

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 13 December 2017

Present: Martin Gibson (MG), Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (JJE), Alex Lawson (AL), Mike Marlow (MM), Tanja Rebel (TR), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Matthew Whittaker (MW), George Wilks (GW),

Apologies: Steve Archer (SA), Steve Goodman, Val Lawson (VGL), Martin Pay (MP) .

1. AGM: Friday 24 November 2017, 730pm

Held at Carisbrooke Church Hall. 52+ attended. 6 new members on the night. Excellent speaker Tim Wiggins, commuter of the year, fund raiser and Wiggle worker. Martin G gave talk on cycle facilities in Europe & Ross Edmunds on Cycle Training.

2. Cycle Strategy: Whats Next?

Circulation is in progress. TT is doing a Press Release. Good feedback so far.

3. Next Years Targets?

Newport Traffic Plan

Newport Permeability Study (see below)

Cycle Safety (Should Police & Island Roads respond to IW Cycle Forum?)

LCWIP – Technical Resource Community Infrastructure Levy

Less Barriers (ie physical barriers to cycle corridors)

More Members (recruitment a priority)

MG asked which IWC Officer now has responsibility for Transport Issues, reporting to Councillor Ian Ward who has responsibility for Policy. TT said he had been in discussion with both Island Roads and with Zoe Stroud of Visit Isle of Wight about signage needed by visitors to the Island, but no meeting had taken place. The Bridge at Riverside has no provision for cyclists. When raised with Island Roads there has been no satisfactory response. Since the meeting it has been arranged to meet someone at Island Roads on 16th Jan.

MG discussed findings from the Newport permeability study he has been contracted to perform. There are gaps in routes used by cyclists, e.g. Westminster Lane where it may be illegal to cycle through, and Elm Grove & Victoria Road where there are gates. He is working to finish by 20 January. MG added that he hopes to carry out permeability surveys around rail stations on the Island, as well as at Wootton and Fishbourne.

TT has asked if there is to be a public consultation over the changes in Newport traffic network. It was noted that a nine house development does not attract 106 funding, but a trickle of these does lead to increase in traffic. Where are the traffic volume figures available? More information is needed about 106 funding and why more is not available. TT has now got these figures. TT to ring Paul Fuller.

AL asked if gates are a problem for disabled users? MG said there are barriers and we should talk to Jan Brookes. Council policy should be changed to take this into account. Often placing is ill-informed, e.g. at Dodnor Bridge.

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans said Newport Parish Council are to have a meeting with regards reports on walking and cycling on 20 January. Riverfest, County Show and Hulabaluloo in the summer are events worth considering to attend.

4. The results of the CycleWight committee vote on routes from the Strategy

The figures reflect the order of preference.

West Wight 1,1,4,4,2,2,4,4,

Gunville Greenway 2,1,3,3,1,2,2,3,1,1

Merstone to Shanklin

Newport to Wootton on old railway line 1,3,2,3,4,1,1,1,2

Ryde Sea Front by Shanklin Interchange 4,2,4,1,3,4,

Seaview to St Helens

Brading to St helens 2,4,4,2

Yarmouth to Freshwater, Coastal route

Parkhurst
Godshill Link 3,
Ventnor
Alverstone to Wroxall
Monkton Mead. Ryde urban Highway 2,3,3
East Cowes from Island Harbour 3,3,2,1,1,3,3,

5. Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The seven main aims identified in the 2006 Plan are still relevant today and have now been prioritised in the following order.

- i. Maintaining a high quality rights of way network
- ii. A programme of achievable improvements
- iii. Network developments to benefit as wide a range of users as possible
- iv. Improving access for people with mobility difficulties
- v. Promotion of the network as an option for sustainable journeys
- vi. Promoting countryside access for health and leisure
- vii. Promoting countryside access to new users
- viii. If additional funding becomes available then the most welcomed schemes would be those that contribute to the creation of a strategic non-vehicular network or provide utility routes. Promoted long distance trails are well used and highly valued

If people wish to comment on the above they have until the middle of February. Follow the link below.

<https://www.iwight.com/Residents/Environment-Planning-and-Waste/Rights-of-Way/Public-Rights-of-Way/Rights-of-Way-Improvement-Plan-2017-Consultation>

6. Cycling and the MP

Bob Seely MP asked Graham Biss of Natural Enterprise to prepare a paper on strategic cycle routes including the West Wight. This has been presented to Jesse Norman, an environment minister. As part of this TT estimated figures for costs of a full survey. There are thought to be 21 landowners.

7. IW Cycle Forum

At IW Fire & Rescue 21 February 2018 1815. 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
- # Other reports: LAF, QTP, IsleAccess,

8. AOB

- # Cycle Forum : at IW Fire & Rescue Centre, 21 February 2017 1815-2015. *****AL*****
- # MG noted <https://www.cyclescape.org> which is an online campaigning toolkit for cycle campaign groups around the UK.
- # MG said we should be tracking Cyclewight and other comments added to planning applications in order to monitor results, successful or otherwise.
- # There is an app called Trello which is a "collaboration tool which creates a shared perspective on any project". MG noted that it appears to be suitable for Cyclewight to make use of. TT and MG have been trialling this since the meeting.

9. Next Meetings

TBA