

MINUTES WAVERLEY CYCLE FORUM MEETING THURSDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2010

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
Maurice Byham (MB)	WBC Councillor
David Munro (Cllr DM)	SCC Councillor
Alan Fordham (AF)	SCC Cycling Officer
Ralph Holmes (RH)	Cranleigh initiative
Roger Newnes-Smith (MNS)	Witley Parish Council
Roland Seber (RS)	Godalming Cycle Campaign

Apologies for Absence

Diane James (DJ)	Waverley Borough Councillor
Myra Newnes-Smith (MNS)	Witley Parish Council
John Hilder	Surrey County Council

1) SCC Local Transport Plan consultation papers (four papers available on SCC website)

LTP3 now called `Surrey Transport Plan`. Plan is for 15 years & will be a living, web-based document so it can be updated. There will be a specific cycling strategy paper in early 2011, but SCC will welcome feedback on papers now available. SCC are carrying out a major review of bus services and routes, Waverley & Guildford will be carried out in 2 years time.

General comments:-

- Minimum standards for cycle parking will provide more leverage to get greater provision
- Cycling provision should be a higher priority in reducing congestion than subsidising bus services as cycling can cause a long term shift in travel patterns.
- Bikes are good at connecting journeys at either end of public transport journeys – bikes can be part of the journey & good mobility aid.
- Leisure & sports clubs should be included in locations for bike parking.
- Cycle parking in town centres need to be spread across the area as people will move bikes whilst using facilities.
- Need bike parking by main bus routes.

ACTION: DM to resend note from AF on the draft Cycling Strategy.

All - Comments to AF on ideas for Cycling Strategy paper.

Local reps – identify suitable bus stops for cycle parking.

2) Planning gain for cycle infrastructure

Two sources of section 106 money 1) enhancements linked to large developments which are agreed at planning stage eg Quay site, Godalming. 2) Planning Infrastructure Contributions, which are tariffs on developments of all sizes which are then allocated to different pots – cycling infrastructure would come out of the Transportation pot (currently £55k) which goes to Surrey County Council. John Hilder is the contact for getting cycling schemes raised as a priority through the local forum.

ACTION: JB & AF to organise a planning rep from Waverley & SCC to explain section 106 process.

3) Marshall Road link Farncombe to Godalming

Jewsons' have now offered to the community a 2m strip of land in order to create a cycle path. Ways need to be found to minimise the cost - could use volunteer labour eg Sustrans rangers, probation service. This scheme is a high priority for the community interest company to implement the Godalming Healthcheck. The local SCC councillor Steve Cosser needs to champion this.

There needs to be an owner of the donated strip – Godalming Town Council to be approached. Whilst funds are being sourced action should be taken asap to move fence & remove vegetation so that Jewson's offer is not lost.

ACTION: AM/AF to approach Godalming Town Council regarding ownership of strip of land.

AM to contact Kelvin Mills to ensure new link is recognised in planning for the new Godalming Leisure Centre

4) Twenty's Plenty plan for Godalming's residential roads.

A major scheme supported by the Town Council that would also benefit cyclists. A scheme has been implemented in Portsmouth & perhaps lessons learnt from this can inform the Godalming scheme. Police & highways support is vital if this is to progress. Setting up a community speed watch scheme may help provide evidence in support.

ACTION: JBn to find a contact for the Portsmouth scheme

5) Farnham Greenways update

Issues still to be resolved are SCC approval for roundel signage in Farham Park & road painting on Park Row. WBC to explore realignment of Bear Lane Park entrance.

ACTION: TL to have meeting with John Hilder, Pat Frost, Jane Bowen, David Munro to agree final actions.

Cllr DM suggested a letter to Mary Orton to seek WBC assistance in getting hedge moved on leased site on Riverside Industrial Estate to solve missing link

6) Liaison with National Trust on cycling issues.

National Trust have recently approached cycling organisations to see how they could engage more effectively with them. They own a lot of land in Waverley and there are particular local issues around the opening up of the landscape around Hindhead following the opening of the tunnel. The best way to input is through the Hindhead Together initiative.

ACTION: DM to raise this with Caroline White

7) Report from Alec McCalden, cycling coordinator, including update on website

Evening cycle rides organised as part of the Godalming `Staycation` was a good example of promoting `cycling is for everybody`. All Forum members are encouraged to use the Cycling Forum website www.cycleforum.org.uk. Anybody can contribute a page or items.

ACTION: AM to provide `idiots guide` to putting items on the website.

8) Matters arising from minutes of 3 June 2010 meeting.

Hindhead tunnel bike ride cancelled.

Signs for Hydestile permissive path – as it is not a public right of way, James Taylor cannot provide cycle route signs.

ACTION: JB to provide contact for off the peg cycling signs - <http://www.metro signs2000.co.uk>,

Crossing of the A3 from Lea Park Road is to be closed off. Tom Grillo is looking for an alternative route to provide a safe cycle crossing.

9) AOB

Diane James has asked for an update on the Ewhurst-Cranleigh cycle path.

Elstead/Rodborough route being explored by RS/DM. Very high cost quoted to upgrade the footpath & upgrade the bridleway.

ACTION: DM to probe estimated costs.

Broadwater & Rodborough schools are doing cycle training.

Unofficial Rodborough BMX jumps will be removed by March 2011. A new site is being sorted out & a committee has been set up to manage the new site using CCT advice. New site will require planning permission.

Busbridge first & middle schools are doing Friday morning bike rides accompanied by parents & police.

Dates of future meetings and items/speakers

Thursday 13 January 2011 – Section 106 WBC & SCC rep.

Future meeting – Portsmouth rep on experience with `Tewnty's Plenty` scheme