

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 12 October 2017

Present: Steve Archer (SA), Martin Gibson (MG), Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (JJE), Alex Lawson (AL), Martin Pay (MP), Tanja Rebel (TR), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), George Wilks (GW),

Apologies: Matthew Whittaker (MW), Val Lawson (VGL), .

1. AGM: Friday 24 November 2017, 730pm

Carisbrooke Village Hall is booked. Speaker is Tim Wiggins, commuter of the year, fund raiser and Wiggle worker. Jobs: Doug Saunders-quiz. Malc-affle+mic& amp. Mat- technology. Andy-screen. Val-tea.

SA suggested we discuss the West Wight route survey & its funding. TT thought because of its delicate state that it may be best to say that the money was there for such schemes without being too specific.

2. Cycle Strategy

A Cycling Strategy for the Isle of Wight, First Version, Autumn 2017 to Autumn 2018 is most recent version circulated by TT. Please have a look for inaccuracies etc. Discussion: Content: Darrel has suggested adding a route from Yarmouth via Fort Victoria etc. When-to-launch: aim for AGM and vote of endorsement from members. How-to-launch: Circulate to councillors & key officers, MP, Ramblers, Equestrians, Isle Access, Visit Isle of Wight, Road Safety, LAF & Parish Councils via Jennine (PROW), Kevin Burton (IR), Jim Fawcett (IWC), Chris Gregory (A to There).

3. West Wight route survey + Gunville Greenway

A meeting at Natural Enterprise will be held on 20 October to consider a possible survey of a West Wight route. This is a meeting with potential funders.

A document has been received from Sustrans detailing a *Proposal for Shared Use Path connecting Gunville to Newport*. TT noted the cost is in excess of £11k +VAT. TT has issued this to the committee for comments.

4. RTI Map

This is now two years old and is somewhat out of date. Should we produce an updated map and how should it be funded? It is generally agreed to do so. Visit Isle of Wight could be approached about some funding. JJ-E said Seaview Hotel would place an advertisement.

5. Cycle Festival & Bikers Breakfast

Took place from 23 September to 01 October, see <http://www.iwcyclefest.com/> . Cyclewight participated in launch on Saturday 23 September at Northwood Park where there was interest from potentially serious cyclist (3 joined) as well as the Bikers Breakfast on Wednesday 27 September where about 50 attended. The Cycle Fest is on the Cycle Forum Agenda.

6. Access Fund

Chris Gregory seeks photographs as publicity support for Access Fund. TT asked all to take note & send in photos. Also needed is evidence of numbers using cycle tracks. Are the counter sensors in the right place? Maybe move the Seaclose one?

TT & MG went to Wootton & met Cllrs Abrahams and Edmunds to making the Village more sustainable in its transport.

7. IW Cycle Forum

At IW Fire & Rescue 19 Oct 2017 1800. Agenda as follows:

Police issues including safety & cycle theft

Island Roads: Cycle Forum Areas of Concern

(Island Roads have allocated “**Enquiry ref:16103682 - Little London, Newport**”.)

Cycle Strategy, Permeability study

IW Cycle Fest

Isle Access

Forestry Commission

Other reports: LAF, QTP, Transport Infrastructure Taskforce

8. AOB

Cllr J J-E hopes for introduction of 20mph limits at Wootton and at Brading.

A meeting to relaunch Transition Island will take place on 18 October 2017, 1945, at Riverside Centre. Tanja will be promoting Sustainable Transport. She said all are welcome (although the Cycle Forum may not finish till 8pm).

Local Access Forum: Brading Station. The LAF has been involved for some time with level crossings at the station. AL has proposed a new multi-use path to the east of the station which would avoid these crossings and link Carpenters Road/Quay Lane via B1 & B69 direct to Yarbridge.

Local Access Forum: Undercliff Drive. This is closed as a through route for vehicles but could be promoted as a walking/cycling/horse-riding route to the benefit of local business. However Niton & Whitwell responded with their view that the vehicle route must be re-instated to preserve local businesses businesses "in their current shape". Ventnor Town Council did not reply to the LAF. Consequently the item has been removed from the LAF agenda. See IWC Public Rights of Way department LAF minutes July 2017:

<https://www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/1376-LAF-Minutes-06-07-17-limited-attachments.pdf>

GW asked about Newport Permeability study. MG is working on the study for CycleWight with the grant from the lottery. TT said we are not being consulted about the traffic reorganisation in Newport which the Council has been granted £9 million. We have asked to be consulted.

Island Plan: the new Conservative Administration believes the present Island Plan is not fit for purpose and are consulting on a revised strategy. Time is limited. Cyclewight have not been consulted so far.

9. Next Meetings

IW Cycle Forum, 19 October 2017, 1800, IW F&R HQ.

Cyclewight AGM, 24 November 2017, 1930, Carisbrooke Village Hall.