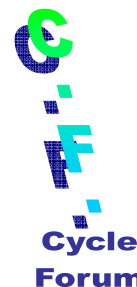


MINUTES FOR THE CYCLE FORUM

Held on Thursday 31st March 2005
At 16:00, Meeting room 1, Enterprise House



Present: Mark Deans (MD) – Isle of Wight Council
Andy Greenwood (AG) – Isle of Wight Council
Valerie Lawson (VL) – Cycle Wight
Sue Marshall (SM) – Chairman – Isle of Wight Council
Jeff Smith (JS) – The Bike Shed
David Vrba (DV) – The Bike Shed
Charlotte Westwood (CLW) – Isle of Wight Council
George Wilks (GW) – Sustrans

Apologies: Dawn Cooper – Isle of Wight Council
Nick Farthing - Sustrans
Martin Gibson – Island 2000 Trust
Martin Tigg – Sustrans
Lee Skinner – Isle of Wight Council
Chris Wells – Isle of Wight Council

Absent without Apologies: Development Control Representative
Road Safety Representative
Tourism Representative

Minutes

Actions

1. Introduction and Welcome

SM welcomed the group and apologies for the confusion over the starting time for the meeting.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (10th February 2005)

The minutes were agreed

3. Matters Arising

It was felt that most issues would be dealt with during the remainder of the agenda.

4. Budget 2005/06

SM explained that she was now administering the cycling budgets, therefore she would like to see a two to three year rolling programme of works to be undertaken.

SM proposed the following list for 2005/06 and invited comments:

- Change of use; remove barriers and improving signing at Spencer Road junction with Ladies Walk.
- Resurfacing and improved signing at Quarr Abbey
- Improvements to the road junction between Wootton Road and Fishbourn Lane
- Change of use, undertake resurfacing works and improve signage at Ash Lake Road

The group also suggested that the following scheme be added:

- Improvements to Belmont Lane
- Off road Cross Newport feasibility study by consultants

SM informed the group that temporary signage will be installed in Newport as a result of the development of Newport Bus Station.

The total cycling budget stands at £100,000, SM felt that the best use of this money was to develop route 22 within urban areas as a means of demonstrating a commitment to Sustrans. Some money will be spent on maintaining route 23 and Martin Tigg will be conducting a detailed review of the route.

SM said thank you to the Blackhouse Quay working party and suggested that GW and VL look at future projects for working parties.

**GW &
VL**

5. Reports:

Lee Skinner:

No report was submitted, however the Rights of Way Department are checking the signage for the Randonee and will be carrying out work at Horringford.

Sue Marshall:

Informed the group that Mark Deans, Chris Bartlett and herself had attend a cycling audit course at Austin University. It was hoped that following the course, cycling facilities would become an integral part of the design process. The information will be cascaded out through relevant sections.

Following a visit by the Directors of the Tour of Britain it is hoped that a stage of the event will be held on the Island in 2007. Ruth Jones is currently progressing this through the events committee.

SM also informed the group that cycle racks had been installed at 22 sites Islandwide.

Andy Greenwood:

Informed the group that the Newport Bus Station development will be commencing on 20th April, and that the works will last for 9 months. SM felt that she should check the cycle arrangements again.

SM

Keith Jolliff:

No report was submitted.

6. Children's Club

In Steve Dines absent there was nothing new to report

7. Bike to School Week

A competition was run for a school student to design a logo and JS donated a bike as a prize which went to a Right High student. Posters and other promotion material had been produced. A record card will be issued to students giving cycling tips. At the end of two weeks that cards will be entered into a lucky dip for £50 of HMV vouchers.

8 Responsible Cycling Leaflet (Retial)

JS presented the group with his proposal for a leaflet which would be hanging on all new bikes to encourage responsible cycling.

9 Maps and Routes

In the absence of a representative from Tourism it was decided that this item would be deferred to the next meeting. SM stated that she would write to Tourism regarding the situation.

SM

10 Sustrans

In Nick Farthing absence there was nothing new to be discussed.

11 Quiet Lanes

It was felt that further background information was required therefore this item was also deferred to the next meeting.

12 Any Other Business

It was felt that the closing of the Hayling Ferry would affect cycles ability to access the Island. SM agreed to speak to Nick Farthing on the subject.

SM

The group felt that the dog bin at the end of Route 23 where it meets Artic Road was far too small. SM agreed to investigate the possibility of providing a larger bin.

SM

13 Date & Time of Next Meeting

Wednesday 18th May at 15:30, in meeting room 1, Enterprise House, Newport.