooke Sports Partnership - Teacher Representative
Susan Cracknell	IWC Cycling Officer - chair
Tim Thorne	Cyclewright
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewright

CIRCULATION	
Name	Organisation
Adrian Wheeler	Extreme Cycles
Alan Ransom	IWC Engineering Design
Alex Russell	IWC Rights of Way
Chris Bartlett	IWC Road Safety Engineer
Chris Wells	IWC Transport Policy Manager
Cllr Geoff Lumley	IWC Councillor
Cllr John Hobart	IWC Councillor
Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson	IWC Councillor – Transport Portfolio Holder
Gavin Sullivan	Wight Offroad & Island Youth Cycle Club
Ian Gardiner	Battersby Cycles
Jason Joshua	TAV Cycles
Jeff Smith	Bikeshed
Jim Fawcett	IWC Agenda 21 Officer
John Allen	Wight Cycle Hire
Martin Tigg	Sustrans Ranger
Matthew Chatfield	IWC Parks and Countryside

	Manager
Nick Farthing	Sustrans
Simon O'Dea	Hampshire & IW Police
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
Steve Chapman	Offshore Sports
Steve Mew	Halfords
Tom Wilkinson	Halfords
Will Downer	Wight Mountain

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Minutes of Previous Meeting (22nd August 2007)

1) Mountain Bike Trails – update

No progress to date.

Action: Matthew Chatfield to continue to make contact with the Forestry Commission

2) Cycling Maintenance Webpage – update

No progress to date.

Action: Andy Newman to contact Gavin Muncaster

3) St James Square Traffic Regulation Orders

See Item 6 below.

4) NCN 23 at Horringford

Signs are up warning cyclists to dismount. Obtaining quotes from three contractors to find long-term solution.

Action: Susan Cracknell/Alex Russell

5) St. Helen's Cycle Route

Keith Jolliffe (IWC Planning Section) informed the group that the application for the hotel development – which may have brought potential funds for a cycle route – has been put on hold so no development as yet. The Wayfarers are advised to contact the Environment Agency as a key stakeholder in the area.

6) Newport Cycle Routes

George and Martin put forward a draft document 'Recommendations for improving cycle access in Newport', attached with these minutes or available from Sue Cracknell. Comments are required from all Forum Members by mid December. Meeting to take suggestions forward with Keith, Sue, Martin and George by end December.

Action: Keith Jolliffe, Sue Cracknell, George Wilks, Martin Gibson

Action: Forum Members

7) West Wight Greenway

The Lottery Heritage funding to the West Wight Landscape Partnership for this project has been withdrawn. The council retain the desire to see the project delivered as part of Eco-Island. This would be part of the development of NCN 22 from Yarmouth to Ryde.

The Lottery Heritage bid for development of NCN 22 at Quarr is currently at feasibility stage. See Item 9.

8) Department for Transport (DfT) Cycling Infrastructure Design – consultation document

Comments have been submitted from the IWC Design and Maintenance teams.

9) Electric Bike Charging Points – ‘One Island’ Project

Sue took the Forum’s suggestions to Peter Taylor, IWC Traffic Manager. No comments received as yet.

10) 2007/08 Capital Projects

i) Cowes Contraflow Cyclelane

Ongoing, should be achieved by 31/03/08

ii) Little London / Blackhouse Quay – Newport

No progress. Reliance on route running across the front of the Bargemans, which is not adopted highway. Has been identified in the Newport Traffic Model.

11) Brighstone – Shorwell Potential Route

Recommendation received from George Wilks and a parent at the school who cycles regularly with her children to use the existing ‘Round the Island’ route, with enhanced signage. This will now go forward to the Brighstone Parish Council.

The Round the Island route is now on the monthly Highways Maintenance inspection list, including signs.

12) Rights of Way

Helen read out an email received from Alex; the Rights of Way Improvement Plan includes a list of which routes are being developed.

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Square to Square – SQ2SQ

Kelvin and Andy told the group how nine firefighters are planning to take 14 days to cycle 1400 miles from St Thomas Square Newport, to Vatican Square Rome. They are fundraising for the Wessex Cancer Trust to install equipment at St Mary's, which will negate the need for patients to travel to Southampton.

