

CYCLE FORUM

Minutes



Meeting No. 6
 Friday 26th May 2006 at 15:00hrs
 Enterprise House, St Cross Business Park, Newport

PRESENT	
Name	Organisation
Susan Cracknell	IWC Cycling Promotion Officer (chair)
Helen Stichbury	IWC School Travel Plan Advisor (minutes)
Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond	IWC Councillor
Ian Boyd	Island 2000 Trust
Steve Dines	IW Youth Cycling Club
Matt Archer	IWC Road Safety Officer
Claire Whittington	IWC Events Team
Chris Wells	IWC Transport Policy Team Leader
Nick Farthing	Sustrans
Laurence Keynes	IWC Rural Transport Officer
Jeff Smith	Bikeshed
Chris Bartlett	IWC Traffic
Malcolm Ross	Cyclewright
Mr J Steggles	Cyclewright
Mrs M Steggles	Cyclewright
Carol Flux	IW Economic Partnership
George Wilks	Sustrans Ranger

APOLOGIES	
Name	Organisation
Valerie Lawson	Cyclewright
Simon Richardson	Hampshire & IW Police
Gavin Sullivan	Wight Offroad
Mark Westwood	IWC Engineering Design
Jim Fawcett	IWC Agenda 21 Officer
Keith Jolliffe	IWC Planning Development Control

ITEM		ACTION
1.	Introduction and Welcome	
	Sue welcomed the group to the meeting and introduced all those new to the group. Sue has recently married and her name has changed from Marshall to Cracknell. Chris Bartlett replaces Andy Greenwood, and Dawn Cooper (Planning) will not attend in future.	
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting (21 st November 2005)	
	The minutes of the meeting were agreed.	

3.	Matters Arising	
Item 3	<u>Tour of Britain</u>	
	It has not been possible to secure a stage of the Tour of Britain this year, but Tony Doyle, Race Director of the Tour de France is very keen to hold a stage of that race here next year. Chris Wells and Sue are preparing a briefing paper in partnership with Lindsay Horden, the Sports Events Coordinator from SEEDA, in conjunction with the IWC Events Team. Meeting next week so update to next Forum meeting. Chris Bartlett, who has many years experience coordinating Tours both on the Island and the mainland, spoke of the benefits of having the Tour come to the Island, which can bring up to 80,000 spectators per stage.	SC
Item 5	<u>Cycle Track Maintenance</u>	
	Sue has been invited to Devon with a view to using their model of track maintenance but is awaiting clearance for the trip. Cllr Fitzgerald-Bond reported that Cllr Mosdell, who is involved with the Probation Service, suggests using people serving community service to help with cycle track maintenance. The Sustrans Rangers and the IWC Rights of Way department have expressed concern about using this resource in the past. Cllr Fitzgerald-Bond and Sue to take this forward with Cllr Mosdell.	SC
4.	Island 2000 Trust - Cycle Trails Project (Ian Boyd)	
	Island 2000 wish to submit a funding application to the IW Economic Partnership to carry out research into cycle tourism. The group broadly discussed the bid and were able to give it support as it links to the work of many present. Carol Flux said that now she should be able to progress the bid, which had appeared to overlap with similar applications by Sustrans and the AONB in the past. Ian Boyd will circulate the by email next week, to allow for initial consultation with the Forum prior to submission to Carol. <i>(Post meeting: circulated by email 30/05/06)</i>	IB
5.	Isle of Wight Council Officers Reports	
5.1	<u>Events Team (Claire Whittington)</u>	
	<u>Cycling Festival September 2006</u> Claire is working with IW Tourism to ensure promotional material should be available by the end of June and the campaign will continue throughout the summer. Sue will give Claire the contact at the CTC.	SC/CW
5.2	<u>Transport Policy (Chris Wells)</u>	
	<u>Local Transport Plan 2 (LTP2)</u> This document sets out the Council's transport strategy for the next five years and links to other strategic documents such as the Local Development Framework and the Island Plan. It includes the Smarter Choices appendix (copies circulated at the meeting) which includes walking, cycling, and sustainable travel and links to the Rights of Way Improvement Plan and the school travel plan strategy. Each year the government awards money based on the previous year's achievement of targets. It was through the LTP1 that the Cycling Promotion Officer post was developed to deliver additional targets (not all councils have these targets) to increase the number of people cycling. It is unusual to achieve any of these additional targets but Sue has achieved two of the three, resulting in her receiving the DfT National Transport Award 2005. Cycling targets have also been included in LTP2.	
5.3	<u>Rural Transport Officer (Laurence Keynes)</u>	
	<u>East Wight Ways Project</u> This project has been split into two areas, the Ryde Valley to improve access for walkers and cyclists, and the Rail Walks. Rail Walks were included in the recent Walking Festival and it is now focussing on cycling. Claire and Laurence to develop the delivery of this part of the project.	CW/LK
5.4	<u>Highways - Traffic Section (Chris Bartlett)</u>	
	The Traffic section is now involved in future cycling infrastructure developments as	

