

CYCLEWIGHT Committee, 29 October 2015

Present: Tim Thorne (TT), Mike Marlow (MM), Martin Pay (MP), Matt Whittaker (MW), Val Lawson (VGL), Alex Lawson (AL), . Apologies: Vic Mann, Colin Boon, George Wilks.

1. Cyclewright AGM

Friday 27 November, 730pm, Carisbrooke Village Hall, opposite the Co-op. TT explained a speaker is lined up but not able to confirm till later. The hall has a kitchen which should be suitable for refreshments.

2. Road Safety - Back of buses

There are plans for Southern Vectis buses to display safety messages. The proposals were discussed in detail. Some amalgam could be best. LIKED: "Please". "Go wider for the rider". "Share the road". Having cyclist + horse rider or other vulnerable user. Having utility cyclist not road warrior.

******TT to follow up******

3. LSTF bid.

TT circulated his draft proposal for discussion. The Cyclewright bid is to print and distribute updated Round The Island maps, as well as Alan Rowe route cards and new Chalk Ridge Extreme maps.

Grant funding has to be matched by Cyclewright, which is achieved by our time and expertise. We have intellectual property on the current map edition. We know from experience what information is important to visiting cyclists, and will be useful to TICs & cycle shops. We are familiar with routes on the island, while having access to the designers who can prepare and update the maps.

The proposals were discussed and refined by the meeting. Numbers envisaged are 15000 RTI maps, 5x5000 route cards and 5000 Chalk Ridge maps.

If any slack in budget VGL has a round Cowes cycle route which could be worked up into a route card. She also has a proposal for a Roman Villa route, between the Newport & Brading Roman villas.

*****TT will finalise bid*****

4. VGL/Age UK

VGL has attended meeting looking at transport needs of elderly. As well as improving hospital access they would like to promote the health and reduce isolation of over 50's. Age UK has access to a fair amount of grant money and there is an influential attendance at the meeting. Val asked for ideas which she could put forward.

Suggestions included arranging training rides for the inexperienced or nervous. This would be similar to the health walks which were very popular.

Electric bikes, which were to be provided for hire on the island, could make it possible for the unfit to get going.

TT thought that Wight Cycle Hire would be willing to lead rides. Fifty7 Cycles also may be willing as well as other hire and ride leading companies on cyclewright's website. TT added that insurance cover, needed to lead such rides, was available to him as a WCH employee or to CTC members by a reasonable payment for the cover.

*****VGL will attend further meeting*****

5. Cycle Swap

Children end up with unsuitable bike for various reasons including the fact that they grow out of them. There is a suggestion to arrange a cycle swap scheme but there are obvious problems in doing so. MW said there is such a scheme in the US known as the Fort Collins Bike Library.

<https://www.fcbikelibrary.org>

He agreed to investigate what could be possible on the island and to report back.

MW to follow up

6. Tesco Community Fund

The grants for funding green projects are available courtesy of Tesco income from plastic bag purchase. We had been notified of this by the IWC RoW.

Kids cycle tracks are proposed. These are tracks in recreation grounds & parks where very young children can learn to ride a bike.

Martin Tigg achieved one only, in the park at Wootton near to Lushington Hill/High Street. .

AL. CANNOT SEE ON GOOGLE MAPS. CAN WE GET MORE INFO ????

A second scheme at Nine-acres School in Newport did not come to fruition.

Suggestions for further suitable parks are those at

Simeon Street Recreation Ground, Ryde;

Park Road Recreation Ground, Cowes;

By swimming pool, Freshwater, West Wight;

Los Altos, Shanklin.

<http://www.groundwork.org.uk/News/tesco-local-community-scheme>

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7. AOB

IW Cycle Forum October - minutes are on Cyclewright web site. The **Pearl Izumi Cycle Race** held in Ryde in May was hailed as a success but required a large payment to bring it here. TT said a meeting to consider how to fund a repeat in 2016 was planned by IWC Events & Sports Unit, with Chamber of Commerce & Visit Isle of Wight participation. *** **Keep on Agenda** ***

Local Enterprise Partnerships; TT has heard from Tom Ransom that grant money is available for very large infrastructure projects. One possibility is for the tunnel from Whitwell to Upper Ventnor to be opened up for cycling, as has been done successfully in Somerset.

<http://www.iwchamber.co.uk/news/-/solent-lep-launches-call-for-projects-to-boost-economic-growth>

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Look out for a cycle jumble staged by Steve Dines. He is also planning a **junior cycle club** to start after Christmas in conjunction with Sustrans.

VGL has written to Red Funnel asking for provision of cycle parking at West Cowes ferry terminal and suggesting that grant money would be available. Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox has promised to support the case but no reply from Red Funnel is forthcoming to date.

It was noted that the Cowes chain ferry now charges 40p each way to cyclists & pedestrians.