

Minutes of the Meeting of the Waverley Cycle Forum 28th April 2009

Present:

Roger Newnes-Smith (RNS)	Witley Parish Council
Thomas Lankester (TL)	Transition Town Farnham
Alec McCalden (AMc)	Godalming Cycle Campaign
Chris Meeks (CM)	Friends of the Earth
Ralph Holmes (RH)	Cranleigh Initiative
David Moxon (DM)	Voluntary Cycling Coordinator
Roland Seber (RS)	Godalming Cycle Campaign
Jenny Barnes (JBn)	Godalming Town Council
Maurice Byham (MB)	WBC Councillor
John Hilder (JH)	SCC Highways
Graham Parrott (GP)	Waverley Borough Council
Matthew Ellis (MTE)	Waverley Borough Council

1. Apologies for absence

Richard Cleaves	Ewhurst PC
Alan Fordham (AF)	SCC Cycling Officer

2. Election of Chairman

CM proposed David Moxon to be Chairman, this was accepted and agreed by the Forum

Roland Seber was thanked for chairing the Cycle Forum for the last two years.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 13th January 2009

Section 8 Cycle racks at Secretts – No update

Broadwater Park – some speed bumps had been removed but then had been replaced. GP to investigate with Jane Bowden (**Action GP/JB**).

Cranleigh Cycle Routes –JH said that scheme agreed and started but SCC received complaints from users. Where there is a public footpath contractors will not put in signs. It was suggested that RH check to see if work had been done and report back to JH (**Action RH/JH**)

Scholars Ride – Plans sent to TL. The Castle Street build out completed. JH stated that problems caused by cycling being prohibited on footpath and also on Long Garden Walk. However Legal suggests that it may be possible to get cycling restrictions lifted.

GP reported Jane Bowden's update. CM said it was possible that by-laws may no longer be relevant if the primary legislation had been superseded or replaced by other legislation. TL concerned about signs, part of an extensive Greenway provided by LA21. Brought together a number of agreed parties including the Ramblers. Park Row is the biggest issue. JH said Alan Fordham (AF) has discussed with TL, but had considered it not a good idea to have a dedicated cycle route. JH also said that they would only sign away from the Park, not into it. There was disagreement between JH and TL over the colour of signs on the highway. DM suggested that we should check regulations and consider again at the next meeting. (**Action JH**)

Kimbers Lane and the Guildford Road Trading Estate. TL still to speak to Ailsa Woodruff in Waverley Estates department (**Action TL**).

Weydon Lane Bridge – JH had checked the “loops” for the traffic lights. They have been adjusted as far as possible. TL stated that advance stop signs are still needed. (**Action JH/AF**).

Mousehill Lane – RNS said that scheme generally well received. However AM still concerned with problem of cyclists not being able to turn right out of Mousehill Lane. JH agreed to check Statement of Reasons for the original Order (**Action JH**).

Brighton Road – JH had asked implementation engineer to investigate. Need to check if the work had been done. Also discussion on the speed cushions. Some concern that the gap for cyclists is too narrow. JH informed that minimum gap of 850mm exists, but will check again. AM will resend his email to JH so that the distances can be checked (**Action AM/JH**).

Summers Road – Speed cushions removed

A31 crossing Only half done and therefore is an outstanding issue. JH to follow up with the contractor Ringway (**Action JH**)

4, 5 and 6. The role of the Forum in reviewing and updating the Cycle Plan, particularly the Action Plan and Prioritised List of Schemes

JH stated that the Cycle Plan was not an SCC document but a Waverley planning document. GP explained the need for the Cycle Forum to keep the Cycling Plan up to date, particularly the Action Plan (which is linked to each of the Cycling Plan objectives) and the Prioritised List of Schemes. These two documents, produced by the Forum, are not “standing still” documents and WBC needs to be happy that they are still used.

DM said that a way to focus on local groups and their feedback to be carried out in advance of the meeting to update the list was needed. AM to advise representatives to become a member of specific email group (**Action AM**). DM said that a lot of the actions come down to the SCC and costing estimates exercise is needed to do the work although, as JH explained, it is not an SCC list. JB said list was too long and that there was a need to focus on top 2 or 3. JH explained the relevant highway schemes for 09/10 that were agreed at the 13th March Local Committee meeting. JH said that overall budget was £300K and there were no dedicated cycle schemes. Therefore a very small budget can be allocated to cycling. However, there was also the potential use of Planning Infrastructure Contributions. GP said the Local Committee need to also be kept up to date, both on long term and short-term actions (**Action GP/JH**).

Publicising the Cycle Forum

AM or DM to put an item in the Waverley Magazine and a review of the Forum meeting written up for the local press (**Action DM**). Request that a web link be established between the Cycling Plan on the Waverley BC web site and the Cycling Forum web site. GP will investigate (**Action GP**).

8. How can new technology help the Forum’s work?

DM suggested that email exchange to take place via the email group (see Item 4, 5 and 6) in advance of the next meeting and feedback as necessary (**Action all**).

9. Feedback from the Dunsfold Public Inquiry

RH gave the feedback from the inquiry. Decision by the Secretary of State expected in autumn. If the Secretary of State is minded to carry out an additional consultation on proposals before it accepts development then the Cycle Forum must be proactive in setting out the needs of cyclists.

10. Godalming Healthcheck

AM drew attention to the website for the Godalming Healthcheck and said that all comments on the Healthcheck would be welcome. See: www.onetown.org.uk

11. Surrey CC Update

No further update.

12. Waverley Update

Nothing to report in addition to what had already been discussed.

13. Local Roundup

Marshall Road/Jewsons – Godalming TC has written to Jewsons but as yet no response given. Agreed that this needs chasing and a copy of the letter be copied to Jewson's sustainability Officer (**Action JBn**)

14. Dates of next meetings

Next meeting is 21st July 2009

October meeting to be arranged (**Action GP**)