

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 13 June 2017

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Martin Gibson (MG), Matthew Whittaker(MW), Val Lawson(VGL), Alex Lawson (AL), George Wilks, Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (JJE), Malcolm Ross (MR).

Apologies: Steve Goodman, Mike Marlow, Tanja Rebel,

1. Cycle Strategy, thoughts & procedure.

The draft strategy has been circulated for discussion. MW said data sources should be published whenever possible. The STRAVA app has a metro facility to pick up statistics for a route. This can calibrate other counting data. MG added that IWC data is eventually available to FoI requests but is pretty useless in terms of documentation.

GW asked if there was an IWC contact for cycling matters? Cllr JJE said Cllr John Hobart is now Heritage & Environment in the Cabinet. Sustainability is a council priority & Jim Fawcett might be able to help. **(He has since confirmed that it is a variety of people who have an interest/responsibility)** VGL asked if we have access to cyclist visitor numbers from Visit Wight or the ferry companies. MG said info is available via FoI eventually, but is poorly documented.

MW said his biggest criticism of the draft strategy is that off-road routes are not included. Footpaths should be promoted into mixed use. MG said this accords with ROW development plans. Cllr JJE said this aspect should be a further section not just an appendix. GW & TT said Cllr John Medland has compiled a list of desirable off-road schemes. VGL said provision for sustainable cross-Solent travel should be included. MR said housing development in Southern Railway corridor south of Ryde should be subject to 106 provisions to pay for bridleway upgrades & connectivity (Pennyfeathers). MR & MG said Ryde Station to St Thomas Road should be dual use. Also the round the Island route should be developed along the sea front at Ryde. The default should be as close to the coast as possible.

LAUNCH TIMELINE: To be done slowly. Circulate draft to Cllr John Hobart, Cllr John Medland. Cllr Ian Ward, Cllr JJE, other IWC inc Wendy Perera & Chris Gregory, Local Access Forum, Countryside Landowners, Gian Giblett, businesses, parish & town councils, cycle clubs, Ramblers & RSPB, Forestry Commission,

Actions: *****MG***** to prepare final version of map. *****MR***** to send a Ryde route to MG *****Everyone***** send suitable pictures to MG.

2. West Wight

It is hoped cash is available for survey of West Wight cycle route – both Cyclewight & Sustrans are pursuing this. Apparently Bob Seely MP is in favour of compulsory purchase where necessary. TT has written for Cyclewight to offer congratulations on his election and to ask to arrange a meeting.

3. Safety: Passing distance, 20's Plenty

Cycling UK have purchased mats produced to illustrate safe distances for cars to pass cyclists. These are suitable to display at shows. See www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-37384899 TT has had it confirmed by Hants Police that the mat will be coming to the Island. No confirmation of date.

Cllr JJE had attended IWC scrutiny committee where forward plans were discussed, including a budget for 20's Plenty campaign & introductions. Apparently £100,000 is ringfenced for the purpose & council officers are drafting a paper on the way forward. TT will write to Cllr Ian Ward & to Wendy Perera. Both MG & Cllr JJE said that the 20mph limits should be applied in a limited way so that drivers observe & respect the restriction. Town Councils need to be involved.

4. Gunville etc

West Wight Multi-Use Path: C of E are now keen to facilitate on their patch. A critical piece of land turns out to be ultimately owned by IWC. The new building for Christ the King School has planning permission. The cost for provision of a temporary car park and its subsequent re-instatement are an important part of the development. A meeting has taken place recently involving Lee Matthews & Darrel Clarke with regards a temporary route whilst building work continues.

TT had been contacted by Sian Thomas, Sustrans officer, to ask 1. Any housing developments by Carisbrooke Pond – No. 2. Do we want a brief & cost to completion of planning app. Or just a revised

plans? 3. To whom will it be issued. **TT has been in contact with Sian. She will prepare two estimates for the work. One including planning permission and one without.**

Note Cyclewight funds include £2500 as a result of our parking survey work.

5. Cycle Festival

This is "A week long celebration of all things cycling, set on the spectacular Isle of Wight", from 23 September to 01 October, see <http://www.iwcyclefest.com/> . There is a full page advert in June/July Cycle, the Cycling UK magazine. TT has been in touch with the Wayfarers & Autumn Tints and are arranging to co-ordinate their programmes. A Bikers Breakfast is planned by Cyclewight on Wednesday 27 September. More information should be available at the IW Cycle Forum on 15 June - **There was none as the Festival representatives did not attend.**

6. Newport Traffic Survey

IWC have been allocated funds to carry out traffic improvements to Newport. TT & MG are keen for Cyclewight to be involved in this as we have ideas for schemes to make it easier for walkers & people on bikes, i.e. permeability. TT has written to the Council to say we would welcome the opportunity to be involved. The issue will be on the agenda at the IW Cycle Forum on 15 June. VGL said that the QTP have this on their agenda.

7. AoB

TT did a Cyclewight newsletter in April which he sent to new councillors.

VGL said that the contra-flow cycle route past the Bargemans Rest is dangerous as it is used by cars as a rat-run at peak times. The green paint is not due for renewal until the highway is renewed, which in turn will not happen until Island Roads renewal programme is concluded as specialist teams are needed where tarmac is laid on concrete. VGL's points have been passed onto Island Roads.

8. Issue Tracking (ref). see CW170302.odt

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