

Minutes of the Meeting of Worthing Cycle Forum (WCF)

Held on Thursday 13th May 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel Worthing at 7.30pm

In attendance : Anthony Cartmell, John Coote, Stuart Elms, William Morris, John Rogers, Roger Oakley, John Rogers, Gavin Ross, JP Saville, Jeremy Strutt, Eileen Suchodolski,

Apologies : Paula Attle, Geoff Farrell (WSCF) , Nigel Gardner, Stephen Jeffery, Duncan & Kathryn Kay, Chiara Vagnarelli

Welcome to : Julian Stevens Active Communities Manager from WBC

Item 1 - WCF Appointment of Chair for this meeting : William Morris

Item 2 - Minutes of previous meeting Held on Thursday 6th March 2014 : agreed **Item 3 – matters arising not already covered below :** none

Item 4 – Bike Try-out Events with Get Cycling : JR updated the meeting on the final arrangements. Those volunteering to help on the 17th. Included P & C A, AC, SE, WM, JS & daughter Natalie. For the 24th. Help is **urgently** needed to erect the arena barriers for approx. 1hr from 9 am and again at 4pm to clear the site. A volunteer is also required to shadow the visiting town crier and give out flyers around the town centre from approx. 10.45 for an hour or two. Anyone else willing to help during the event will be most welcome.

Item 5 – Cycle Stands : SE reported that Sandell's anticipate the available monies should cover the installation of approx. 20 stands although this could be reduced if they have to collect them from the Clapham Depot and also if their preferred method of installation – viz. bolting the stand feet flanges is not possible. JR will see if he can use his employers transport to collect them. Although SE has established contact with Simon Baldwin, Asst. Highways Manager for this area, it is unlikely progress will be anything other than slow !

Item 6 – Cycling on the Promenade :

i. Possible campaign to encourage users to have a working bell : a similar project was, apparently, something which the Revolution group had undertaken previously with success. It was then agreed this would be a most worthwhile project for to undertake again and might also help foster a positive working relationship with WBC. RO suggested that we submit a Community Initiative Funding (CIF) bid to Worthing CLC for action in Spring 2015.
Action – RO to email GR & SE the CIF application form

ii. Cycling Safely for Secondary School pupils : GR talked about another project he is putting together on behalf of the local Fire Brigade to promote 'safer cycling' for pupils, as part of measures to help reduce the *KS1* figures for Worthing. Initially, he will be seeking funding – which could include the issue of lights attached by straps – through the Brigades Worthing and Adur District. Joint Action Group (JAG). A further CIF application may be considered at a later stage if required.

Item 7 – Harrison Road Restricted Byway : although the owners of Decoy Villa were successful in their planning application to WBC for a 'certificate of lawfulness' covering the buildings partly blocking the byway, WSCC will still press ahead in clearing the Byway through their PROW volunteers in order that it can be reopened for public use. Agreed that CA & SE make a start in partially clearing the eastern end next month as a 'positive gesture of intent' to others who may wish to use it.

Item 8 – A24 Footway : after speaking with Simon Baldwin to explain our intentions in this matter, he has given permission for us to undertake a 'test clearance' to try to establish where exactly is the line of this former metalled footway. Simon will also endeavour to provide us with a detailed plan of area but as the grass & scrub is now growing rapidly, we will defer further action until September at the earliest.

Item 9 - 20's Plenty for Worthing : nothing further to report on the public consultation, now under way

Item 10 - WSCF Matters :

i. Cycling Strategy document and WCF Potholes motion : Following the recent WSCC internal meeting with Pieter Montyn, Cabinet Member for Highways, to discuss the issues raised by WSCF, notes of that meeting sent to GF did little to engender confidence for cyclists in the future. Accordingly, JR will be attending an upcoming meeting of the WSCC Environmental & Community Select Committee on 14th May when it meets discuss the next Strategic Transport Investment Programme (STIP) and will seek clarity on plans that involve cycling provision.

ii. Cycle Mapping discussion group : AC has submitted an amendment to *Street Maps* for one of the suggested routes

Item 11 – AOB : i. CTC Road Justice Campaign : a volunteer from within WCF to participate in giving responses to this campaign is required

ii. WSCC Bike Week Events ; it was noted that the 'bike breakfast' are again only taking place in Chichester & Horsham where the main WSCC offices are situated !

iii. Worthing Cycle friendly Business Scheme : details of this excellent new scheme – which now has over 30 local businesses listed - can now be found on the WCF website at www.worthingcycleforum.org.uk

iv. Shoreham Info : JC reported that anyone who cycles over that way might be interested in the cycling infrastructure proposed in the Draft Shoreham Harbour JAAP: <http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/shoreham-harbour-regeneration/consultation/>

Item 12 – DVNM : Thursday 12th June at 7.30 pm at the Beechwood Hall Hotel BN11 4JD

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i. Worthing Map : JP reported that he, GR & JS have now updated the map.

ii. WSCF Mapping : JP also reported on the recent WSCF mapping workshop on 11.3.14 and that subsequently he has submitted some examples of local journeys for cyclists to help test the system being proposed

Item 10 – AOB :

i. Seafront promenade 5mph speed limits for cyclists : these signs that are stencilled onto the promenade have recently appeared without any consultation and indeed appearing not to have any legal validity.

ii. WSCF GF advises that these matters are now with the WSCC Highways Cabinet member Pieter Montyn, with feedback not likely until later this month. JR will also pursue this at a meeting of the Cycle Policy Business Planning group on 10.5.14.

iii. WBC Cycling Champion : as John Rogers is not seeking re-election to WBC this May, a vote of thanks in recognition of his exceptional contribution to cycling in Worthing was suggested through the Chair and unanimously agreed.

Item 11 – DVNM : Tues 13.5 and Thurs 12.6; 17.7; 14.8; 11.9