

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waverley Cycle Forum 7th February 2017

Website: <http://cycleforum.org.uk/waverley/>

Present:

David Kirkham (DK)	Chair - Godalming Cycle Campaign
Richard McIlwraith (RI)	
Becky Willson (BW)	SCC Cycling Officer
Chris Meeks (CM)	Friends of the Earth, Waverley Group
Matthew Ellis (MTE)	WBC
Martin Archer (MA)	Godalming Cycle Campaign
Myra Newnes-Smith (MNS)	Witley Parish Council
David Moxon (DM)	Elstead
Cllr Richard Seaborne (RS)	WBC
Cllr Maurice Byham (MB)	WBC

Apologies

Tom Lankester	Transition Town Farnham
David Purkiss	
Ian Capon (IC)	Transition Town Farnham

1. Introductions

2. Review of Progress on tasks and Schemes

- Cranleigh Ewhurst Path – No representatives
- Scholars and Weyside Greenways, Farnham – Still various problems around the new premier inn including obstruction of the path. However route largely finished. Some discussion about how enforcement action is instigated. Cllr MB explained the process: mainly up to the vigilance of the local community or in this case, users of the route. Very challenging and resource intensive for Council officers to go round looking for issues unless very apparent.
- Elstead to Milford – DM gave update. Route moving slowly to reality through the Elstead and Weyburn Neighbourhood Plan. However will need also support from Witley PC as route goes through Milford. Will also need more funding through planning contributions to enable to get path to a decent condition along the whole of the route as. Presently, the condition varies. Should not need significant money to upgrade. MNS considers it also should allow access for the disabled. BW is currently liaising with SCC Rights of Way regarding this. SCC owns the common land and is managed by a trust.
- Broadwater Park – Broadwater Advisory group have involved Godalming Cycle Campaign. There has been progress particularly in routes around the park as well as links to cycle routes in the area. Have been working with WBC to achieve this and recognise importance of working with Guildford BC too to link into the routes.

- Dunsfold Aerodrome – need to consider potential routes to and from the new development approved at Dunsfold by Waverley Borough Council. There was discussion about the proposed access to the development. BW will be working with the developers to ensure that appropriate routes are considered and encourage increased movement to and from the sites by bicycles.

A general discussion followed about using cyclescape to update the information on routes.

3. Cycle Task Groups

CM asked how we get all the parties to move things on including the role of the Task groups and their engagement with local committees and how the planning process provides finance. There was a consensus that expectation had to be realistic. RS explained how the task groups worked and how parish councils can be involved with these

4. Consideration of Cycle Plan

BW was looking to collate all the different routes including proposed/desirable routes. This would need an update to the Waverley Cycle Plan Supplementary Planning Document. BW also demonstrated the new SCC Cycle Infrastructure Map found at <https://www.travelsmartsurrey.info/cycling/cycle-routes> and asked that members of the forum use the website to comment on routes including any comments on accuracy.

5. Effectiveness of Group

Following a short discussion to discuss the efficacy of the Forum all agreed that communication was key and therefore the role of the new SCC website was essential. Cyclescape had been sent to David Sharpington.

6. Election of new chairperson

DK regretted that due to work commitments (including commuting requirements) he was no longer able to continue as chair. Ideally, new chair needs to be arranged for next forum meeting. A short discussion followed about who would be suitable and whether the chair should alternate between representatives from different settlements. Also was it feasible to appoint a new chairperson annually. Nominations were requested. It was agreed that DK should approach TL.

7. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting to be held at the end of after SCC elections so that it coincided with Task Group meetings. End of June/ July on a Tues/Thurs considered most appropriate. TBC