

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waverley Cycle Forum 25th October 2012

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

Present:

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| David Moxon (DM) | Chair |
| Chris Meeks (CM) | Friends of the Earth, Waverley Group |
| David Kirkham (DK) | Godalming Cycle Campaign |
| Thomas Lankester (TL) | Transition Town Farnham |
| Jenny Barnes (JBn) | Co-opted member |
| Maurice Byham (MB) | Waverley Councillor |
| David Munro (Cllr DM) | SCC Councillor |
| Jane Bowden (JB) | Waverley Borough Council |
| Chris Peck (CP) | CTC |
| Paul Megson (PM) | Haslemere rep |
| Paul Fishwick (PF) | SCC |
| Ian Capon (IC) | My BikeStation Ltd |

Apologies for Absence

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| Myra Newnes-Smith (MNS) | Witley Parish Council |
| Ralph Holmes (RH) | Cranleigh Initiative |
| Diane James (DJ) | Waverley Councillor |
| Paul Robinson (PR) | Godalming Town Council Councillor |

Review of Progress on Tasks & Schemes prioritised for 2012/13

Godalming Marshall Road – work deferred by SCC to 2013/14 because outstanding dedication of highway & The Ramblers consultation still needed & if money not spent this year it would be lost. An undertaking had been given that the scheme would be treated as a priority for next year.

Action: DM to write to SCC to see what needed to be done to ensure that the dedication of the Jewsons land took place in good time and to check the procedures for consulting Ramblers.

Cattershall Lane/Wharf Street toucan crossing – no progress, approved as part of the Key site.

Godalming High Street contraflow – Peter Martin & Steve Cosser are concerned about this scheme, but Steve Cosser did offer to have a meeting with Forum members to better understand the issues. The forum was frustrated that there are many contraflow schemes eg City of London, Brighton & Woking that shows this can work, and it is low cost only requiring signing at both ends.

Action: DM to write to Steve Cosser to explain more of the background and press the case for an experiment as suggested by the Inspector in 2001.

Linden Homes development – this is a large development more than a mile from the town centre where improvements to the cycling or walking network is

needed if non-car commuting is to be encouraged. Determination has been deferred by the planning committee due to concerns about the loss of commercial space.

Milford Hospital development – planning application registered.

Cranleigh/Ewhurst cycle path, Swallow Tiles development – A survey of the proposed route, funded by Ewhurst Parish Council and SCC, was completed earlier in the year and since then there have been negotiations with landowners. There is no further information on progress. £75k has been set aside by the Swallow Tiles development. The total cost is likely to exceed £100k though there is as yet no detailed estimate. It is still hoped that the scheme could be included in next year's programme but it seems that much depends on the outcome of negotiations.

Action: DM to contact Cllr Alan Young to check progress.

Shared use cycle route north of Cranleigh High Street & central Cranleigh – application has been made to redevelop the school which would enable the scheme to go ahead. It has widespread support.

Scholars Greenway – officially opened though exceptionally wet weather stopped cycle ride. WBC cleared the vegetation but SCC have not re-aligned the signs. Crossing of Castle Street still to be implemented due to consultation on the conservation area and some opposition to build-outs. This means the route will not get finalised before 2013/14.

Weyside Greenway - David Munro has been chasing up the moving of the fence. Thomas Lankester & Ian Capon are taking Jeremy Hunt on a cycle ride. David Munro & Sustrans rep to also attend.

Milford to Thursley cycle routes – David Moxon has approached NT's Paul Redsell about proposal for a cycle route between Milford and Thursley, across Witley Common using permissive bridleways. This would only require simple signing with roundels and minor upgrading of some sections of the route.

Action: DM to negotiate with potential partners on advice of NT.

On the western side the cycle route alongside the A3 fizzles out a mile or so north of the Thursley junction but there is then a good footpath alongside the A3 as far as the pedestrian tunnel under the A3 near Rodborough Common. This path is rarely used by pedestrians and has potential as a shared route subject to vegetation clearance.

Action: DM to make enquiries of SCC

Website development – Ian Capon is trying to get together with Alex McCalden (who is happy to continue with the technical side) to discuss the future approach. Ian will be looking for volunteers to take responsibility for certain areas. There is an opportunity to seize on the enthusiasm for cycling post Olympics.

Bikes on Buses – many buses have low usage so encouraging bikes on buses could help with passenger numbers eg links to the South Downs National Park from transport hubs.

Local Sustainable Transport Fund, Two Parks Project – Paul Fishwick presented a scheme of a Haslemere Gateway to get people into the National Park by walking, bus & cycling. Walking route between Haslemere & Liphook stations using the Serpent Trail. Circular cycling routes from Haslemere station using quiet roads, for which they have £3K for signing. Also a route through the town centre using Petworth Road and bridleways on the Serpent Trail for which 250m section needs significant work which will hopefully be carried out in 2013/14.

Cycle Parking in Haslemere – Better provision is needed at Haslemere station and in the centre of town.

Action: PM to speak to PF about cycle schemes. DM to write to Steve Renshaw confirming the Forum's support.

Revision of Waverley Cycle Plan – It was felt that the point had been reached where the existing 2005 Plan needs updating as much has changed in the meantime. The plan needs to tie in with LTP3 but the forum has not yet seen the LTP3 Cycling Strategy to ensure that Waverley's plan is fully consistent with SCC's strategy.. A revised draft version is on the cycling forum website though this, too, is now dated in some respects.

Action: DM to find out what has happened to the Cycling Strategy in the first instance.

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Bramley Parish Council has reported a substantial increase of inconsiderate cyclists on the Downs Link, cycling too fast and not calling out or using bells to alert pedestrians. Signs were suggested but often these are ignored by the inconsiderate cyclists.

Action: JB to speak to SCC rights of way officer about signs.

North Downs Way Strategy Officer has been recruited for a year post. He is looking at a new start to the national trail in Farnham. Not all of the route can be cycled and he is interested in any comments on making it more of a cycle route.

Action: All contact alex.goodey@surreycc.gov.uk with any ideas.

12. Date of Next Meetings

Wednesday 23 January 2013 at 6.30. Note that this meeting will include voting in a new chairman. Please consider nominations and pass them to David Moxon.