

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 02 Mar 2017

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Steve Archer, Andy Newman (AN), Val Lawson (VL), George Wilks, Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (JJE).

Apologies: Martin Gibson (MG), Matthew Whittaker, Alex Lawson (AL), Steve Goodman, Stephen Cockett,

1. Gunville Greenway & West Wight multi-use path.

A meeting at offices of Gian Giblett on 9 February was attended by Sian Thomas for Sustrans, and by Cllr John Hobart & others who have been involved. In order to take this further by drawing up formal plans then some funding is needed. There is a section of Gunville Greenway which depends on co-operation from the primary school; this is to be sought by Tom Ransom who has helped the students themselves to prepare the case. The new headmaster is positive. There also is the possibility to construct a cycle training circuit (pump track) in Victoria Rec, which Cllr Julie Jones-Evans is seeking to bring about. A land swop is a possibility and the IWC would need to do legal work.

Surveys and plan preparation by Sustrans & others are the first steps to making any planning application. There may be funds from certain local charitable trusts which could be available to Natural Enterprise. Matching such funding is a role for Cyclewight. Some income will come to Cyclewight from the cycle rack survey currently underway. It is to be hoped that other cycling organisations will contribute just as Ramblers and equestrians on the Island have done. AN will put a ballot to Wayfarers Cycle Touring Club regarding the use of their funds. Nick Farthing has retired from Sustrans although he is supporting Sian Thomas. Card sent from Cyclewight.

Graham Biss of Natural Enterprise has looked into the West Wight route in the past. It was considered that we should speak to him about the possibility of funding NE to take a more active approach than in the last couple of years.

***Cyclewight: Follow up funding for survey work ***

2. Cycle Parking Surveys

These are coming in from Cyclewight members. Ryde awaited. Grid refs needed to 6 places ? Information needs to be collated by the end of March. The Access Fund will be billed by Cyclewight.

Complete & collate Cycle Parking Surveys

3. Isle of Wight Cycle Festival

The draft plan & schedule is published: see <http://www.iwcyclefest.com/> Cyclo-cross racing events will have British Cycling officials present. They will include the two Sunday Wayfarers' rides & the Autumn Tints Wednesday ride. Cyclewight will ***arrange a Bikers Breakfast in Newport.***

It was agreed the Cyclewight Logo will be used by GP Sports in publicity. Tim would contact Phil Payne from GP Sports about charges for events to cover insurance. The following information is added post-meeting:

Cycle Fest: Rides will be free if the ride makes no charge. The events which charge will provide enough funds for insurance. More rides are being added which will cater for a wide range of people, that is leisure & touring cyclists as well as sporty off-road.

4. Cycle Parking at Red Funnel ferry West Cowes.

Red Funnel allocated space for sheltered parking for 72 bikes and the planning application has been approved. Work has now commenced on this with funding from the Access Fund. TT will contact Chris Ross to establish completion date.

***Cyclewight to organise a launch party to celebrate completion ***

5. Riverfest Saturday 17 May.

The Riverfest-2017 is at Newport Quay on Saturday 13th May - 11am to 3pm. It is organised by the Footprint Trust to celebrate the heritage, community, businesses and wildlife associated with the historic Medina River, and to promote sustainable transport. A contribution of £15 to £60 is requested by the

trust. Agreed to arrange Cyclewight stand. www.footprint-trust.co.uk

Members to turn up to help ***TT to contact Riverfest & provide documentation ***

6. Transport Task Force

Four priorities:

Newport permeability for walking & cycling

Gunville + West Wight

Medina Greenway to East Cowes

Improved route to Wootton

Martin Gibson said Awards for All could provide money for survey of Newport to make it more permeable for walking & cycling. This could be applied for with CycleWight making the bid. TT to contact Martin Gibson to see if he would like to progress with this on our behalf. LEP money is going to Red Funnel East Cowes and to reducing congestion in Newport. 106 Money ???

7. 20mph Limit etc.

Cllr JJE arrived at this point. The provision of a cycle training track at Victoria Park recreation ground was discussed – see above.

The 20s Plenty campaign was discussed. £100,000 was needed to implement. It could be better to do all at once as better compliance and cheaper to implement – but the council want to do a bit at a time. Trying to build support. ***Get photos of people using Wyatts Lane where there is a limit ***

IWC Elections are on 6 April. Cyclewight to issue to members a list of questions to put to candidates.

IWC Walking & Cycling Strategy policy document. Cllr JJE to talk to Jim Fawcett.

Green Commute Initiative; funding for sustainable transport – bikes etc. Simon Wells, Powerbike World. No upper limit. All Bike shops on board and IWC interested.

8. Issue Tracking (ref).

Website Software upgrade. CW20170118 para4.

Follow up funding for survey work. CW 20170302 para1

Complete & collate Cycle Parking Surveys CW20170302 para2.

CycleFest: Arrange a Bikers Breakfast in Newport. CW20170302 para3.

Red Funnel Cycle parking: Cyclewight to organise a launch party CW20170302 para4

Riverfest-2017 Members to help Cyclewight Stand. CW20170302 para5

Transport Task Force ? CW20170302 para6

IWC Elections: List of questions for members to put to candidates CW201703021 para7

Route 23 east of Blackwater to Island Roads 2017-02-09_Cycle_Forum_Minutes para6

Cyclists Code of Conduct LAF Minutes 01 12 16 para9 & CW20161201 para7.