

## **CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 11 Nov 2021 at Clatterford Rd**

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MWa), Matt Whittaker (MWh), George Wilks (GW)  
Via zoom Alan Bennett (AB), Alex Lawson (AL), Malcolm Ross (MR),  
Apologies:

### **1. AGM November 2021**

This is on Saturday 27 November at 7.30pm at Carisbrooke Village Hall or on zoom. Speaker Graham Biss of Natural Enterprise on the IWC West Wight Greenway. John Allen, Wight Cycle Hire on Newport Cycle Hub. MWh on cargo Bikes. Possibly new IWC transport officer. Running Order (proposed) 1. Review of Year, TT. 2. Election of Officers. 3. Speakers; Graham Biss. John Allen. Matt Whitaker. A short comfort break will be included.

Pandemic precautions include the request that people to take a test before attending, provision of hand sanitizer, spaced out seating, no tea provision and no raffle. The meeting will be relayed on zoom, which means the host must be present and roving microphones are desirable. MR will arrange this with help from MWh. **\*\*\*MR & MWh\*\*\***

A gathering / meal at the Eight Bells beforehand will be arranged by TT.

### **2. Carisbrooke Park Estates project.**

An outline document has been circulated. This community engagement project looks at enabling and encouraging more people to cycle between the Carisbrooke Estates and town centre. A grant of up to £5000 is on offer from the IWC Regeneration Team, The scheme runs until the end of March 2022. GW ran through the elements while emphasising that the timescale is tight. # Produce maps & guide to the route. # Arrange social media promotion. # Arrange an event to ride the route, hopefully to a destination providing coffee & cakes. # Arrange metrics to assess impact. # Arrange/confirm organisers insurance.

Use of Strava metrics was suggested by MWh. However TT said the target users would not be Strava registered. Instead we could identify 30 random houses in the area & survey in January & March to provide feedback. MR said he could help with social media promotion. We know the Gunville Greenway route is coming soon. For monitoring a temporary cycle counter is available to install (from Alex Broome). Ross Edmunds has statistical data for rides to the local schools.

It was agreed to proceed. GW will meet Martin Gibson. **\*\* TT & GW \*\***

### **3. Meeting with IWC & Island Roads**

A further meeting was planned by Stewart Chandler. This had been due on 17 November but TT said it has been cancelled. We need to ensure that it is rescheduled.

Items for agenda include # Progress on previous items. # Removal of barriers in accordance with LTN 1/20 (see previous minutes para 4.) # Flooding of cycle track at Newchurch etc. # Newport-Fairlee Road-Racecourse-Wootton cycle route: Riverside to Mews Lane currently nearing completion; Fairlee Road footway section from Mews Lane; Island Harbour link # Medina Greenway N120.

Discussing the above AL said he monitors N120 on behalf of the Ramblers and reports to PROW. The surface is somewhat undulating and the track width has narrowed over years, but the IW Festival this year is not necessarily to blame. The track should be assessed by PROW. Discussing removal of barriers by Ryde Golf course MR said there had been complaints about

speeding cyclists. MR has explained the new guidance to Cllr Phil Jordan.

#### 4. LCWIP & Parish Councils

TT has circulated Parish Council Clerks to let them know that matched funding is available, for their own local cycling & walking Infrastructure. He has had 8 or 9 replies including all of West Wight bar one. Bembridge, St Helens & Brading councils are submitting a joint bid. Cowes are interested. While the funding is not huge (e.g. £30k) and may not be granted there will be further opportunities which follow from an application now.

MR added that the chair of East Cowes parish council is keen on cycling.

#### 5. Undercliff cycle route

It has been planned that the Undercliff route from Ventnor to Niton will be signed as an alternative to the current Round-the Island route via Whitwell. We have been told by Stewart Chandler (IWC Highways and Transport Client Manager) that this will proceed as the DfT have approved the necessary road signs. TT has replied to the email, which does ask for our further endorsement of the sign locations.

#### 6. AOB

# AL: Cyclewight membership of Cycling UK is due on 10/12/21. The renewal cost is £85. It was agreed to renew. As well as support to Cycling UK, benefits include organisers public liability insurance; Cycle magazine; Support & advice; a webpage to promote our group; access to Assemble -an online tool for group events; and affiliated individual membership for £33. Cyclewight is member 8001830.

# TT: Zoom hosting for committee meetings etc. (cost £100 plus). Jessica Garbett has provided up to now. MR said he is a subscriber to Zoom and can host in the future.

# MW: Member Mojo can be given a portal from cyclewight.org.uk The charge for the service is increasing but more people are joining & renewing - quite a few of these as life members.

# AB: as webmaster he will add a new photo-gallery on the website. This will include pictures of the eel operation on the track near Sandown. Note the track is expected to reopen in February / March next year. TT will write to Kevin Fawcett to seek his permission for publishing pictures.

# MR: Ryde Town Council wish to modify their LCWIP. Having been awarded a grant what is the procedure to modify the implementation? TT said he will try to find out from Richard Lewis.

# MR: Beryl Bikes are providing free e-scooter use for his daughter to ride to work. They are collecting data from her commute from this.

# MR: Ryde Town Council have purchased an electric bike for use by their staff who support toilets along the sea front. **MR** to write a few words on this for membership briefing. Picture?

#TT: Surfacing of bridleway A37 cycle track to Rookley: Graham Biss obtained approval from landowner provided that construction can withstand farm machinery. This entails a width of 4m with a chalk substrate and other requirements. The cost of materials for this could be around £55k. Labour has not been estimated but we need to think around £70k total. We discussed if we should get quotes for labour and how we would proceed with a project. Is there a drainage issue? TT to speak to RoW to find out further information.

# MR: Spencer Road, Ryde forms part of the Ryde-Newport route. A section near the golf course end which is private road has been surfaced with tarmac.

# MW: Flooding of Cowes-Newport cycle track between Stag Lane & Dodnor Lane reported to Island Roads. They responded by placing warning signs.

# previous minutes AL: Cycle Forum: Have created a new mailing list with TT on who to circulate. To send out new prior to the AGM on 27/11/21

**Next Meeting: TBA**