



Minutes

Name of Meeting

Cycle Forum

Date and Time

21 August 2008 at 3pm

Venue

Meeting Room 1, Enterprise House, St Cross Business Park, Newport.

Attendance

Present	
Chris Wells	IWC Transport Policy Manager - chair
Chris Bartlett	IWC Road Safety Engineer
Malcolm Ross	Cyclewight
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
George Wilks	Sustrans Ranger
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewight
Tim Thorne	Cyclewight
Alex Brown	IWC Monitoring Assistant – minutes
Helen Stichbury	IWC School Travel Plans

Circulation	
Adrian Wheeler	Extreme Cycles
Alan Ransom	IWC Engineering Design (apologies)
Alex Russell	IWC Rights of Way (apologies)
Andy Cooper	IWC Firefighter (SQ2SQ)
Lee Skinner	IWC Rights of Way (apologies)
Cllr Geoff Lumley	IWC Councillor (apologies)
Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson	IWC Councillor – Transport Portfolio Holder (apologies)
Cllr John Hobart	IWC Councillor (apologies)
Gavin Sullivan	Wight Offroad & Island Youth Cycle Club
Rebecca Tuck	IWC Assistant Road Safety Officer (apologies)
Susan Cracknell	IWC Cycling Officer (apologies)
Claire Critchison	IWC Events Officer (apologies)
Iain Thornton	IWC Senior Traffic Engineer (apologies)
Ian Gardiner	Battersby Cycles
Jason Joshua	TAV Cycles
Jeff Smith	Bikeshed
Jim Fawcett	IWC Agenda 21 Officer (apologies)
John Allen	Wight Cycle Hire
Keith Jolliffe	IWC Planning Officer – Development Control (apologies)
Kelvin Wright	IWC Firefighter (SQ2SQ)
Kevin Burton	IWC Road Safety & Traffic Management Team Leader (apologies)
Matthew Chatfield	IWC Parks and Countryside Manager (apologies)
Richard Clark	Carisbrooke Sports Partnership - Teacher Representative
Simon O'Dea	Hampshire & IW Police
Steve Chapman	Offshore Sports

Steve Mew	Halfords
Tanzie Page	Teacher, Sandown School
Tom Wilkinson	Halfords
Will Downer	Wight Mountain
Martin Tigg	Sustrans Ranger
Nick Farthing	Sustrans (apologies)
Martin Gibson	Island2000 Trust (apologies)
Andy Newman	Wayfarers

Chris Wells (CW) introduced the meeting and explained that due to Sues absence he would be chairing the days meeting.

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (08 May 2008).**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed with clarifications to points 4.iii and 6.i.

i. Mountain Bike Trails – Update.

No news to date. CW suggested he contacted the Forestry Commission with regards to ‘Go Ape’ (www.goape.co.uk) as a possible partner activity to mountain bike trails. ‘Go Ape’ is an award-winning high wire forest adventure course of rope bridges, tarzan swings and zip slides, all set high up in the tree tops. **Action: CW to write to the Forestry Commission.**

ii. National Bike Week.

- Bike-2-School Week.

Helen Stichbury (HS) highlighted the success of Bike-2-School Week 2008 which took place in June. Over 1,000 children from 25 schools cycled or scooted to school for an entire week (over 10,000 journeys). Another event ‘Be Bright Be Seen’ is being organised by the Road Safety team for November, which will focus on travelling to school by walking or cycling.

- Bikers Breakfast.

It was felt that Bikers Breakfast was not as successful as hoped. The group suggested that to develop the event in future years, location, scope and format of the event needed to be redesigned. It was agreed a workshop to discuss and plan future events would be advantageous.

Action: Bring forward to next meeting.

- IW Cycling Festival.

The IW Cycling Festival is due to launch on Saturday 13 September 2008 and run for one week until Sunday 21 September 2008.

iii. Newport Accessibility.

- Nine Acres Development.

No news to date. **Action: Susan Cracknell to update at next meeting.**

- Pan Urban Regeneration Development.

Issue of provision of cycle infrastructure within new developments as part of planning approval. It was felt that sustainable travel should be given high priority within all new developments. It was also stated that the new Tesco development was specified to include a cycle link, which was thought to not currently exist. **Action: Cyclewight to write to Planning with regards to Pan/other recent developments for clarification.**

- Bus Contraflow – St. James Street, Newport.

Chris Bartlett (CB) stated that there were currently no specific safety concerns with allowing cycles to turn right into St. James Street from upper high street. It was advised that the group make a formal request that consideration be given to allow cycles to perform this manoeuvre. **Action: Cyclewight to make formal request on behalf of the group.**

- Bus Gate, Parkhurst.

Notification was forwarded from Kevin Burton to the group, stating that there were currently no plans for a bus gate at Parkhurst.

iv. Cycle Track Maintenance and Signage.

- Suggested signage from last meeting would require Department for Transport approval, although if approval had already been granted to another authority, signage could be used on this basis. **Action: SC to contact Southampton City Council (Dale Bostock) with regards to signage.**

- Seaview Road, Cowes.

Possible issue of misleading surface at road crossing, not obvious that cycles do not have right of way. **Action: Chris Bartlett to investigate further.**

- No news to date on formal cycle track maintenance regime following on from Sustrans led work along Newport-Cowes. Feedback on specific maintenance issues to the forum would be useful in highlighting problem areas.

2. **Capital Programme.**

i. R23 Newport to Cowes – Update.

Key problem areas and remedial action have been identified, Badger

and Rabbit burrowing undermined the cycle track. Rabbits have been persuaded to move elsewhere and the Badgers are to be re-homed in a window of opportunity.

ii. Additional Capital Allocation.

£143k re-allocated from electric charging points has been made available to cycling. A list of schemes has been drafted is due to be finalised. This will include resurfacing on R23 and Signage and gateway treatment on R22. **Action: SC to bring finalised list of schemes to the next meeting.**

3. **Cycle Network Spending.**

George Wilks (GW) presented the group with a letter which had been sent to CLLR Tim Hunter-Henderson, voicing concerns over condition of the islands cycle network in light of a One Island magazine article titled “£5 million for Island Roads”. It also refers to a press release from the Association of Directors of Public Health, in which they call for 10% of the overall transport budget to be invested in cycling and walking to tackle the growing problem of obesity, GW highlighted this with regards to the Eco Island targets and objectives which the council has adopted. GW had received a response and with the news of the additional funding made available to cycling schemes (2.ii) felt pleased that his points had been met.

4. **Any other business.**

i. PFI and Cycling.

Concerns were raised over how PFI contracts would impact on cycle infrastructure, the group felt that inviting Malcolm Smith to the next meeting to explain PFI would be appropriate. **Action: Invite Malcolm Smith to the next cycle forum meeting.**

ii. Birchmore Lane.

Issue of vehicular access to nursery. **Action: SC to look into issue.**

iii. Ryde Interchange – Update.

CW explained that progress has been made. A consultancy had won a tender to assess the current progress and act as interim project manager for Ryde Interchange.

iv. Shide Link – Update.

Martin Gibson forwarded an update to the group that he was currently awaiting reply from his contact in Property Services, and would report back.

v. Sports Unit.

It was suggested that cycle funding could be tied in with the sports

development unit.

5. **Date of Next Meeting**

Provisional date for the next meeting is Wednesday 29th October 2008.