They have linked their cycle ride to cycling to and at schools, with Helen Stichbury and the Sports Partnerships. The Wayfarers have agreed to link the Randonnee to the SQ2SQ, and the IWC are linking the Cycling Festival.

The firefighters are looking for more corporate sponsorship and would welcome any ideas from Forum members.

Action: Forum members contact www.sq2sq.com or Kelvin on 525121

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Chapel Street, Newport

Chapel Street is currently closed to vehicles from the west. Access to Nodehill is via Coppins Bridge or Whitepit Lane only. Comments can be forward to the IWC via the website www.iwight.com and search on 'Chapel Street'. See Item 6 below.

At this point Keith Jolliffe left the meeting.

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Revetments

Sue is currently involved in preparing a report for Tim Hunter-Henderson which recommends the removal of illegal signage on revetments. The Parks & Beaches section of the IWC are looking at the access agreements on revetments. It is proposed that a 'Code of Conduct' will be put up which will be agreed by the Cycle Forum.

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Cycleway Maintenance

Thanks to Tig and his team who is doing fantastic work on NCN23 between Cowes and Newport. The group discussed the use of shredders – suggested contacting Karl Dyson at the Green Gym (821000).

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Chapel Street

At this point Kevin Burton, Road Safety and Traffic Management Team Leader, joined the meeting.

Martin spoke on how the temporary changes at Chapel Street have had a negative impact on the cycling permeability of Newport. Kevin said that comments on the experimental order on Trafalgar Road would be open for 6 months. The IWC will advertise the permanent order for Trafalgar Road before Christmas. This will include a contraflow cycle lane whether the flow is reversed or not.

Comments to Kevin Burton, in writing, within 6 months. It is more effective to write individually than as a group.

Kevin explained that the right turn into St James Street is being

considered now, as part of the Mott McDonald Newport Traffic Model which should be published by December.

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Cycle Training

Richard Clark of the Carisbrooke Sports Partnership explained how 'Go Ride' Level 1 (safe manoeuvring, basic theory, basic cycle skills) training is being delivered into schools through the PE curriculum. It is being offered to primary, middle and high schools. British Cycling is developing the Level 2 (on-road) qualification which should be available next year. The 'Bikeability' on-road Level 2 is currently being delivered to Year 6 pupils by the Road Safety Unit.

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Bay Action Plan

No news.

9.

NCN Ryde to Yarmouth

Sue is working on the upgrade of the route from the back of the subway at Coppins Bridge, to Mews Lane.

Sue has linked an improvement to the cycle track at the Racecourse to Kevin Burton's scheme to remodel the junction from Island Harbour. The developer may have to fund 100% of the junction improvement scheme including cycling improvements.

Maintenance is required of the section from Mews Lane to the Racecourse.

Action: Sue Cracknell

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Progress on LTP2

Capital programme for cycling - due to be delivered by 31/03/08. Cycle training targets – data had not been collected so targets were under-reported, but it is now on target.

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Events on cycle tracks

An internal IWC protocol should be established so agencies know where to go for arranging events – sometime events take place without the Rights of Way team being informed. This can lead to problems if maintenance is planned, etc.

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Any other business

1) Bike To School

Helen reported how over 500 children cycled during week commencing 5th November, with Bembridge Primary winning the competition with 92 pupils who cycled/scootered every day. Thanks to Andy who visited the school on behalf of the Wayfarers, and to Kelvin and Andy who visited schools for the Firefighters.

2) Big Day Out

Tim reported how people do not feel safe to cycle because car drivers have poor awareness of cyclists. Kevin was asked whether

the 'Driver Rectification' programme could challenge the perception that the 'road is only for motorists'. It was suggested that a Task Group was set up to look into this, including all road users.

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Date of next meeting

To be advised.

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Post-Meeting

Claire Whittington (IWC Events) requested that the following note goes out to Forum members:-

" CYCLING FESTIVAL - Dates for next year are 13th - 21st September 2008 and due to it's growth over the last couple of years we are going to market it as the biggest cycling festival in Britain. If anyone has ay evidence to the contrary then please let me know as I have researched it and only come across one or two day events with larger participant numbers and walking and cycling festivals that have more events but not cycling only.

The sunseaandcycling.com website will be updated in January and cycle ride leaders forms will go out in February as we want to get the festival programme out earlier this year to give it more shelf life and give more people chance to get involved. '