

## **CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 17 October 2019**

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MWa), George Wilks (GW).  
Apologies Martin Gibson (MG), Alex Lawson (AL), Matthew Whittaker (MWh), Julie Jones Evans, Steve Archer (SA)

### **1. AGM**

a) Guest Speaker. TT approached Mark Philoptts from City Infinity to be guest speaker for AGM. Unfortunately he cannot make the date. Mark suggested contacting Richard Lewis from Active Planning who is a transport planner with expertise in delivering cycle projects. TT has spoken to him. Richard has provided a quote and a possible plan for the day. (Sent out to committee members) The cost is between £700/800 including a report. The benefits of such a financial commitment were discussed. It was felt that the production of a report and the opportunity for Richard to meet with some of the decision makers could have a beneficial effect.

**Action. TT to contact other members of the committee for further thoughts.**

b) At a previous meeting it was felt that the business side of the AGM should be more formal. It was suggested that committee members and officers, who wish to continue to serve, should be on a 'ballot' paper placed on the seats at the meeting. Voting still by hand. Committee members voted for en-bloc. The newsletter announcing the AGM would include a request for people to join the committee or stand as an officer. Names could be submitted before hand. MWa has written a piece for the newsletter about his first year on the committee. Hopefully this will encourage more people to become involved.

c) The raffle. It was felt that it does raise a good deal of revenue but it also does take up too much time. A suggestion is to put the donations into bundles eg books, sweets etc. and limit it to maybe 8 prizes.

d) Once details are firm TT will invite Councillors etc as was done in the past.

e) The traditional meal at the 8 Bells to commence proceedings.

### **2, St Mary's**

a) TT wrote to IWC to ask for active travel message on the light matrix boards at the road works. Supposedly you cannot have two information messages on such boards.

b) MWh suggested we pay for messages at bus stops and the Floating Bridge. The bus shelter advertising is (or at least was) owned by a separate company, not SV. Further investigation needed. Kayleigh Richter (Sustainable Transport Officer) is advertising Active Travel messages on bus stops. The group does need to work closely with Kayleigh so as not to duplicate our efforts. There appears to be a private matrix board at the County Show Ground. It would be worth investigating further.

### **3. Forum**

The Cycle forum took place on 14<sup>th</sup> of October. It was very well supported, 20 attended. It is pleasing to report that there was a good deal of networking. Good news on several paths being upgraded by the National Trust.

The Gunville Greenway is waiting for approval by Sports England as part of it is using a sports field.

TT wrote to Dave Evans, Strategic Transport Manager, thanking him for attending the meeting. TT asked if we could meet again but this time to look forward, to which he agreed.

TT has asked RoW to meet to discuss how to move the Paths for All report on.

#### **4. Campaigns for next year**

It was agreed at an earlier meeting that we would identify three key areas to campaign on next year. See below. Not everyone on the committee voted. If you did not please do so.

- Road safety (including 20s plenty) timing on junctions etc
- Maintaining present Cycle Paths to a good standard.
- Pursue new cycle paths, which appear in our strategy
- Barriers and obstructions on cycle paths to make them truly accessible
- Attempt to invoke some of the ideas from Newport permeability study ( on a trial basis?)
- More cycle parking
- "Paths for All" document. Identify a couple of major projects

#### **Action. The committee**

#### **5) AOB**

GW wrote to Bob Seely MP with regard cycle provision. He had a reply from the Minister who is responsible for cycling. His letter reiterated the government's commitment to active travel.

#### **6) FUTURE MEETINGS.**

AGM: Friday 29 November 7.30pm, Carisbrooke Church Hall.

