

# WAVERLEY CYCLE FORUM MEETING

## Minutes Wednesday 17th March 2010

### Present

David Moxon (DM)  
Jane Bowden (JB)  
Roger Newnes-Smith (RN-S)  
Myra Newnes-Smith (MN-S)  
Maurice Byham (MB)  
Thomas Lankester (TL)  
Alec McCalden (AM)

Chris Meeks (CM)  
Roland Seber (RS)  
Ron Billard (RB)  
Bernard Williams (BW)  
Jenny Barnes (JB)  
David Munro (DMu)  
Ralf Holmes (RH)

Chairman  
Waverley Borough Council  
Witley Parish Council  
Witley Parish Council  
WBC Councillor  
Farnham Cycle Rights  
Voluntary Cycling Coordinator  
& Godalming Cycle Campaign  
Friends of the Earth  
Godalming Cycle Campaign  
Mole Valley Cycling Forum  
Busbridge Parish Council  
Godalming Town Councillor  
Surrey County Councillor  
Cranleigh Initiative

### 1. Apologies:

Alan Fordham (AF)  
Peter Jeans (PJ)  
Diane James (DJ)

SCC Cycling Officer  
Cycle Rights Network  
Waverley Borough Councillor

### 2. Hindhead Tunnel

Caroline White has reported that Balfour Beatty have raised a H&S issue over the proposal for a sponsored cycle ride through the tunnel before it opens to traffic. DMu pointed out that Jeremy Hunt has been given permission for a charity run through the tunnel so this should have set a precedent. **[Action: DM to follow up with Caroline White]**

### 3. Hydestile Milford cycle route

Tuesley Farm have constructed and signed a new community path which is suitable for cycling. Grass path surface may be a problem in wet weather – this is the landowner's responsibility. Exit at Hydestile could be better and also where the path drops down at the Milford end where traffic and cyclist needs to be slowed down. Shared use cycle/pedestrian signs are needed at each end of the path (James Taylor SCC could supply discs). The footway from the hospital to station needs to be wider, a volunteer task (eg. using Sustans volunteers) to clear grass from path edges should help.

Forum is concerned that Waverley planning did not consult the Forum on the cycling elements of this section 106. **[Action: JB to raise this with planning].**

### 4. Waverley Cycle Plan

Farnham Greenways – Scholars Greenway, TL approached Pat Frost to find out what happened to the money for signing. Symbol requires approval from DoT, Transition Towns did the necessary design work & submitted them to DoT but they could only accept an application from a highway authority. TL to send designs to John Hilder. **[Action: DM to follow up progress with SCC highways].**

Weyside Way NC22, problem with getting link from Guildford Rd trading estate to riverside. Need to widen path close to Waverley Training Services, which could be achieved by removing wide hedge. TL has approached lessee but they do not want to lose the hedge because of security concerns. It was suggested replacing with a close boarded fence might solve the problem – there is money to pay for work. **[Action** TL to go back to lessee]

Godalming/Farncombe link via Marshall Road, Still waiting for confirmation from Jewsons that they are prepared to allow their land to be used for path widening. A lease is being negotiated for the Network Rail section. Estimated cost of whole scheme is £70-80k, it may be a problem to find this through highways with tight budgets, s106 & healthcheck may be able to assist. Sustrans volunteers could help with scrub clearance. **[Action:** AMc to contact Steve Cosser to get support through highways task group. TL to supply contact for Sustrans volunteers].

Meadow Cycle Lane Scheme, markings have not been reinstated since road resurfaced. **[Action:** CM to report this as a defect on SCC website problem reporting system]

Planned cycle facilities in Hindhead redevelopment, SCC have proposed a scheme that involves 16 cyclists dismount signs. AMc has suggested changes, using national practice, to reduce the need for cyclists dismount (details on Cycle Forum website). **[Action:** DM & AMc to follow this up with Alan Fordham and Caroline White].

Cranleigh/Ewhurst improvements, no update **[Action:** RH to chase up]

## 5. Report from Alec McCalden

It would be helpful in progressing schemes, getting the maximum cycling benefits and tapping in to local knowledge if the volunteer cycling coordinator was the 1<sup>st</sup> point of contact for Waverley planning dept. for cycling issues. **[Action:** JB to highlight this to planning].

Cycling Forum website is up & running thanks to Alec's hard work. All reps encouraged to sign up (go to 'contact us') then they will be able to enter and edit their own information and leave comments.

## 6. Further matters arising from minutes of the meeting on 13 October 2009 - None

## 7. Discussion of Active Transport Strategy (Department for Transport , Feb 2010)

A document good on words, but it will all depend on its implementation. See DOT website for full document. Problem is the impact of the next spending review and the available resources to implement it at the local level. The cycle forum needs to input into LTP3. **[Action:** DM to find out timescale for LTP3 & how cycle forum can be involved]

## 8. Any other business

National Bike week 19 – 27 June.

9. Dates of future meetings and items/speakers

**27th April meeting cancelled. Next meeting date to be fixed to tie in with LTPs timetable – Thursday 3 June.**

Invite SCC rep on LTPs

PCT rep responsible for active travel [Peter Jeans may be able to help with contact]

*More details about some of the above topics can be found on the Waverley Cycle Forum website*