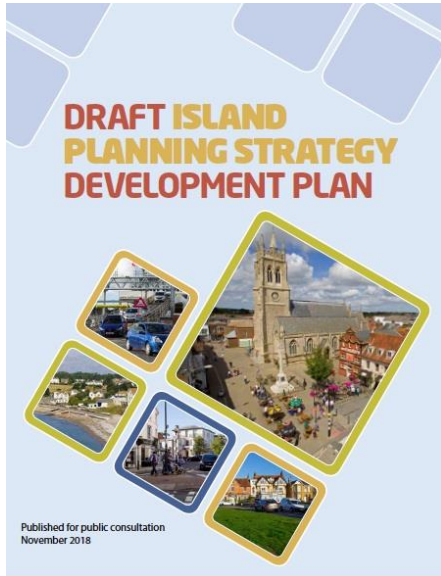




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Draft Island Plan

This will be the most important event of the year. Please become involved.



The Island Planning Strategy is out for consultation. This will provide the legal framework for the shape of the Island as a place to live. It is essential that cycling (and walking) be represented as prominently as possible if we wish to see a more cycle friendly place to live.

It is not a quick process to comment but please do make the time to make a submission. On the last page of the newsletter are our guidelines of what to write.

There is a lot to commend in the document so please write in support of the good points as well as highlight areas that are not there or need strengthening.

The relevant address is. <https://iow-consult.objective.co.uk/common/register.jsp?ty=pe=consultee>

It is also possible to "Meet the Planners" at 30 High Street, Newport to discuss the Island Planning Strategy. They are there every Tuesday up to the closing date of the consultation for people to ask questions, seek clarity etc. Several CW members have already been and found it a very worthwhile experience.

The closing date of the consultation is 25th Feb at 12.00

AGM Report

The AGM was well attended - over 40 people. Tim Thorne, Chair, gave a presentation on the variety of work carried out by the group over the last year. Some of the highs were winning a grant from the Access Fund and more meetings with Island Roads; and the lows the poor design of St Mary's junction and still unnecessary barriers on paths. Tim gave thanks to Colin Boon who has been treasurer to CW for 25 years but has decided to hang up his ledger.

There were a variety of guest speakers. Chris Ashman, the Director of Regeneration, spoke about the plans for the Island. It was good to hear that active travel (sustainable) is an important part of the plans. He outlined the philosophy behind his work and then concentrated on the areas the group would be interested; infrastructure and development of certain areas. People Powered provided two speakers. Will Ainsley spoke of the pilot project for cargo bikes on the Island and Martin Gibson about the permeability study of Newport that was commissioned by CycleWight. Finally Sue Bailey gave a presentation on Re-cycle Bikes for Africa. This project has been supported by several CW members in the past but there is always a need for more.

The following officers were elected. Tim Thorne Chair, Alec Lawson Secretary, and Jess Garbett Treasurer.

As per usual the raffle was a great success. A big thanks to all the members who donated a prize.

A summary of 2018 CW activities.

- 3 x meetings with Island Roads
- 3 x presentations on the permeability study
- 4 x meetings with individual Councillors
- Advisor at Visit IoW event
- Meeting with Regeneration Director
- Attended Access Fund meetings
- Attended Sustrans presentation on NCN on the Island
- Commented on Island Plan
- Display at Hullabaloo, Riverfest, Cycle Fest
- Commented on 12 planning applications

Travel Innovation Grant

Last year CycleWight received a grant for a project called Paths for All. It set out to identify paths that may be suitable to become bridle paths to allow cycling. The project is going well. With the deadline of the project in sight, the end of March, nearly all the paths have been surveyed.

The next stage of the process, which has begun, is to identify the most suitable paths and to understand what would need to be done in each case for there to be a change in designation. In some cases there may well be a need for some engineering work to be carried out. If this is the case we will be seeking to identify funding to assist in the change of status.

Active Travel Officers

“Have you got a passion for green, clean sustainable travel?” Isle of Wight Council are looking for two highly motivated, professional and committed Active Travel Officers to join the externally funded Transforming Travel on the Isle of Wight programme.

These exciting roles will be responsible for leading the delivery of activities promoting walking, cycling and public transport for journeys to and from work and business and will build and maintain positive relationships with Island businesses, employees and job seekers.

For further information or an informal discussion please contact Chris Gregory on 07896415909.

You can view the job advert and apply from the Council web site.

