

Minutes of the Meeting of Worthing Cycle Forum (WCF)

Held on Monday 13th October 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel at 7.30pm

Item 1 - Formalities :-

In attendance : in seating positions clockwise around the table; Stuart Elms, William Morris, Roger Oakley, Gavin Ross, Dave Parsons, John Rogers, Mandy Buxton, Nigel Gardner, Paula & Colin Attle, Anthony Corcoran plus a welcome to Tony Potts, Chrissima P & Steve Carleysmith,

i. **Apologies** : Anthony Cartmell, John Coote, Duncan Kay, JP Saville, Jeremy Strutt,

ii. **Minutes of previous meeting Held on Thursday 18th September 2014** - agreed

Item 2 – Any urgent matters arising – CIF application has now been passed by Cllr. Michael Cloake

Item 3– Future Meetings, venues, preferred day (s) and dates: agreed to book Beechwood Hall on Monday 17th November and then review further.

Item 4 – Schools project feedback : GR reported that

i. the first event on Friday 26th September at St. Andrews School was a great success with five groups of year 11 students participating in a wide ranging presentation including road awareness, safe and responsible cycling, etc. Each of the students who had cycled to school that day had a set of 'wrap-on' lights together with a tyre valve blue flashing reflector fitted to their bikes by two local PCSO's who unfortunately were called away before they could undertake the bike security marking & registration

ii. Davison School are keen to have a similar event and funding is available

iii. SE suggested approaching Durrington High as many of their students who cycle have to use busy and dangerous roads such as the Boulevard, Littlehampton Road, Terringes Avenue & Church Road Tarring Village

Item 5 – WCF future direction & planning :

i. **WM & SE** briefly outlined all the schemes and projects that we were currently involved in (see agenda for list) then invited each of the attendees to share the issues and objectives they would most like to see addressed :-

- **WM** - extending seafront cycle path westwards
- **RO** – Seafront cycle path, including upgrading the path east of Splash Point
- **GR** – i. turn pavements on arterial roads into shared use space as has been successfully trialed elsewhere in the west country; ii. consider having some social cycling events iii. Greater use of social media to help engage with local cyclists
- **TP** – monitoring the poor condition of and number of potholes on local roads
- **CP** – the inadequacy and dangers of the seafront cycle path in the Brooklands area
- **SC** - i. making the town centre more 'cycling friendly'; ii. east-west route at Worthing station; iii. single entry to roundabouts; iv: seafront; v. Speed reduction along Goring Road
- **MB** – local road conditions, urged everyone to use the Love West Sussex website to report potholes
- **JR** - extending seafront cycle path westwards
- **NG** – draw on the 'Dutch' experience; cycle zebra crossings for roundabouts; more signage; be realistic with the map
- **C & PA** – i. everything thing around the seafront cycle path; ii. Overhanging vegetation on paths & roads

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- SE – completion of the ‘contra-flow’ cycle path in South Street Tarring – with possibly adding the suggested diversion through Tarring Rec – that ran out of WSCC funding some years back
 - WM also read out a summary of AC’s priorities: the most practical and effective way forward is incremental changes, with the sea front path westward the top priority; WM highlighted a note from JC that DfT research reveals that 20% of Worthing residents cycle at least once a week, making Worthing 11th of the 377 areas studied, and thus is already a cycling town.
- ii. Agreed that the **no.1 priority for WCF** should be the extension and widening ((to 4m or national standards) of the seafront cycle path (NCN2) though to Sea Lane Café Goring :-
- a. Agreed to discuss with JC, the WCF lead on this matter, how best we take this forward and our strategy . JR, MB, SE or WM volunteered to be part of the ‘strategy planning group’
 - b. Agreed to discuss with AC, our webmaster, how best we could use the WCF website to highlight the reporting of potholes
 - c. (nb WCF has previously agreed to i. campaign for the seafront cycle path east to Shoreham Beach being improved to national standards and ii. NCN2 being extended right through to Littlehampton)

NB: road conditions - the government guidelines for intervention are :-

- Potholes :-
 - medium impact – 40-99cm’s deep and at least 150mm in all directions
 - high Impact – greater than 100cm deep and at least 150mm in all directions
- Overgrown vegetation :-
 - overhanging the carriageway by 5m or less
 - overhanging the cycleway 2.3m or less
 - overhanging the footway by 2.1m or less blocking the footway by 33% or more and / or less than 1.2m footway available

Item 6 **AOB** - the Durrington Community Cycle Project, run by Colin Attle and Nigel Gardner on Tuesday am at the Flintstone Barn Pond lane Durrington, is always looking for volunteers to help. Anyone else looking to learn more about cycling maintenance is also most welcome – please contact :-

- Colin Attle : colinattle@tiscali.co.uk
- Nigel Gardner : nigel.gardner@btinternet.com

Item 7 – **DVNM** : Monday 17th. November at 7.30 pm at the Beechwood Hall Hotel Wykeham Road BN11 4JD