

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 16 August 2017

Present: Cllr Julie Jones-Evans (JJE), Val Lawson(VGL), Alex Lawson (AL), Tanja Rebel(TR), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT).

Apologies: Martin Gibson (MG), Matthew Whittaker(MW), Steve Archer, Andy Newman.

1. Quality Transport Partnership.

This is coming up on 12 September. Agenda will include transport aspects of Island Plan, which JJE confirmed are up for revision by the new IWC administration. Newport Parish Council was due to meet the following evening (17-8-17) to consider planning matters to include the Island Plan. The CycleWight Newport Traffic Permeability Survey has commenced. It is being carried out by MG. The Newport Parish Council pedestrian accessibility survey is being carried out too.

JJE added that a 20's Plenty survey of Newport households is underway to gather views of the public; this would continue until 11 September. *****Attend QTP on 12-9-17 AL/VGL*****

2. Cycle Strategy

TT circulated *Consultation Draft Formatted 030716.pdf* and *Additional comments for the strategy.doc*. To be included; follow ROW Improvement Plan; work with Town & Parish Councils; develop mountain biking & off-road trails; include an executive summary; promote bike hire & cycling by visitors; plug island via quotes from Lonely Planet guide; provide cycling facilities accessible to the disabled; work with other organisations to encourage responsible road behaviour (JJE suggested the BRAKE organisation); .

There are specific suggestions for Greenway/ Newport to West Wight, Tennyson Down & use of pavements for cycling. However these raise issues about shared use with other user groups as well as landowner concerns for permissive sections, in particular the National Trust reserves.

Is Community Infrastructure Levy better than section 106, and who in IWC is responsible for the choice ?

3. South Ryde development plans & cycle routes

Malcolm Ross described a series of development applications in S. Ryde including Pennyfeathers housing estate. The proposals include multi-user routes within them, but these do not interconnect. Cw need to make sure that a clear multiuser route in to Ryde town centre is created. New planning approval must come with conditions for it to be put in place such as traffic light changes giving access into the town centre. *****Cyclewight comments to be made in planning applications MR/TT*****

4. Meeting with Bob Seely MP

TT for Cyclewight, together with Mike Slater for IoW Ramblers, met with the new MP. He is very supportive of cycling and offered help to push for the West Wight multi-user path. There might be resistance, but Route 23 has proved a major success and seems now to be popular with surrounding landowners.

TT will ask Bob Seely to encourage the Highway Authority to consult Cyclewight. Also TT hopes to arrange for someone from Sustrans to meet him in London during the week.

A full Sustrans survey of a West Wight multi-user path carried out by Island 2000/ Gift to Nature could cost £5500. Cyclewight & Wayfarers could come up with £3000, and we could ask the Ramblers for a contribution? Any thoughts from committee members?

5. IW Cycle Forum

Safety concerns with respect to the Little London section of Cowes to Newport Cycle Track were raised at the IW Cycle Forum on 14 June 2017. See <http://www.cyclewight.org.uk/14-jun-2017.html>

Island Roads have allocated their “**Enquiry ref:16103682 - Little London, Newport**” and we received a reply from Ian Middleton for Island Roads stating that they have included the area in their list of sites for traffic monitoring of speed and volume. We anticipate feedback at the next IW Cycle Forum in October, by which time a reasonable amount of data should be available. In the meantime part of the cycle lane has received fresh green paint & white line so safety is improved. Of course speed limits are not in the gift of Island Roads, so Newport Parish Council we hope will apply a 20mph speed limit.

*****Correspondence to be forwarded to JJE: AL*****

6. Cycle Festival & Bikers Breakfast

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/> . Opening event Friday 22 September in Cowes. Cyclewright are down to run the Bikers Breakfast on Wednesday 27 September, TT to seek a campervan. Budget = £100.

There are worries about the planning & collaboration of the organising body with clubs and businesses.

7. AGM

Agreed to be Friday 24 November, at Carisbrooke Hall. Invite Bob Seely MP. Other possible speakers discussed.

8. Membership

Agreed to pursue a campaign, with target to double membership of Cyclewright.