

# Waverley Cycle Forum - 22/05/18

## Minutes

### In attendance:

Matthew Ellis	ME	Waverley Borough Council - Planning Policy
Cllr Richard Seaborne	RS	Waverley Borough Council - Busbridge, Bramley
Martyn Sandford	MS	Godalming Cycle Campaign
Chris Meeks	CM	Waverley Friends of the Earth
Beverley Weddell	BW	Clerk to Alfold Parish and Hascombe Parish
Cllr Ollie Purkiss	OP	Godalming Town Council
Thomas Lankester	TL	Farnham Transition Town
Chris Peck	CP	Chair

### Apologies

Cllr Angela Richardson - Cranleigh Parish Council - stepped down with replacement appointed  
Cllr David Nicholas - Cranleigh Parish Council  
Cllr Penny Rivers - Surrey County Council  
David Moxon - OpenMTB / Elstead  
Becky Willson - Surrey County Council  
David Kirkham - Godalming Cycle Campaign

### 1. Introductions

### 2. Minutes from 23/01/18

No comments.

### 3. Dunsfold Park / Cranleigh developments

CP is in correspondence with the developers of Dunsfold Park over their plans for improvements in the cycling conditions from the development site and Cranleigh and Dunsfold.

BW expressed the need for better links from the development site and Alfold.

Although there are plans for major changes to several junctions along the A281, very few improvements for cycling are being considered along this corridor.

CM urged that the opportunity not be missed to upgrade the Wey & Arun Canal towpath as part of the development. BW confirmed that this is taking place.

RS - will ask the Wey & Arun if they can attend the next meeting to explain their proposals for the Canal and how they might affect cycling.

RS - Downs Link: Bramley & Shalford have worked together to get volunteers (via Surrey Highways) to clear the vegetation along the Downs Link for four Sundays in a row, greatly improving the situation. BW has also got community payback to help routine maintenance.

#### **4. Godalming-Guildford Greenway**

RS explained that, with his support, Cllr Victoria Young, chair of Waverley Local Committee organised a meeting to discuss the Greenway with members of the Guildford Local Committee. Cllr Matt Furniss attended along with several Borough Councillors, and several Surrey County Council officers attended. This was a positive meeting and Becky Willson has been preparing a paper on the Greenway to present at the next Local Committee meetings.

Cllr Ollie Purkiss - Godalming Town Council is very supportive. CIL funding is seen as the main source of funding.

ME Examination of the Community Infrastructure Levy is imminent and the aim is to have it in place by the end of the year. This could be a source of fund

CM is still eager to track down where the s106 funding from the Key Site development. CP has spoken with Gayle Wootton and Anna Fulford (Waverley BC), and it seems that this funding has been collected and transferred to Surrey County Council. CM is awaiting a response from Richard Cooper from Surrey's Transport Development Planning team with regard to the status of the Key Site contribution.

RS urged to keep pursuing the matter with the relevant Councillors - Cllr Bolton, Cllr Follows (Waverley) and Cllr Penny Rivers (Surrey).

MS asked how do we get schemes included in developments from the outset?

OP and RS suggested that campaigners make sure that the Waverley Cllrs locally are aware of the needs. In the case of the Milford Bob Upton and Denis Leigh -

29th June Waverley Local Committee - Frank Apicella will be presenting the Guildford Godalming Greenway. Support from members of the Waverley Cycle Forum (both in terms of questions and being there in person), would be helpful.

Similarly, Becky Willson will be presenting the Guildford Godalming Greenway proposal to the Guildford Local Committee on the 13th June.

#### **5. Other area schemes**

Haslemere - no updates have been received.

Farnham - TL asked whether the Brightwells development would be contributing to the improvement of the National Cycle Network Route which runs through the town centre next to the site. This needs a resurfacing and road crossings.

RS - Brightwells is now starting, and recommended contacting the local members for Farnham. CP agreed to look in more detail at the Brightwells development.

## **6. Waverley Cycle Plan**

ME provided an update on the Waverley Local Plan Part 2, which will provide more detailed site allocations for the various settlements. Amount of housing has been agreed for each settlement as part of LP Part 1, this provides greater detail on the sites themselves. This will give members of the Forum the opportunity to input into the need for improved cycling infrastructure to these sites.

Consultation on LP Part 2 starts on 25/5/18.

In addition to the LP Part 2, it is crucial to stay involved with the Neighbourhood Planning (NP) process, as these will also decide on site locations, and have influence over the funding priorities that will be coming out of the Community Infrastructure Levy (in place by the end of 2018.) Alfold is just starting to prepare its NP. David Moxon is closely involved in the Elstead NP, and members of the Godalming Cycle Campaign contributed to various aspects of the emerging Godalming NP.

## **7. Waverley Cycle Forum summer visit**

CP is in discussion with Dunsfold Park regarding their support for an inspection of the routes to and from the development. If a suitable date can be found for a ride/tour, this will be circulated to Waverley Cycle Forum members.

## **8. AOB**

MS suggested that the Forum should plan a network of Greenways throughout the Borough, and at least start with a map of the existing routes. The group felt that this would be a good idea.

CP has produced a map of projects, included completed schemes and proposed projects on the Forum website: <http://cycleforum.org.uk/waverley/node/119>

ME mentioned that there is an opportunity to update the SPD, and this could set out a wider network of routes. For this to have weight it would need to be consulted upon and this needs the Forum.

BW: Many rural areas suffer from a lack of safe conditions, as traffic speeds are too high for most people to consider cycling.

CP - Becky Willson reports that "the Surrey Hills AONB, with Kieran Foster from Cycling UK, have developed a package called 'Cycle Surrey Hills' and some of this is on routes identified by the cycle plan. It's five circular leisure routes in rural areas. Unfortunately it isn't upgrading any routes

but it is providing improved signage and mapping to help more people use them. This is being officially launched on 8 June at Devil's punchbowl."

### **Next meeting**

Tuesday 30th October, 18.30.