

## CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 26 February 2020

Present: Jess Garbett (JG), Martin Gibson (MG), Tim Thorne (TT), George Wilks (GW), Kayleigh Richter, Naomi Hyland (NH), Alex Lawson (AL),

Apologies: Val Lawson (VGL), Mick Watts, Matt Whitaker.

### 1. Housing Consultation

NH has read the "IW-draft-housing-strategy-2020-for-consultation". The document does not say anything about sustainable travel as part of new housing development. There are a number of questions in the consultation which could be answered in terms of sustainable transport provision in addition to other infrastructure development such as schools and roads. These questions have to be answered in the context of the document, and this was discussed. TT said Campaign for Better Transport have stuff on sustainable transport provision;

<http://www.transportfornewhomes.org.uk/> and <https://bettertransport.org.uk> .

TT said they have a check list for new housing developments did send it to councillors. CW has previously commented on planning apps such as Shalfleet & Rookley and suggested better links to bus and cycle routes. Development in UK tends to proceed ahead of infrastructure provision, unlike in Holland where infrastructure is in place first. MG said that even when provision is made in planning the implementation often does not happen. TT agreed -as can be seen at Pan Estate. What is needed is Supplementary Planning Guidance documents which set out an active travel considerations to be referenced by planning committees. TT will write to Ollie Boulter and ask to see if it is part of the Council's plans. **\*\*TT\*\***

The consultation is available at <https://www.iow.gov.uk/consultations/> & is open until 13 March.

Action to complete survey **\*\*\*All members\*\*\***

### 2. E-membership

JG has completed registration of Cyclewight with Stripe, and Paypal was already in place. TT confirmed JG will be able to access <https://membermojo.co.uk/> TT said the current database has been set up & checked is ready for Matt Whittaker to take over. Automatic reminders will be generated. **Action \*\*TT\*\* \*\*JG\*\* \*\*MW\*\***

### 3. Forum & Follow up.

TT said the IW Cycle Forum is covered in the next newsletter, which is nearly ready to go. David Evans set out schemes which are planned and funded. The dire state of the National Cycle Network is acknowledged, and some work could happen this year. If councillors approve the Tour of Britain to be hosted on the island for it's final stage in September 2021. It would be hoped to lead to major cycle track improvements next year. A consultant would be recruited to manage the IWC aspects. The event is organised by Sweetspot, who have visited the island and believe it is very suitable.

### 4. Traffic Count

TT & GW had carried out a cycling census this morning 26 Feb 2020 from 6.30-9am. As shown in table below, Seaclose, Quay Street, Sea Street, and County Hall to each of three other directions was recorded. The corresponding numbers from 2017 are shown.

	2017		2020	
Seaclose > County Hall	5		7	
Seaclose > Sea Street	30		35	
Seaclose > Quay Street	4	39	2	44
Quay Street > County Hall	1			
Quay Street > Sea Street	4		3	
Quay Street > Seaclose	6	11	2	5
Sea Street > County Hall	10		5	
Sea Street > Quay Street	1		1	
Sea Street > Seaclose	19	30	12	18
County Hall > Sea Street	32		18	
County Hall > Quay Street	0		1	
County Hall > Seaclose	1	33	4	23
		<b>113</b>		<b>90</b>
Bargman's	31 N 8 S			
Bargman's avoid check point		7		

It was agreed that a census is needed at Dodnor to capture numbers using the cycle track to & from St Mary's. Also a fixed date should be decided for an annual survey. It was noted that some of these routes are used by many cars, which it would be useful to record. **\*\*TT GW\*\***

## 5. Undercliff event

The IWC intention to seek funding to re-open the vehicle through route was discussed at the Cycle Forum. There is now a speed limit of 30 mph on the Undercliff, and the alternative Round-the-Island direction signs have been approved by the DfT. CW should chase Island Roads to install these, and when this happens we should arrange publicity and an event/ride/celebration. The IW Ramblers & Hants & IW Wildlife Trust could be invited to participate. Saturday 6 June was suggested as a date.

Note Cyclewight is a member of Cycling UK, which provides insurance for events we organise. As I understand it we need to provide a proper list of members for this to be valid.

## 6. Cyclists' Breakfast

Kayleigh Richter is keen to set this up. We have previously found that the Quay Street/Sea Street junction is an excellent place for this. Once the new Active Travel officers are appointed she will pass on our name.

## 7. AOB

# Cycle parking provision: JG said the Ryde pedestrian precinct has very few cycle stands at the moment – they should be more capacity at more locations as the shops are spread out. MG said he expects the LCWIP when it is published to address this issue.

# West Wight: JG said a Cycle Hub at Yarmouth would fill needs of commuters to and from the island. She has sounded out Yarmouth Harbour-master who is sympathetic to space being made available. CW would have to consider where money could be found. KR will look up the cost to build the Cowes cycle hub. This has a capacity for 72 bikes and is very successful. **Action for**  
**\*\*\*TT Follow up\*\*\***

# TT said there is a fund of £15M left over from Yorkshire Tour. We could apply for funding for Bike Hangers (a company called Cycle Hoops provides these for secure storage).

# PLACE TO RIDE. Grants are available under two schemes. One is Small Grant fund, from £1k-£50k. The other is up to £50k. MG said we should consider schemes that could be put forward by Cyclewight. He said that People Powered CIC are applying for the Climate Change Lottery funding, which is taking a lot of their time. TT said the Paths for All schemes may lead to eligible projects, along with the PROW. MG suggested that Seaclose is a large area of land owned by IWC which could be provided with a perimeter cycle track as a safe place to learn to ride. AL said that the Yarbridge to Brading Station to St Helens route might need funding.

# TT said Pink-Eye Graphics own the websites IWCyclingfestival.com & co.uk & .org.uk. The registration fees are due, and the websites have been offered to Cyclewight. It was agreed that we should take up this offer rather than let ownership lapse. **Action for \*\*\*TT Follow up \*\*\***

# AONB have offered a place to a CW representative. It is on 26 March, 1130 am at Royal Solent Yacht Club. Steve Goodman has expressed willingness to go. **Action for \*\*\*TT Follow up \*\*\***

# The cycle hub at the Riverside has been closed due to misuse. The building is of wood construction and is not well situated.

# MG noted that our suggestions for cycling improvements to the St Mary's Roundabout Improvement Scheme have been ignored. He suggests that Cyclewight should approach St Mary's Hospital to consider a future active travel strategy for staff and patient access. This would be done along with the local authority. If nothing comes of this then Cyclewight should be prepared to make public our suggestions. **Action \*\*MG to draft,TT send on for Cyclewight \*\***

# **Isle Access have an Accessible Activities & Services Day**, on Saturday March 14 1030 to 1530 at West Wight Sports & Community Centre. All welcome.

## 8. FUTURE MEETINGS

The Local Access Forum is on Thursday 5 March.

IW Cycle Forum normally February, June, October.)

Committee: TBA