

Waverley Cycle Forum - 7/5/19

Minutes

In attendance:

Thomas Lankester	TL	Farnham Transition Town
Richard McIlwraith	RM	Godalming Cycle Campaign
Chris Meeks	CM	Waverley Friends of the Earth
David Moxon	DM	Elstead / Open MTB
Cllr Richard Seaborne	RS	Bramley, Busbridge & Hascombe
Chris Peck	CP	Chair

Apologies

Cllr Nikki Barton - Surrey County Council (Haslemere)
Cllr Penny Rivers - Surrey County Council / Waverley Borough Council
Margaret Darvill - Wey and Arun Canal Trust
Harry Noyes - Alfold Resident
Matthew Ellis - Waverley Borough Council Planning

1. Introductions

Apologies noted. CM was suggested that, in addition to Cllr Seaborne, invitations should go to the new intake of Councillors.

2. Minutes from 22/01/19

Agreed.

3. Annual Report 2018/19

This summarises the activities of the Forum over the last year, with a focus on three areas: links to Rushmoor from Farnham/Badshot Lea; links from the proposed development at Dunsfold Park and the Guildford-Godalming Greenway.

4. Proposed improvements to routes from Dunsfold Park to Cranleigh

Harry Noyes and CP have prepared a paper summarising the concerns with the original proposed routes from Dunsfold Park. With the likely change in design to place the access road at the eastern end of the runway, a more direct route to Cranleigh can be achieved following the course of the Wey and Arun Canal north and linking into paths at the new development site at West Cranleigh Nurseries. This would give a shorter, flatter, traffic-free route. The details are set out in a paper circulated and available on the forum website:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=15AkNhUcqUBIJYB8xCfXHq9nRNOJTcgm5>

5. Farnham

TL has been in touch with Farnham town councillor George Hesse who is analysing where s106 money has gone locally.

The East Street development is proceeding based on plans submitted in 2008. Design for walking and cycling has moved on since then, but these plans have not kept pace.

Opportunities have been missed in Farnham to join up several major routes that pass through or finish in Farnham, such as the North Downs Way, St Swithun's Way, NCN22, Greensand Way and the Blackwater Valley Path.

Previously TL had put together a proposal for a 'Farnham Active Sustainable Travel' (FAST) network which could be developed into a scheme ready for funding.

* TL to look at FAST proposal and explore options for future funding.

6. Godalming-Guildford Greenway

Since the previous meeting Surrey County Council (SCC) have obtained funding from Highways England for a feasibility study for the Guildford-Godalming Greenway route. SCC have conducted a ride-along with engineers and local campaign groups, as well as a workshop to scope scheme objectives with officers from Guildford Borough Council. The consultant who will conduct the study will likely be appointed shortly. The funding will be available until March 2020.

Martyn Sandford (Godalming Cycle Campaign) and CP will continue to be involved as stakeholders in the study.

Website: <http://www.guildfordgodalminggreenway.com/>

7. Other oral updates

DM - progress reasonable on the Elstead to Milford (Rodborough School) route. Some bridleway surfaces have recently been improved at Royal Common/Thursley Common.

8. AOB

RS - Waverley now has an online resource for monitoring S106 contributions:

<http://pfm.exacom.co.uk/waverley/index.php>

This gives details on each S106 / CIL contribution.

CP noted that the Guildford-Godalming Greenway feasibility study was funded by Highways England through the Designated Funds programme. Anyone can apply for this fund (so long as they own the land) and this might be a potential source of funding for TL's FAST proposal in Farnham.

DM suggested that another quick win might be designating the footway adjacent to the A3 between Thursley and Milford as a cycle route (part of this is already shared use). This would make a traffic-free (although not quiet!) cycle route from Milford to Hindhead.

Next meeting

23rd July 2019, 18:30.