

WAVERLEY CYCLE FORUM MEETING
Minutes of meeting on Thursday 14 April 2011

Present:

David Moxon (DM)	Chair
Chris Meeks (CM)	Friends of the Earth, Waverley Group
Jenny Barnes (JBn)	Godalming Town Council
Alec McCalden (AM)	Voluntary Cycling Coordinator & Godalming Cycle Campaign
Jane Bowden (JB)	Waverley Borough Council
David Munro (Cllr DM)	SCC Councillor
Ralph Holmes (RH)	Cranleigh initiative
Roger Newnes-Smith (RNS)	Witley Parish Council
David Kirkham (DK)	

Apologies for Absence

Myra Newnes-Smith	Witley Parish Council
John Hilder	Surrey County Council
Alan Fordham	SCC Cycling Officer
Tom Lankester	Transition Town Farnham

2) Marshall Road link Farncombe/Godalming - RNS offered to take this project forward and set up a sub group. Sustrans has been approached to give advice such as who could take responsibility for land offered by Jewsons. Steve Cosser, SCC, has been contact to set up a site meeting. There is some money in the Waverley highway budget.

3) Draft Annual Report for Waverley Cycle Forum – circulated by David Moxon for comment. The Cycling Forum submitted detailed comments in response to the various consultation papers on the new SCC Transport Plan. The Plan is supportive of cycling, although the detailed paper on the cycling strategy, to give effect to the Plan's objectives for cycling, has not yet been completed.

Cllr DM suggested the Forum should identify the top priority for each area and push those. Autumn will be the best time to make contact with Pat Frost to get input into the four area task groups. To help ensure effective implementation it may be best to set up subgroups to deal with each major scheme. The aim would be to involve a range of local stakeholders, not just Forum members.

The forum would like to have better representation, in particular from Haslemere.

Action: All to send comments to DM on draft annual report. DM to circulate final version to David North (secretary to Waverley local area committee). AM to put it on website. JB to circulate final version to relevant WBC staff. DM to pursue possible representation from Haslemere

Cranleigh to Ewhurst Cycle route – Pauline Whitehead, clerk to Cranleigh Parish Council is keen to see scheme progress. Need to get new SCC councillor involved.

Action: RH to contact Pauline Whitehead, Richard Cleave & new SCC councillor after May 5th.

JB to send RH details of the cycling provision in the Swallow Tiles planning application WA/2010/2197.

4) Report from Alec McCalden, cycling coordinator

Central government have launched a Local Sustainable Transport Fund. CTC is putting in a bid for Bike Club Plus which build on the success of the exiting Bike Club that aims to get more young people cycling. Paul Flitwick is the SCC contact.

A public notice about a traffic calming scheme for Cattershall Road has been published. There has been no consultation with the Cycling Forum and there are concerns that there may be the same problem that occurred with the location of the speed cushions along Brighton Road. There is a need to 'cycle proof' all highway schemes.

Action: AMC to set up a meeting with John Hilder, DM & Cllr DM.

Hindhead Tunnel – no response has been received from the highways agency on the concerns about the number of cycle dismount signs at the eastern end (from the roundabout to Hindhead village). Alan Fordham has been following this up.

There is a need to encourage forum members to make more use of the website www.cycleforum.org.uk.

Action: DM to pursue the Hindhead issue with Alan Fordham.

5) Further matters arising from minutes of the meeting of 13 January 2011

DM is trying to make contact with the National Trust to discuss opportunities for signed, off-road cycling routes and other issues related to off-road cycling in Hindhead once the tunnel opens.

DM has done an article to promote cycling in Making Waves.

A start had been made on revising the Waverley Transport Plan, which is now six years old. However, it was agreed that this should be finalised only once the Cycling Strategy which is to form part of the LTP, and which is due in the next quarter, had been completed. To ensure maximum influence the revised Waverley Plan should complement the LTP. It would also reflect developments over the past 6 years and take on board lessons from the current plan.

Action: All update plan to be main focus of next meeting.

RNS is now receiving the WBC weekly planning list and has been forwarding planning applications to relevant forum members.

Woking District Council is planning to ban cyclists from the town centre from 9am – 4pm. – this is disappointing as Woking was promoted as cycling development town. Sustrans has said this should have been subject to a public notice and can therefore be objected to.

The HLF bid for Godalming Philips Memorial Park is principally for restoration of the cloisters and does not include any cycling facilities. **Action: JB to inform Matt Lank, Parks Manger of the proposed Godalming circular route that uses Broadwater Park and Phillips Memorial riverside path.**

6) Any other business

On the hill behind Witley Station there are signs up and CCTV where the owner is trying to discourage use of a public right of way. **Action: RNS to inform James Taylor, Rights of Way manager.**

Work has commenced on the Weyside Path shared pedestrian/cycleway route along the riverside in Farnham from Kimbers Lane to the Riverside car park.

WBC has had complaints about inconsiderate cyclist in the Park. At an open day at Farnham Park on 5 June we are going to ask if the Farnham Cyclist would help with a `considerate cycling` promotion.

There will be a new Godalming Town Council rep at the next meeting. Jenny Barnes was thanks for her contribution and asked if she would still attend as a local cycling rep.

7) Dates of future meetings and items/speakers

Thursday 14th July – update Cycling Plan
Invite Sustrans rep

Thursday 13th Oct Committee Room 2