

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Waverley Cycle Forum  
13 January 2009**

**Present:**

Roger Newnes-Smith (RN-S)  
Thomas Lankester (TL)  
Alec McCalden (AMc)  
Chris Meeks (CM)  
Ralph Holmes (RH)  
Jane Bowden (JB)  
Jenny Barnes (JBn)

Witley Parish Council  
Cycle Rights Network (Farnham)  
Godalming Cycle Campaign  
Friends of the Earth  
Cranleigh Initiative  
Waverley Borough Council  
Godalming Town Council

**1. Apologies for absence**

Maurice Byham (MB)  
Alan Fordham (AF)  
David Moxon (DM)  
Roland Seber (RS)

WBC Councillor  
SCC Cycling Officer  
Voluntary Cycling Coordinator  
Chairman – Godalming Cycle Campaign

NB Alec McCalden stood in as chairman in Roland Seber's absence.

**2. Election of Chairman**

No nominations received, agreed election to be delayed until April meeting. Nominations to be sought again.

**3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

Section 8 Cycle racks at Secretts – RN-S reported that Secretts have been very helpful and plan to put in cycle racks at the farm shop and garden centre. Witley Parish Council have also suggested as part of Waverley's parking strategy that cycle racks are required at Milford Heath Crossroads car park.

Broadwater Park – JBn reported a section of the first entrance speed bumps had been removed which has helped.

Cranleigh Cycle Routes – SCC has carried out a safety audit but SCC has not provided copies to RH. This scheme has been delayed more than 3 years. **(Action JH)**

Scholars Ride – TL reported that Pat Frost has had reassurance this scheme will be implemented but no plans have been seen. **(Action JH)**

Kimbers Lane and the Guildford Road Trading Estate. TL was referred to Ailsa Rhodes in Waverley estates department.

There was no report on following actions, because no representative was present from Surrey County Council. These items are to be held over to the April meeting:-

Weydon Lane Bridge – TL said some issues that were raised had not been included in the safety audit. TL had also responded to the audit, but not received a response from SCC. JH agreed to check the position with regard to the safety audit and to check the "loops" for the traffic lights. **(Action JH)**.

Mousehill Lane – JH acknowledged the problem of cyclists not being able to turn right out of Mousehill Lane.

Brighton Road – GP gave JH and RS a map showing the location of the derelict fencing. JH and RS will follow this up. **(Action JH/RS)**. AM also commented on the speed cushions in Brighton Road. The problem had been that the roadside bank had encroached, resulting in the gap for cyclists being narrowed. JH thought that the bank has been cut back to improve the situation. JH will double-check. **(Action JH)**

Catteshall Lane – JH reported that some speed cushions were due to go in and that he has been chasing the developers to install the agreed traffic calming. He said that the matter is now in the hands of the SCC legal team.

Summers Road – JH has asked the surveyor to look at this and check that the speed cushions comply with the specification. He said that if they are too far apart then cars can go down the middle of the road to avoid them. AM said that the recommended gap from the kerb to the speed cushion is 0.8 –1 metre. JH asked for comments on the idea of removing them completely. The general response was one of concern about the volume of traffic using the road, including those accessing the school, and the safety concerns if they were removed completely.

A31 crossing, JH said that the idea was to put in a controlled crossing with a safe refuge etc. The Local Committee decided not to put in signals this year, due to cost constraints. However, some preliminary works have taken place to make the crossing safe, pending the installation of the traffic lights. JH said that there were some issues regarding the standard of work carried out to date and that he will get the contractor to put this right. **(Action JH)**

#### **4. Surrey County Council update**

No report as no representative present. The Forum expressed their disappointment that SSC had not attended or sent a report.

#### **5. Voluntary Cycling Coordinator**

David Moxon was not able to attend due to illness. Due to other commitments he has regrettably resigned this post. The Forum thanked him for his time and his efforts in identifying priorities and ways forward. Whilst representatives will be taking action in their own areas the Forum considered this role as very important in coordinating action and ensuring communication. Alex McCalden was prepared to have a try at continuing the voluntary coordinator role. **(Action AMc)**

#### **6. Action Plan Update**

AMc agreed to put David Moxon's list of schemes into geographical groupings to tie in with the local committees. To review progress of Action Plan at the April meeting. **(Action AMc)**.