	well as in auditing new and existing schemes, which should continue to realise improvements in the cycletrack network.	
5.5	<u>School Travel Plans (Helen Stichbury)</u>	
	The role is to encourage and support school communities to travel more actively and sustainably, and reduce car use. Links are made across the authority and initiatives developed in partnership with other stakeholders - such as achieving the award money to encourage cycling at middle schools from Shimano. Currently 25% of schools have travel plans and uptake of the initiative continues to increase. Data obtained so far indicates that 44% of children of all ages want to cycle to school.	
	<u>Local Area Accessibility Plan (LAAP)</u> LAAPs are aimed at improving the accessibility of people to services and under the LTP2 there is one aimed at improving the situation in Wellington Road, Carisbrooke, at the beginning and end of the school day. All the schools in the area are working on their own travel plans which will feed into this LAAP. Development of the Newport-Yarmouth cycletrack is critical to encouraging more people to walk and cycle in the Carisbrooke area.	
5.6	<u>Road Safety (Matt Archer)</u>	
	The summer programme of Level 2 cycle training for middle schools has just been launched. There will be a charge of £10 per head which the meeting agreed should improve commitment to the courses from participants. It is also hoped to develop Level 3 training, which includes maintenance.	
5.7	<u>Cycling Promotion (Sue Cracknell)</u>	
	<u>Development of NCN22 from Newport to Yarmouth</u> Congratulations to Jim Fawcett and his team for achieving funding through the West Wight Landscape Heritage Lottery Bid which will include, as the keynote project, the development of NCN 22 from Newport to Yarmouth. This project may take around 3 years to deliver and the consultation process is about to begin, with Sustrans' support and expertise. Plans showing the desire line (broadly along the route of the old railway) are available from Sue; comments to Sue now are welcomed but full consultation will take place with all stakeholders.	
	<u>Development of NCN22 from Newport to Ryde</u> Improvements to this section of NCN22 are proposed, funded by another Heritage bid. The upgrading of the Newport end of the route is a phased programme and is included in the capital programme for this financial year.	
	<u>NCN23 Cowes</u> Improvements to the Cowes end of the NCN are included as a major capital project this financial year.	
	<u>Big Lottery Fund Wellbeing Programme</u> Sue is linking with Lee Matthews (Sports Unit) and the Events Team for a joint bid to provide cycling with health benefits - such as health rides, etc.	
	<u>Shanklin - Sandown Revetment</u> IWC Legal department is currently working with Sue to clarify the old, unenforceable byelaws prohibiting cycling, and replacing these with a more flexible byelaw encouraging responsible cycling. Nick confirmed how this approach works in other areas such as Bournemouth. Chris Bartlett warned that the revetment may be affected by new health & safety measures imposed as a result of the incident at Yaverland Car Park, but as he is part of the safety audit team he will do his best to ensure the measures allow for reasonable cycling.	
	<u>National Bike Week 17th-25th June</u> Cyclewright are promoting Junior Cyclist of the Year this year instead of the Biker's Breakfast. There are no other promotional events planned for this period.	
5.8	<u>Councillor Fitzgerald-Bond</u>	
	Cllr Fitzgerald-Bond explained how he is involved with the Economic Development and Regeneration directorate of the Isle of Wight Council, which includes Tourism and Transport Policy, along with Cllr George Brown. Cllr Fitzgerald-Bond has joined	

