

## Minutes of the Meeting of Worthing Cycle Forum (WCF)

Held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel at 7.30pm

### Item 1 - Formalities :-

**In attendance :** Mandy Buxton, John Coote, Stuart Elms, Nigel Gardner, William Morris, Nick Marks, Gavin Ross,

**i. Apologies :** Paula & Colin Attle, Anthony Cartmell, Geoff Farrell (WSCF), Duncan Kay, Mary Lermite, Roger Oakley, Dave Parsons, John Rogers, JP Saville, Jeremy Strutt,

**ii. Minutes of previous meeting Held on Monday 13th October 2014** - agreed

**Item 2 – Future Meetings, venues, preferred day (s) and dates:** agreed to leave this item open but start 2015 alternating Thursdays & Mondays starting with Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January & Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February both in the Laurel Room at the Beechwood Hall Hotel at 7.30pm as usual.

**Item 3 - Seafront Cycle path** – JC reported on the recent initial meeting of the ‘strategy planning’ group. :-

- i. **Mary Lermite - WBC councillor for the Goring ward** and long time supporter of the extension of the path right through from George V Avenue to Sea Lane Café Goring – accepted our invitation to attend this meeting and agreed to :-
  - a. consider putting a question, on behalf of WCF, to a future meeting of the WBC full council re the progress, or otherwise, of John Roger’s ‘cycling motion’ agreed by WBC in October 2013 and put to the WSCC cabinet member for Highways
  - b. write to the leader of WSCC questioning both the ongoing delays in progressing this scheme which was agreed in principle some years back and requesting feedback
  - c. contact the Goring Residents Association to suggest that WCF be invited to one of their monthly meeting to explain the proposals in detail so that there could be no misunderstandings
- ii. **Funding opportunities** – JC will contact Iain Steane at WSCC’s Strategic Transport Planning Team having been alerted though the WSCF to the intentions of the Horsham Cycle Forum (HCF) to submit an application for the new DfT (possible) funding scheme for cycle infrastructure.
- iii. **Appeal for any Goring based members of WCF to contact us** – sadly this has not brought any responses.

**Item 4 – CIF application to the Worthing CLC** – WM reported that the draft agenda for the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November showed that the sub-committee responsible for evaluating the applications had agreed to recommend that our bid for £1k funding to support the schools project be approved (later agreed at that meeting).

**Item 5 - Schools project feedback :** GR will be continuing this most worthwhile project in 2015 – with the financial backing of WCF and possibly the local JAG partnership - and is looking to plan events at both Davison & Worthing High and thereafter consider Durrington High & Chatsmore

**Item 6 - WCF future direction & planning :**

- i. **Elm Grove Footbridge :** the proposal for a new wheelchair and cycle friendly step free footbridge at Elm Grove – put together by DK at the request of WCF and which would also provide a much needed ‘gateway’ into the town – was agreed. SE will endeavour to look at a similar footbridge that has recently over the railway at Westgate in Chichester
- ii. **Worthing CLC Community Issues List (CIL) :** in consequence of the decision at i. above, it was also agreed that we should consult with membership on the proposal that we amend our existing list of top three CIL priorities by replacing the existing no.3 – the A24 Cycle Path - with the Elm Grove Scheme, it being felt by some that we should give preference to schemes within the town given that any plans for the A24 were only long term possibilities and would require more than the present tacit support of both the WSCC divisional councillor for Findon and the SDNP.
- iii. **Local cycling officer :** NM ventured the opinion that Worthing needed a cycling officer to help get our various proposals brought to the attention of WSCC officers so that they might then stand a better chance of being considered by senior councillors. **Action NM** to email SE with an example of a job profile

**Item 7 – Possible cycle velodrome event in Worthing** – not considered as JR not in attendance

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**Item 8 – Other feedback :-**

- i. **20mph consultation results** – deferred to the next meeting pending the outcome of the Worthing CLC meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November
- ii. **New Worthing cycle stands** – at last some meaningful progress through the new Assistant Highways Manager for the area – Mike Thomas – who has initiated the surveys of the sites proposed by WCF. A couple are on land belonging to WBC, so may be delayed a little, but SE now has direct contact with Mike and given him a better understanding of some of our local schemes including the A24 cycle path.

**Item 9 – AOB :**

- i. Social media – following the brief discussion at the last meeting around the possible benefits of using social media to interact with potential new members, MB & GR agreed to be ‘admins’ for the WCF facebook page “Worthing cyclists...join the local campaigning group WCF”
- ii.

**Item 10 – DVNM : Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January in the Laurel Room at the Beechwood Hall Hotel at 7.30pm as usual**

A reminder that the Durrington Community Cycle Project, run by Colin Attle and Nigel Gardner each 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 either :-

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