

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 28 April 2015

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Steve Archer (SA), Vic Mann (VM), Val Lawson (VGL), Alex Lawson (AL). Apologies: George Wilks, Andy Newman, Colin Boon, Steve Goodman, Tanja Rebel.

1. Road Safety.

There is a proposal for a safety campaign via advertising on the back of Southern Vectis buses, with the slogan "Go Wider of the Rider", to encourage cars to allow 3 feet space when passing cyclists. The image has been circulated to the committee. The LSTF2 could be contacted as a source of funds as they have a budget to promote cycling safety.

VGL said cyclists should be encouraged to let buses overtake, and asked if this was on the Cyclewight website.

TT said there was further proposal for posters for car rear window posters "I give room to cyclists".

2. Events: Riverfest, Cyclists' B'fast, Bike Week, Cycle fest. launch, Youth event.

Riverfest: Saturday 16 May. AL & VGL will promote Cyclewight. Take latest newsletters, flyers, Round the Island cycle route maps. ***VGL/AL***

Bike Week, 13-22 June: Promote cycling festival, Saturday 20 June St James Square, Mari-Louise White (IWC events).

IW Cycling Festival, September: Launch in Seaclose, 5 September ? Bikers Breakfast: Weds 9th September. Notify John Sole in advance, to include in Autumn Tints programme. Cycling Cinema. TBA. Youth event, 26 or 27 Sept, College of Further Education car park. Contact British Cycling. ***TT***

3. Chamber of Commerce- supporting their work.

TT is in touch with Ann Swift of the Chamber of Commerce. Budget of £10000 for road/cycling safety. It is proposed to contact St Mary's Hospital, GKN, BAe Systems as partners. Secure cycle parking, lockers, showers, charging points are all possible schemes.

The slogan "Enjoy the Journey" is put forward by VGL to encourage cycle commuting. It should also be on the Cyclewight website.

4. AOB

The Pearl Izumi Tour Series event takes place in Ryde on Thursday 14 May.

Cycle connection routes are part of the Asda development in Newport. VGL said it is important to follow up to ensure these happen.

The Cowes Medina Yard / Harrison development planning should be published soon, VGL said, and should be considered by Cyclewight.

The Folly development is very important to cycling. TT believes the owner has changed the company contracted to carry out the development. TT has also spoken to Susan Hawley, IWC Estuaries Officer, who is responsible. A planning meeting is due to take place. SH is aware that Will Ainslie has contacted the landowner re the section from Island Harbour to the Folly.

VGL said the Island Plan is available for consultation online and in libraries. They still include 500 houses per year up to 8000, as previously agreed with SEEDA. VGL has commented on the name of Cyclewight, and has said it is important that carbon neutral building standards are applied.

The IW Council Quality Transport Partnership meeting is on 12 May. VGL will represent

Cyclewright. *****VGL*****

The Local Access Forum meets on 4 June. AL will attend. The Higher Level Stewardship scheme is being phased out from 2016 to 2020, which will potentially affect access to a number of bridleways & footpaths including Lee Farm at Ningwood / Wellow. *****AL*****

The IW Cycle Forum is due for June. Contact Tracey Webb at IWF&R HQ to arrange for 15-16-17 June. *****AL*****

=====Next Meeting: TBD =====