

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 28 March 2018

Present: Martin Gibson (MG), Alex Lawson (AL), Mike Marlow (MM), Andy Newman (AN), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Matthew Whittaker(MW), George Wilks (GW),

Apologies: Val Lawson(VGL), Tanja Rebel (TR), Martin Pay (MP)

1. Cyclewight promotion

To promote awareness of & recruit members for Cyclewight we will be present at following events. We need to put together a list of our achievements in our 25 years existence. Also to arrange a display which shows safe (Highway Code) passing distance when vehicles overtake cyclists; Go Wider for the Rider.

Hullabaloo, 12.13th May. This is at Sandown near Dinosaur Museum. We will only do Saturday 12 May. *****MW, GW, TT, MR will go****. *Post Meeting TT will donate £25 to the event from CW funds.*

Riverfest 19 May. *****MG & MM will go***** +AL part-time

2. IW Sports Foundation

This organisation of diverse sports bodies contacted Cyclewight, having seen our Cycling Strategy for the IW. TT attended their meeting, chaired by Susie Sheldon, to give our input. We have been asked if anyone would wish to be a member of the steering group. Any takers?

3. IW Cycle Forum

This was held on 21 February 2018. Only 6 attended: some of committee plus Wight Cycle Training. This is very disappointing, but could be a one-off so see what happens next time (June). Review circulation list to see who also could be invited. The minutes have not reached the website yet. MG will insert his Newport Permeability Study information via TT. *****MG/TT/AL*****

List of invitees should include Cycle Clubs; Cycle Shops; Cycle businesses; IW Councillors; MP; Visit Isle of Wight; Police; Forestry; National Trust; Sustrans; ROW users inc Equestrians, disabled; Health; Sustainable transport organisations.

4. Cycle Festival Breakfast

We will arrange a Bikers Breakfast on the Wednesday of the IW Cycling Festival, 29 August. Contact Gareth about this and about 25 Year Anniversary ride (item 7). *****TT*****

5. IWC PROW Local Access Forum - Newport Cricket Club

Minutes are: <https://www.iwight.com/azservices/documents/1376-LAF-Minutes-01-02-18-v2.pdf>

Items include Upgrade B69 Yarbridge (completing route to Carpenters Road); Newport Highway Improvements; Pennyfeathers; Walking Festival; Newport Regeneration Plan; Island Line; Cycling Strategy; Bike thefts; Seaclose/Sea Street bridge closure; and the following:

Island Harbour to E Cowes. Budget is allocated for a project manager and work could commence in 2018/19. AL has asked for the "Medina Greenway" route to be considered at the next LAF on 5 April. The default appears to be via Whippingham and Beatrice Avenue, but Cyclewight's **A cycling strategy for the Isle of Wight** p22 proposes a direct route to Saunders Avenue.

Also to be considered on 5 April is planning application [TCP/21356/A, P/00150/18](#) **land south of Newclose Cricket Grounds** for 28 yurts, 20 car park spaces and toilet block etc. This is directly next to the old permissive route at the cricket ground which linked path A38 opposite to the cycle-track. The bridleways group is keen to bring about a permanent route here, and the Walk the Wight uses the route. MG suggested an impediment due to safety is the hedge which exists on the land covered by the application which blocks visibility from traffic on this 40mph road. It was agreed that TT for Cyclewight and that individual members should submit comments. The closing date for comments is 13 April. *****TT and others*****

6. Permeability Study

Martin Gibson has published Cycle Permeability for Newport 2018 & there is a link on

www.cyclewight.org.uk. (currently 36 downloads). Wendy Perera has passed onto Lee Matthews. MG said his object was to map the network as it exists, while illustrating important gaps in connection. There were possibilities for cycling contraflows which could improve the network.

GW suggested to break down into council ward areas and to raise an issue in each ward with its parish councillor. MG agreed except that cycling contraflows may not map neatly into wards.

MG noted he still has some consultation to carry out to conclude contractual requirements. TT is concerned that we communicate with the Lottery Fund regarding the contract, but MG thinks this is not necessary. *This is the case.*

7. 25 years of CycleWight

AN said it is important to put together a list of our achievements in our 25 years existence and to promote our successes.

MW said we should organise a ride to celebrate the 25 years, possibly as part of the IW Cycle Festival in August. Newport to Sandown would work as a route & we need to consider a destination venue (Gaslight Cafe?) and suitable date. See 4. above.

8. Local cycling and walking infrastructure plan consultant

Form the Access Fund there is 30 days of consultant time from a mainland company. **TT to find out which.** An initial meeting took place with IWC officers. Cyclewight were not invited to this, which is extremely frustrating as any plans must build on infrastructure in which we have had a major role over the years. TT is officially angry. It is to be hoped that our views are now considered. We have been told there is to be follow up meeting at the end of April.

9. Island Roads

TT has contacted Island Roads on various matters without response. AL invited Island Roads to IW Cycle Forum on 21 February. They did not attend. Safety issues raised are outstanding. TT will write to Bill Murphy and ask for Cyclewight to have better links with IR. Copy to Cabinet member Cllr Ian Ward.
TT

AN has met Island Roads to discuss Wayfarers' Randonnée issues, and feels they have been responsive. This was arranged with Rachel Mills whose job no longer includes Forum attendance.

10. AOB

Cycle Track Improvements: Island Roads contract is difficult to penetrate but may mean that nothing will be upgraded for 25 years. Parts of Newport to Sandown are very poor and muddy. Can we find out more? **Added to letter to Island Roads agenda Item 9.**

Medina Yard in Cowes has planning approval. This comes with upgrade to Arctic Road and with Cycle Track repair. TT said phase 4 should be implemented at the same time as phase 1.

Chris Ashman, Director of Regeneration, who leads "Wight we want" workshops, has received Cyclewight's "A cycling strategy for the Isle of Wight". We are invited to meet with him on 10 April.

Gunville Greenway: TT said the key realignment and land exchange has been agreed by school governors in writing to PROW. The Diocese has to give permission. That at present is outstanding

Sustrans signing workshop and ride on Sustrans Route 25 in Dorset was attended by Val & Alex. Info at <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-services/our-expertise/cycling-and-walking-infrastructure> and <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/what-you-can-do/cycling/cycling-safety-and-rules/cycling-signs-and-road-markings>

We have received donations £2000 from **Isle of Wight FoE** who have wound up after many years. Also donation received £1000 from **Wayfarers** (see Forum minutes).