

Minutes of Waverley Cycling Forum meeting on 12 April 2012

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

Present:

David Moxon (DM)	Chair
Chris Meeks (CM)	Friends of the Earth, Waverley Group
David Kirkham (DK)	Godalming Cycling Campaign
Thomas Lankester (TL)	Transition Town Farnham
Ralf Holmes (RH)	Cranleigh Initiative
Paul Robinson (PR)	Godalming Town Councillor
Jenny Barnes (JBn)	Co-opted member Godalming
Chris Peck (CP)	CTC
Ian Capon (IC)	My Bike Station
David Munro (DM)	SCC Councillor
Ken Reed (KR)	Cranleigh Parish Council
Diane James (DJ)	Waverley Councillor Ewhurst
Maurice Byham (MB)	Waverley Councillor Bramley

Apologies:

Roger & Myra Newnes-Smith
Alan Fordham
Paul Megson

Cranleigh/Ewhurst Cycle Path

Survey was completed but it is understood the landowners are not willing to give permission (to be confirmed by Ewhurst PC). This means the feasibility of the whole scheme is uncertain. The developers for Swallow Tiles have offered £75,000 towards the cost of the scheme, however total costs are not known by the Forum. Need to look again at the width of the highway verge to see if this could provide a solution.

Action: DM to seek confirmation from Richard Cleaves on response from landowners. DJ to send DM the email trail from John Hilder re scheme costs & ask highways to see if highway verge could be made suitable.

Link from Swallow Tiles development to Cranleigh

Cycle path through ancient woodland has been reduced to 2m & a barrier is needed to stop cyclists shooting out onto Wanborough Lane.

Central Cranleigh Shared Use Path

RH has found a lot of support for this potential scheme if the primary school development goes ahead. Alan Young is supportive and it may not need public funds as it could be part of the development plan.

Action: add to priority list to keep an eye on development.

Marshall Road Farncombe-Godalming Link

Good progress has been made. The work has been approved by SCC local committee & the funding allocated for it to be done in 2012/13 programme. Steve Cosser is to be thanked for his actions. Jewsons have started to cut back vegetation. It has been suggested that SCC would be the right authority to take on ownership of the strip of land donated by Jewsons.

Action: PR to contact Steve Cosser on legal ownership issues.

Godalming Key Site

The developers seem to have taken on board the proposal for an advance stop line on Flambard way with access to Cattershall lane.

Action: DK to look at new plans

Draft Annual Report

All happy with format.

Action: TL to add more information on progress on Scholars Greenway & S106 money for Weyside Greenway.

DM to amend the Report in the light of discussion on priorities then talk to Matthew Ellis on where/to whom report should go to in WBC.

DM to copy it to Local Area Committee via David North & circulate to parish council clerks.

Priorities for Coming Year

Keep an eye on S106 gains for cycling from new Linden Homes development on the industrial site Cattershall Lane to River Wey.

Milford Hospital Development, potential S106 gain for new cycle route link to Portsmouth Road & bus route through upgrading footpath (subject to survey of topography), in addition to improvement to footpath to provide cycle route link to Milford Station.

Action: Forum to submit proposals to WBC planning.

Contraflow Cycling Godalming High Street.

This could be achieved cheaply on the ground with just signs at both ends, in addition to sorting out legal issues. However there is little support from SCC highways even though the planning inspector recommended more than 10 years ago that an extended trial should be carried out. This needs to go to the Local Area Committee/Godalming traffic task group for consideration and a safety assessment needs to be done by SCC (alternative route down Flambards Way deters would-be cyclists on safety grounds).

Action: Cycling Forum to set up a sub-group & invite Peter Martin & Steve Cosser from SCC to an informal meeting to discuss how to take forward the inspector's recommendations.

Ewhurst Ockley Rd to Mapledrakes

Old carriageway could be very suitable for cyclists. Some owners have extended their gardens and encroached onto the route, but no action is being taken as SCC don't think they have any responsibility. Ownership needs to be established.

Cranleigh High Street

Potential cycle route on pavements on north side of high Street alongside common. This is only lightly used by pedestrians, it would need shared use legal status & some drop kerbs to provide a very good alternative to cycling on the busy road.

Bedlow Lane Cranleigh

This is a footpath that currently has cycle route signs. SCC rights of way had wanted to take down the signs because it is not legally a cycle route, but it does provide a very good off road cycle link to Park Mead and there is no need to disturb the present arrangement

Hindhead Common/NT land potential permissive cycle network

Paul Megson has taken a keen interest in this. A3 slip road from Thursley provides a good link to Hindhead. Following initial encouragement, NT will be approached to discuss the possibility of a signed route across Witley Common to provide a traffic-free route to Thursley from the north
Action: DM & PM to provide a suggested route for NT to consider.

Cycling Forum Website

Those leading projects should be encouraged to sign up for editing rights so they can upload progress items onto the website directly and spread the load. Whilst there are arguably some advantages in having one person editing/authorising items, nobody has the time.

Action: IC offered to look at website & make suggestions so they can be shared by email including Alec McCalden who designed the website but is now located in Holland. Item for next meeting.

20s Plenty Initiative

CP has been involved with this in Godalming & surrounding villages & there is a lot of support from locals, schools and some businesses. There is good evidence that lower speeds, particularly in residential areas, encourages cycling as people feel safer. However, SCC highways are ambivalent & there was some concern that whilst the Forum should be supporting lower traffic speeds alongside other measures which could encourage cycling it should not automatically align itself with `20's Plenty` initiative. There is also a need to ensure new developments `design in` lower traffic speeds & cyclist/pedestrian priority.

Action: DM to reword priority to reflect the discussion.

Bikes on Buses

Some members of the Forum felt they could not support this as a priority & also SCC bus consultation now finished.

Action: Change priority to research how bus on bike schemes have worked elsewhere & cycle parking at bus stops CP & IC happy to do this research.

Hankley Common Access Campaign

MOD has now made a concession that bikes can continue to use many of the paths & tracks which are not formal rights of way.

AOB

My Bike Station is involved in schemes such as `Boris Bikes` but looking at rural town environments such as Farnham. Can now use the mobile network to control bike loan schemes.

CM would like feedback on new speed cushions in Cattershall Lane.

TL is planning a launch for the Scholars Greenway.

Date of Next meeting: 19 July

Agenda Items:

CIL update from Matthew Ellis

Website feedback CL & others