

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 1 October 2018

Present: Steve Archer (SA), Julia Jones-Evans (JJE), Martin Gibson (MG), Alex Lawson (AL), Val Lawson(VGL), Tanja Rebel (TR), Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MW).

Apologies: Steve Goodman, Martin Pay, Matthew Whittaker(MW), George Wilks (GW),

1. St Mary's Junction Improvements

Cyclewight commissioned City Infinity's founder and chief engineer Mark Philpotts to review the scheme proposed. When published on the website TT sent a press release and circulated county councillors, Newport and Carisbrooke Parish Council, Isle of Wight College, St Mary's, the regeneration team as well as several Council officers. as well as speaking on Radio Solent. We should send to Cowes Town Council and to Love Running ****Action TT****

The fee is considered well spent. It was noted that Local Transport Today has criticised highway designers for failure to use current standards and to incorporate suggestions. JJE said the scrutiny committee minutes listed improvements, which included pavement level pedestrian crossings. She noted that Councillor Brodie wants money to be spent in Newport & we should ask him for more information. JJE added that the IWC has decided to progress the scheme, with Chris Ashman & Trevor Pugh given charge and are said to welcome feedback from public and from Cyclewight.

MG said our plan for a route from St Mary's to Little London should be subject of a further press release. VGL said many are crossing the dual carriageway unsafely, close to the roundabout rather than at the designated pedestrian crossing.

Since the meeting TT has been in contact with Cllr Brodie. He fears that it will be very difficult to amend the present plans.

TT has a meeting with Cllr Ward, the cabinet member for roads and infrastructure on 10th October.

2. AGM Friday 23 November 7.30pm, Carisbrooke Church Hall

The annual general meeting to be at same venue on the grounds of its suitability, although at a slightly later time due to an earlier event. Decided to invite Mark Philpotts of City Infinity to speak. As last year some would gather for a meal at the Eight Bells beforehand. It is hoped there would be some good cycling news to announce. (Gunville Greenway or the Medina Greenway.?)

JJE noted the Island Plan would be available in its first draft. TT & MG confirmed that Cyclewight had provided input for this. (JJE said the GEHL Institute could provide speakers ?)

3. Innovation Grant for ROW network improvement survey.

Cyclewight has won a grant to survey the rights of way network to identify footpaths that could become part of a strategic network of bridleways across the island if upgraded. It is hoped to identify up to 10 sections where it is physically feasible to do this. Part of matched funding was for the CW membership to participate in surveys. Some initial training will be provided by MG to ensure a common approach. Dates 18 and 20 October are proposed for this. TT seeks volunteers to help & commit about 8-10 hours .
*****Volunteers*****

AL said landowner issues will arise. SA said avoiding dangerous road junctions should be an objective.

4. Cyclewight TREASURER

Someone is urgently required to fill this role. *****Volunteer*****

5. IW Cycle Fest review

This was skipped.

6. Isle of Wight Cycle Forum

This is at 6pm on 10 October at the IW Fire & Rescue HQ. Invitation & agenda had been circulated. Agenda Items include

St Mary's Junction Improvements

Cycling Safety

Cycling UK & British Horse Society: Be Nice Say Hi ! : www.cyclinguk.org/press-release/be-nice-say-hi-cycling-uk-and-bhs-guidance-cyclists-and-horses

Vision for the Island Bob Seely MP: <http://islandvision.uk/#manifesto>

Solent LEP projects https://issuu.com/iwchamber/docs/island_business_september_2018/8

The LEP seems to be a source of infrastructure funding for business oriented projects.

It was suggested to add Chris Ashman to the forum invitations.

7. AOB

Cowes Town Council have contacted Tim to ask if we wished to assist on their issue re cycling in High Street. We agreed to respond that we could not intercede on a personal level and to point out that we have proposed cross-Cowes cycling routes in the past which have not been taken up. . ****Action TT *****