

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 8 Aug 2022 at Clatterford Rd

Present: Alan Bennett (AB), Pete Dyer (PD), Claire Franklin (CF), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MWa), Julie Jones Evans (JJE)

Apologies : Matt Whittaker (MWh), George Wilks (GW), Alex Lawson (AL).

1. Maintenance

The tracks have now been cut back of vegetation. In some places there appears to be a satisfactory standard achieved. At Yarmouth, Wight Cycle Hire, had to replace over 10 inner tubes because the surface was not swept afterwards. It was disappointing that CW and others had to raise it as an issue.

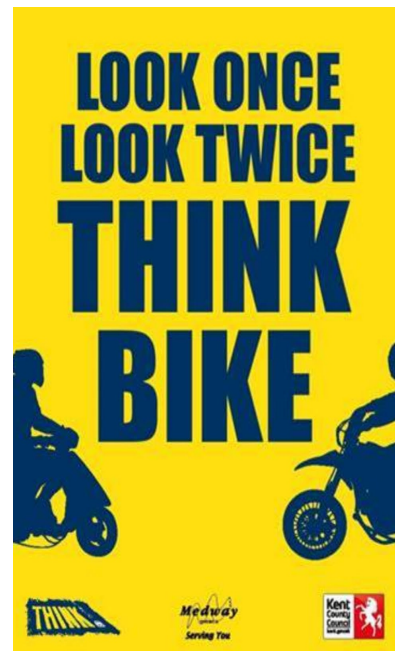
TT will write to Stewart Chandler at IWC to ask for a meeting to discuss how lack of flexibility in the clearance of the paths can be overcome in future years.

2. Signs

PD has been in contact with Lewis Campbell, the Road Safety Officer, who asked for all the details of the correspondence with Red Funnel: price, position, sponsorship etc. Lewis had an alternative suggestion which maybe easier to implement. PD will continue to move this project forward.

Lewis Campbell's idea

Portsmouth



The signs identifying the Undercliff as a quiet route have eventually been put up. We were informed by one of our members. TT will write to Ventnor and Niton Village Councils to highlight their arrival. TT Tweeted about the signs first thing on 8th August. The Tweet was seen by over 1,000 by 7.30 the same day and stood over 2,000 on Weds 10th afternoon.

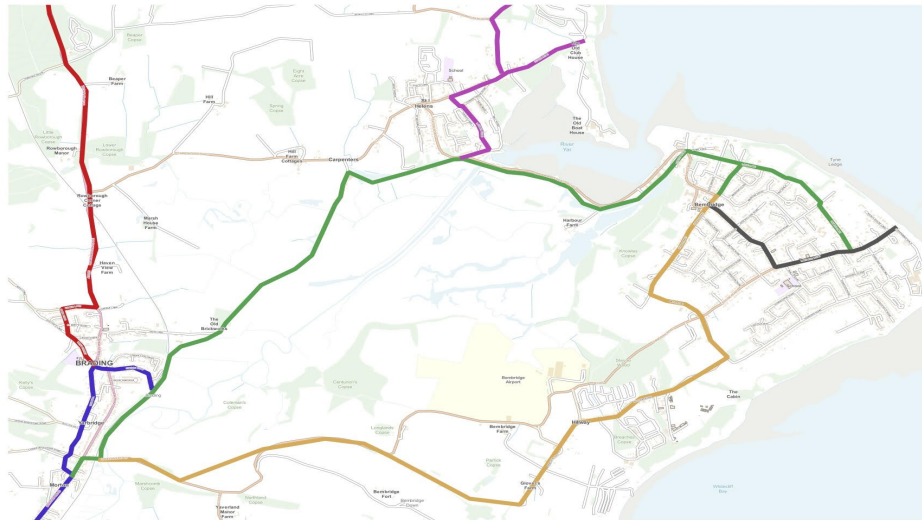
There was a discussion if there was a need in Ventnor of a sign to assist people return to the RTI going anti clockwise as well as other signs elsewhere in the town.

MR raised the issue of poor signage at Tesco's.

3. Bembridge, St Helen's and Brading LCWIP

CF attended on our behalf. It was a good meeting, attended by approx. 13. All 3 Councils were represented. Much of the meeting was on walking. All the routes proposed by CW and the Bembridge Wheelers were adopted. The next part of the process is for the plan to be audited before becoming fully accepted.

There was an acceptance the Seaview and Nettlestone Council should have been part of the LCWIP. CW were thanked for raising the LCWIP process as it had been overlooked by Bembridge.



The proposed LCWIP routes

There was discussion about speed limit in Carpenter's road and Embankment Road

4. Tour of Britain/Car Free Day

On 10th and 11th September St James Square is to be closed to celebrate Tour of Britain/Car Free Day. It will run 10-4 each day.

Already organised will be a large screen to show the race on both days. The organisers are hoping for other stall holders to provide attractions. CW have indicated that they would attend on the Saturday. We have bells to give out, as well as materials from our Newport and Carisbrooke project. There was a discussion on what else to do? Guess 1.5 meters was one idea. Something on the new highway code? A critical mass ride? We have done one in the past. They were quite successful. TT to contact Cycling UK to see if we would covered for such a ride. Any other ideas? **Volunteers please.**

The organisers are looking for suggestions for the big screen. TT suggested the uplifting video of LTNs found by PD a couple of months ago. Any other ideas? They are also looking at the possibility of a cycle cinema in the old Dorothy Perkins. The company we used in the past no longer provides that service. Ventnor Arts supposedly were doing something similar.

Another suggestions were to get some unusual bikes from Jonathan Everton Baker.

5. Celebration?

2023 will be 30 years of CW and 20 years of Newport to Sandown. TT asked the committee to think if and how we should celebrate these two events.

6. A new campaign

There was a discussion on maybe identifying a new campaign? A suggestion of working with tourism. "Friends of the Cyclist" Looking at ways to encourage the businesses to engage more with cyclists. The second idea was to work more on road safety and the need to make people feel more safe on their bikes. TT suggested we meet with Lewis Campbell as we have not since his appointment and see how we could mutually help each other.

7. AOB

West Wight Greenway. No news on the Greenway or the levelling up bid.

Ryde Seafront. Work is progressing well but will stop soon so as to prepare for the Tour of Britain. Work to recommence after that.

#The briefing sent to members. Is it ok as it is – a straight email – or should it be sent as a PDF? Leave it as it is.

Next Meeting: September TBA