

## CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 23 Aug 2016

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Martin Gibson (MG), Mike Marlow (MM), Andy Newman (AN), Matthew Whittaker (MW), Alex Lawson (AL).

### **1. Plan Cycle Festival.**

The IW Council Events team is reduced to zero, there being no budget. There will be no Cycle Festival this autumn. It could be possible to stage a cycling festival in May, commencing with the Wayfarers Randonnée on the Sunday of the first bank holiday. The Ramblers Walk the Wight is on the second May bank holiday weekend so there could be a combined walking & cycling festival.

AN said that promotion on Facebook & Twitter would make adequate advertising. He thought adequate leaders would come forward to make up a programme of events. TT understands that the IWC would be able to extend their insurance cover to events promoted by Visit Wight.

AL will report at Local Access Forum on 1 September & liaise with Ramblers. TT is to meet Phil from GP Sports to discuss his ideas.

### **2. Cyclists Breakfast**

The IW Chamber of Commerce have requested that another Cyclists' Breakfast is staged. Wednesday 14 September is suitable. Location as last year would be the junction of Quay Street and Sea Street.

AN hopes to be available, to provide the services of his camper van.

TT to clarify our access to use the area.

### **3. ROW Improvements**

The Cyclewight committee on 13 July had arrived at a response. There was a problem with the pdf format (which AL tried to capture). This could not be printed with comments included. TT will attempt to remedy & will circulate for further comments.

### **4. Cycling Strategy for IW**

These exist for other local authorities in the country, and TT proposes that Cyclewight should put forward a strategy for the Isle of Wight. The Winchester strategy is an excellent example which we could copy. TT said he would download examples to circulate to the committee, and would request comments – eg pick 5 features from each strategy.

MG said he had proposed that Natural Enterprise put forward a strategy for the island; they had considered a West Wight route based strategy but nothing came of it. Proposals led by user groups rather than by local authority would be better. The strategy should include proposals seeking funding, and he had ideas for funding sources.

AN said we should lobby councillors regarding schemes which should come from local suggestions TT said we should aim to produce a strategy by Christmas.

### **5. Local Enterprise Partnerships.**

The Government funding for sustainable transport is channelled through Local Enterprise Partnerships. Hence the Solent partnership is crucial. TT sought further advice from CTC, whose response was circulated. It notes that the complexity of the system is such as to discourage local campaigners.

Ideas for funding application discussed:

# Children's bikes, with proper design

# Training for bike mechanics.

# Bike libraries: suggested by MW, whereby bikes can be borrowed and returned, and childrens bike can be made available which fit.

### **6. 20mph Conference**

A Newport Councillor is proposing a blanket 20mph limit, and a conference is scheduled. It was agreed

that TT would speak in favour on behalf of Cyclewright.

## **7. Cyclewright matters & AOB**

AN suggested the current membership level was rather low and we were not well known. He suggested that we advertise on Facebook, which could push membership much higher.

MG suggested online payment should be made possible/easier. Direct debit arrangements were possible at a 1% rate of charge. CB to investigate.

Annual General Meeting on Friday 25 November 2016. Venue & speaker TBC.