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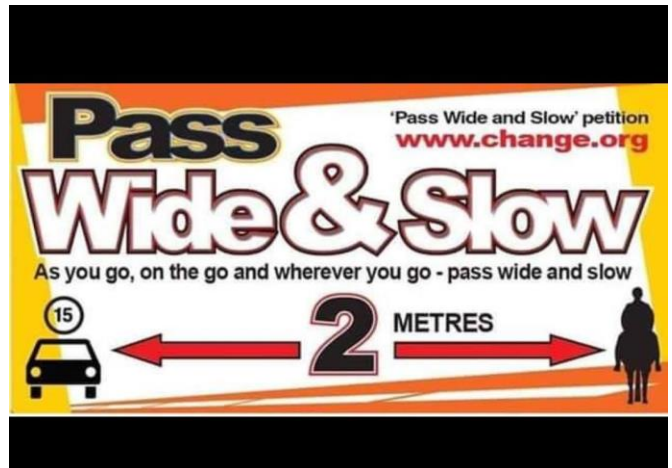
- > Active Travel Week 25-29 March – details to follow.
- > Pedal Aid App– re-branding of Bicycle Island App now covers the whole of the Red Squirrel Trail.
- > Active Commuter Trial in February. 7 people will be loaned an electric bike for February to travel between Cowes and Newport.
- > There will be a trial using electric cargo bikes later during the year. Keep an eye out for more news. (Or electric cargo bikes)

Wider for a Rider

This has been one of our campaigns over the last few years. It has received much more prominence of late, with awareness activities being done on the mainland as well as our and Spyvelo's banners.

The horse community has a nationwide campaign called Pass Wide and Slow (PWAS) Nationally there is to be an event on 14th April and the local organizers have contacted CW with the details of what is being done on the Island. They are keen for cyclists to join them in what is a common problem.

About 100 riders so far, from the Island, have put their names down to take part in the PWAS rides. Rides are being scheduled for Havenstreet to Newport, Ryde Town Centre, Wroxall to Ventnor; Porchfield, Godshill & Freshwater.



Processions will leave their start points at 11am and can be joined or left at safe junctions along the way.

PWAS have their own Facebook site and local details can be obtained from marian645@outlook.com

Stop Press

CW has been in contact with Island Roads about the work at Herringford. We have been told that with all things being well it should open at the end of week beginning 4th Feb. No longer that awful ride up Arreton!

Membership £5.00 per household, £3.00 Unwaged. Cheques to "CycleWight" and send to: Mr D Jackson, Riffles, Sloop Lane, Wootton Bridge, PO33 4HR. Or pay by BACS. Lloyds Sort Code 30-95-99 account number: 01247732 Use your names as reference. Please inform us by e-mail at cyclewight@gmail.com Subject membership

The Undercliff

There was a meeting in Niton last week organised by Councillor Stewart, at which he announced that he would be asking IWC's Cabinet for a further £200,000 for survey work on the Undercliff road. The aim of this would be to do the work necessary to reopen the road to through traffic, at an estimated cost of £2 million (his figure).

We totally understand the depth of feeling around this issue, but feel that the re-opening of the road would do very little to solve the traffic problems of Niton and Whitwell. In fact, taking a wider view, it would be contributing to the idea that the Island is a nice place to drive around.

This walking, horse riding and cycling route between Niton and Ventnor is a precious part of the Island's " Green Capital", and should be valued and promoted as such- we should be encouraging our visitors to leave their cars behind, and explore the Island on foot or bike.

If you haven't already, do please make the time to walk or cycle along the road, and if you think it should remain closed as a through route to vehicles, and that the Council should not be committing more money to it, get in touch with your local councillor!

George Wilks



Island Planning Strategy Pt 2

Suggestions for comments. Please try to put these points into your own words but most importantly do make a submission.

BCI 1 (Better Connected Island) P88

We support the inclusion of the inter-urban shared paths listed. We would further suggest

this should not be an exhaustive list, as there are many other areas where investment is needed in walking and cycling infrastructure, and developer contributions should be used wherever they will be most effective in enabling active travel.

A strategic network of paths for walking and cycling as highlighted on P27 of the Infrastructure Delivery Plan should be adopted to form an intrinsic part of council planning policy.

It should clearly state that all new developments should ensure walking and cycling facilities are of the highest standard and in line with current design guidance

BCI 2 P92

We support the points within this aim. In point '(a) we would like to see a change of wording to, "creation of sustainable routes **within** urban areas **and** between rural areas"

DHWN 3 (Delivering Housing We Need) P47

We would wish to see an expectation of contributions from developers to improvements to sustainable travel modes. This section should also highlight the need for high-quality access and local connections for people walking and cycling.

CSSH 1 (Creating Sustainable, Strong and Healthy Communities) P98

We believe this section should include an expectation that in all new developments there should a hierarchy of modes of transport to encourage use of active travel and to improve the quality of the environment of people living there. This hierarchy should match government guidance in Manual for Streets with consideration given in this order: Pedestrians, Cyclists, Public transport users, Specialist service vehicles (e.g. emergency services, waste etc.) then other motor traffic.

If you wish clarity on any of these points or would like to discuss points with the CycleWight committee please do contact us though the web cyclewight@gmail.com

Please remember the closing date for your submission is 25th Feb 12. noon.