	the Forum as he is very supportive of cycling initiatives and is looking at how taxpayers money should be concentrated on improving the local infrastructure which includes cycling. Specific issues at this point include:-	
	<p><u>Round the Island Route Map</u> Map originally produced by IWC for the Wayfarer's extremely successful 'Randonnee' event. This year there were insufficient copies for all participants in the event. The map is available (but without the useful route instructions) on the internet (see link below) and within the 'Cycle Trails' leaflet but not separately.</p> <p>www.iow.gov.uk/living_here/environment/rights_of_way/images/RTI1.pdf</p> <p>After discussion, it was decided that Sue would ensure the map was updated, and liaise with Cllr Fitzgerald-Bond to republish the Route Map, possibly with sponsorship by Wightlink. Carol suggested the route instructions were made available on the website.</p>	SC SC/CllrF-B SC
6.	Any Other Business	
6.1	Jeff Smith (Bikeshed)	
	Jeff has been liaising with Helen to deliver cycling awareness events at primary schools.	
	The IW Youth Cycle Club (IWYCC) (Steve Dines) has also started being involved in these events, in conjunction with and also separately from The Bikeshed.	
	The Bikeshed is supporting the BOOOST scheme recently relaunched by IWC - contact Helen Randall.	
	The Bikeshed is sponsoring Vectis Roads Cycle Club in order to promote racing events and facilitate the children being identified through the IWYCC. Sue reported that Mark Adams, British Cycling Federation's Regional Development Officer, is encouraging Vectis RCC to take younger members and Jeff's sponsorship will greatly assist.	
6.2	Nick Farthing (Sustrans)	
	Nick thanked Sue for her effort and the IWC for match-funding with Sustrans the Solent Middle School Safe Routes to School scheme which has extended NCN23 from Arctic Road to the school.	
6.3	Carol Flux (Isle of Wight Economic Partnership)	
	Carol reported that funding is being identified in partnership with Tim Slade (IWC, Rights of Way) to extend the path from Fairlee north to Island Harbour. Letters of support may be required from Forum members. Sue added that she is involved with the planned developments at Kingston (East Cowes) which should incorporate cycle paths and improvements from Island Harbour north.	
6.4	Matt Archer (IWC Road Safety)	
	Matt reported that the draft of the new Highway Code has been received. Sue reported that comments will be going to the DfT from ERCDT (Road Casualty Reduction South East Officers Cycling & Walking Sub-Group).	
6.5	Claire Whittington (IWC Events Team)	
	Claire seeks guidance regarding advice to participants in the Cycling Festival about wearing helmets etc. Sue agreed to help.	SC/CW
6.6	Steve Dines (IWYCC)	
	The IWYCC is now in it's second year and membership is growing, with children aged from 6 -14. Through liaising with Helen, workshops are being planned at schools (some along with The Bikeshed) and the Club is expanding. Sue reported that the British Cycling Federation is using the IWYCC as a model for development.	

6.7	Chris Wells (IWC Transport Policy)	
	Although the Cycling Promotion Officer (Sue) achieved the stretched targets and the IWC received the reward money, it was not paid to Transport Policy. Chris is working hard on behalf of Sue to secure sufficient funding to maintain her post, but asks the Forum not to lobby the IWC, and to continue to support Sue in her work as at present.	
6.8	Sue Cracknell (Cycling Promotion Officer)	
	There will be a second round of the Cycling Demonstration Towns scheme next year and Sue is hoping she will be in a position to put a bid forward for this, which would bring substantial funding and profile to the Island.	
6.9	Mr & Mrs Steggles (Cyclewright)	
	The following items were emailed to Sue prior to the meeting, and tabled by Cyclewright:-	
	1. Highway Code alterations - see item 6.4	
	2. Right to claim Restricted Byways as cycle routes where sufficient evidence of 20 years use - comments will be submitted to government via ERCDT.	SC
	3. Randonnee Map - see item 5.8	
	4. Cowes Circular Map - next meeting agenda item	SC/HS
	5. National Bike Week - see item 5.7	
	6. Cycling Festival; promote high visibility clothing and lights on 22 nd Sep - see item 6.5	
	7. Birmingham Road Contraflow - the CTC has rescinded support. There are still issues and whilst the original proposal has been withdrawn, the project remains ongoing.	SC
	8. Fishbourne Lane junction alterations (part of NCN22) - next meeting agenda item	SC/HS
	9. NCN23 Counter needs other side of Dodnor Lane - the monitoring methodology has been previously set up with Government Office South East (GOSE) and the Department for Transport (DfT) so cannot now be altered.	
	10. List of works required on NCN22 Newport to Ryde sent to Sue.	
7.	Date and time of next meeting	
	<i>Post meeting - 12th July 2006 at 1500 in Meeting Room 1, Enterprise House, Newport.</i>	