#### **7. Waverley BC Update**

Local Development Framework – WBC will be carrying out a consultation in Jan/Feb on some options on the key issues that the LDF Core Strategy will need to address, eg inviting comments on the broad options for where new housing will go and WBC policies on affordable housing. WBC has produced a draft Settlement Hierarchy, looking at the range of services in towns and villages and placed all the settlements into a hierarchy that indicates how sustainable they are. This will help in making choices about where development should go. Contacts for more information are Jennie Falconer or Matthew Ellis.

East Street - Matthew Evans and Elizabeth Sims are leading on this. There has been a resolution to permit the scheme but the legal agreement is still not finalised.

Godalming Key site - last planning application was turned down on appeal, its is not known whether a new application is likely. Elizabeth or Matthew Evans are the best contacts.

Dunstable Park. Public Inquiry in relation to the planning application for the major development on this site is due to take place in March. Paul Falconer is the main case officer for WBC.

CM – felt WBC should be more proactive in getting planning gain for cycling. TL wanted to know how the new S106 unified levy will be allocated to non motorised users (**Action GP**)

## **8. Local roundup**

Cranleigh – TRO on Byway 395. RH to draft letter from Forum to support TRO, TL to circulate it on the Forum e-mail to get sign off (**Action RH/TL**)

There is money for a Cranleigh Cycle Scheme, Andrew Povey has been a key figure in designing it but it has not been implemented by traffic engineers.

Dunsfold Park. RH put in an objection to the planning application about the need to restore links lost by the airfield creation and that cycle routes should be dedicated not permissive. TL queried if canal link cut by the A281 was to be restored. RH to check (**Action RH**). RH confirmed that an electric train link along Downs Link was not included in planning application.

Farnham – TL is concerned that there is funding for some schemes but plans are not shown to the cycling groups to sign off eg A31 crossing and Scholars Ride. On the positive side TL reported a successful joint meeting with the new Farnham Transition Town Initiative that produced a Farnham priority list to go to the local committee. Moving towards looking at non motorised users (incl pedestrians and wheelchairs users) not just cyclists. Open street map is a web based system that can help with producing cycling route maps.

Witley – a `Safe Routes to School`, Elsted to Rodborough route is proposed across Rodborough Common and Lower Mousehill Lane. RNS to speak to David Moxon who is following this up (**Action RNS**)

Godalming – AMc visited Farncombe/Binscombe/Godalming area with Alan Fordham to identify sites for cycle racks such as the Doctor's surgery. Stands now installed. Marshall Road. Pressure from AMc, Jeremy Hunt, Sustrans and SCC resulted in a Jewson's representative visiting the site. There is not enough room, due to residential parking, to create a route on road, but the path could be widened by clearing scrub and moving fence. JBn offered to explore getting support from Godalming Town Council. TL suggested letter of support from cycling forum (**Action JBn/AMc**) Brighton Road. AMc is chasing JH about moving speed cushions to allow sufficient width for cyclists. JH has suggested cutting back bank & vegetation. A public question to the Local Committee (Waverley) about the implementation of the Waverley Cycling Plan was just passed back to the borough. This is not helpful as most of the schemes require SCC funds to implement them. JBn will raise this at a multi-disciplinary meeting (**Action JBn**).

AMc attended Transport Seminar in Leatherhead. There is a synergy between transition towns, cycle provision, Godalming lottery, strengthening of the Chamber of Commerce, Godalming Healthcheck which should bring results. TL pointed out that running out of oil is another driver so that cycling becomes a key part of the transport strategy.

## **9. Any other business**

RNS mentioned a new scam with padlocks, where a super padlock is put on so the bike cannot be removed and thieves come back later to remove parts or the whole of the bike. Action is to call Police immediately.

Any cycling items for Waverley's magazine Making Waves should be sent to Julie Jackson in Communications. A new magazine Ecothos may be interested in local items.

JBn has to report back to Godalming Town Council on her involvement with the cycling forum. She will share the priority list and raise the Transition Towns/Healthcheck issues.

#### **10. Dates of next meetings**

**Note:** next meeting is now Tuesday 28th April 2009 (not the 21<sup>st</sup>)

Tuesday 21 July

Future items – How new technology can help the Forum's work.