

Agenda

1) **2 min** Appointment of chair for this meeting

Apologies for Absence – DK,

2) **2 mins** Minutes of previous meeting 13.5.14

3) **5 mins** Any Matters Arising not already covered below

4) **10 mins** Get Cycling / Bike Try-out Events Feedback - **JR**

5) **20 mins** Seafront Cycle path / NCN2

i. Update on the extension westward from George V Avenue to Sea Place **JC**

ii. Promenade cycling

6) **10 mins** 20's Plenty Consultation – update **BM, DK, GR**

7) **10 mins** Worthing CLC feedback from 10th June meeting

Beer & Comfort Break 5 mins

8) **15 mins** Progress updates :-

i. Harrison Way Restricted Byway – initial clearance working party **CA & SE**

ii. Other projects on the list submitted to Worthing CLC for their IL

iii. Cycle Stands

iv. East Worthing to Brooklands cycle path

9) **15 mins** Possible future Projects :-

i. Safer cycling leaflets **SE**

ii. Cycle lights campaign **GR**

iii. Bells campaign – CIF application

10) **10 mins** WSCC Environment & Community Select Committee Strategic Transport Investment Programme – Approval of Prioritised Schemes 2014/15 (see email 13.5.14 and summary below) **JR**

11) **5 mins** WSCF feedback

i. Cycling Strategy Document & Potholes motion update, if any **GF** (see below)

ii. Cycle mapping discussion group – testing **JP, AC**

iii. new group based in East Preston

12. **10 mins** AOB

i. WCF Facebook page

ii.

iii.

13) **2 mins** DVNM - Thursday 17th July @ Beechwood Hall Hotel

NB : Please print off this agenda – if you are able – and bring with you this previous meeting minutes and relevant emails should you wish to refer to them

Item 5 – From John Coote

If the land ownership has been resolved, I'm not aware of any issues that would prevent a design being drawn up that could go to public consultation.

I have copied below the last correspondence that I had on this issue with Bryan Curtis and Richard Wells (10/10/2013). Neither of them has got back to me to say that the land ownership has been resolved.

Bryan Curtis asserts that "cycle routes like this take a long time to develop and moreover implement". This is only true where there isn't the political will to grasp benefits of enabling more people to choose to cycle. I don't know what Bryan is referring to as "the agreed WSCC/WBC Cycle strategy".

I can't influence the work priorities of Richard or Bryan. Despite encouraging words from various local politicians over the last three years, there has been no effective action to get the S106 money spent for the benefit of the community. Indeed, since the post of WS Cycling Officer was axed, there has been no effective partnership working between Sustrans and WSCC in the Worthing area to develop the National Cycle Network.

Note that the £161,000 section 106 monies from the Eirene Road development (WB/1121/06) would not cover the cost of extending the seafront route to Sea Lane, Goring. The estimate for doing that in the (failed) LSTF bid was £522,000: a figure which could be reduced to some extent by adjusting the proposed design.

According to the letter signed by Pieter Montyn to Julia Smith at WBC (18/11/2013: "Notice of motion - Worthing BC") only £21,000 of the S106 money is allocated to "cycle improvements along NCN route 2". I have no idea what that figure is based on and very much doubt that it would be enough to take the cycle route round the new development to Sea Place.

If there is someone at WSCC or WBC who can get a grip on these issues and who is committed to delivering the benefits, then I see no reason why the National Cycle Network should not be extended at least to Sea Place. That would get over one hurdle in developing a route 2 between Worthing and Littlehampton. Regards, John.

From Bryan Curtis (WBC Principal Engineer)

In brief this needs to be on the WBC work programme as they hold the S106 monies which are part of the planning consent for the Sea Place Development and that WSCC and WBC have previously agreed that the work, bearing in mind that it is also on WBC land, will be delivered by them (WBC). The Developer could deliver this but as it isn't part of his scheme I doubt very much if he will be interested as we still need to get consent from both Councils to build it. It is easier and believe it or not quicker to do it this way.

My next steps are to recommend to the new WBC senior Management team that we will investigate with Members their desire to implement the extension and get onto the programme so that we can start the formal process of delivery. Whilst this all seems a rather slow process I regret to say that it is this way to ensure that schemes delivered by local Authorities are democratically consulted upon and that there are sufficient funds not only to build but maintain in the future.

Please be aware we are trying to help deliver this as best we can. Bryan Curtis

John Rogers to BC I don't see the need to consult members again, it was previously agreed. Don't want another Durrington Hill situation! Can you help to speed up please?

From Roger Oakley responding to conversation between Anthony C & Nick Marks (WSCC) re eastern seafront path Your comments are interesting.

You are probably aware that I have been looking at this matter for time and will be engaging with local officers on the matter once the elections are concluded and all the shuffling is finished. I am considering cost and method of widening the prom at certain points. A cost estimate has been obtained.

I have also considered the merit of desegregating the cycle use and its implications. All the other points you have mentioned are relevant particularly the evidence of use. When I am able to engage fully in the matter I may well be seeking your advice on related issues but please be patient. This is just one of several highway matters that I am expected to address. Roger Oakley ; member for Worthing East

Item 11 – from Geoffrey Farrell (WSCF) 23 Apr

Hello all - you'll have noticed that we've not had a meeting of the WSCF for some time now - nor is there one scheduled. There's a reason for this.

You'll recall that our strategy document was handed over to Duncan Barratt of WSCC in December in order for him to discuss with his Councillor colleague - the Cabinet Member for H&T, Cllr Pieter Montyn. Because so much depends on the outcome of those discussions, it seemed reasonable to wait until we had an idea of the direction in which things were going.

That process has had a couple of false starts but things are moving! Duncan and Pieter have spoken (along with Cllr Derek Whittington). Cllr Montyn is due to hold a discussion with his other colleagues on April 25 (this Friday).

There's something else been going on that might have a bearing on how those discussions go. On April 10, I was asked to take part in a meeting of the Environmental & Community Services Select Committee Business Planning Group or ECSSC BPG for short. This meeting puts forward issues that WSCC should be scrutinising. In this case - cycling. The committee's decision is eagerly awaited.

I should hear in a week or two on both.