

Minutes of the Meeting of Worthing Cycle Forum (WCF)

Held on Thursday 17th July 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel Worthing at 7.30pm

In attendance : Paula & Colin Attle, Stuart Elms, William Morris, John Rogers, Gavin Ross, JP Saville

Apologies : Louise Campbell, Anthony Cartmell, John Coote, Geoff Farrell (WSCF) , Nigel Gardner, Jeremy Strutt,

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

Item 2 - Minutes of previous meeting Held on Tuesday 12th June 2014 : agreed

Item 3 – Matters arising not already covered below : none

Item 4 – Proposal to formalise the appointment of core officers :-

i. **Chair** William Morris; **Secretary** Stuart Elms; **Treasurer** John Rogers – agreed that elections for these three positions be held at the January, or first, meeting of each subsequent year with further provision for any member to be co-opted to any further positions as deemed appropriate or necessary from time to time.

ii. **Constitution** : to be amended accordingly and agreed at the next meeting – **Action WM**

Item 5 – Get Cycling / Bike try-out events. JR proposed that we use part of the surplus from these events to purchase a Gazebo with appropriate Worthing Cycle Forum logos to help raise the profile of WCF at local events. Agreed that we spend up to £350 for a medium quality lightweight version with protective case and wheels. **Action JR to research this purchase further and seek appropriate logo designs for consideration (see below).**

NB as it was also agreed that we would try to have this in place for a stand at the Rotary Carnival event at Steyne Gardens on Monday 25th August. (Retrospectively, it might be courteous to briefly circulate the recommended gazebo and logos design for comment to enable the officers to quickly confirm the purchase. Set up is from 10am and the stand needs to be manned from 1pm to 6pm approx. P & CA, SE & WM will help but further volunteers would be appreciated).

Item 6 - Progress updates :-

i. **Worthing CLC Community Infrastructure Funding (CIF).** Agreed that we apply for the maximum grant of £2500 to help fund a three year project to Promote Safer Cycling in Worthing. (see 6.ii below)

ii. **Schools project** – GR asked for more ideas to help him plan both the presentation content – a video followed by power point Q & A session - and delivery to children in Year 10 upwards. Agreed that :-

- a. the 'wrap on' lights would only be given out to those who cycle to school
- b. the tyre valve 'flashing lights to others attending the sessions and also perhaps those who cycle to school
- c. we could use some of the 'petty cash' to provide some samples of each type and the 'slap wraps'

iii. **Harrison Way Restricted Byway** : a small group had recently visited the eastern end of the byway in Dominion Way and started an initial clearance of the undergrowth to raise awareness of the byway and to show that it still exists. In addition to the gated obstruction at the western end another obstruction was also found to be blocking the path. SE has written to WSCC PROW to ascertain when they will be clearing the large trees that inhibit further clearance but after receiving no response a call ascertained that Jonathan Perks is on leave. Agreed that :-

a. we will return on Monday 28th July from 4pm to continue our initial clearance and SE will create some posters for the site to explain what we are seeking to achieve. More volunteers most welcome.

b. **Action JR** will try to obtain an early response from PROW and also send a press release to the Worthing Herald to raise further awareness of the issue.

iii. **Seafront Cycle Path Extension from George V Avenue to Sea Place** : JC is leading on this issue and has written to Bryan Curtis at WBC querying the delays. We now learn that the matter has moved on to the appropriate senior officer.

iv. **A27 Action Group** (lead by WSCC and other councils : SE has written, using suggestions from AC, to try to obtain assurances that proper provision for appropriate national standard cycling infrastructure will be included in any proposals

Item 7 - Possible future projects :-

i. **Assertive & confident cycling leaflets and advice** – agreed to defer for the time being

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ii. **East Worthing to Brooklands** – both SE and then AC have been in communication with an ADC councillor but this looks like a long term project. (PA advised that work is about to start on a cycle path alongside the A27 from Grinstead Lane Lancing to Shoreham Airport).

Item 8 – Cycling maps & WSCF cycle mapping discussion group – **Action JC** undertook to confirm the present situation with the proposed Worthing Business map that WCF might potentially have some input into. PA now has our map.

Item 9 – WSCF feedback : in the temporary absence of Pieter Montyn, the WSCC Cabinet Member for Highways, a meeting between Geoff Farrell and John O'Brien, the acting deputy, has this week been facilitated to try to address outstanding issues.

Item 10 – AOB

i. **SCATE – no further communications**

ii. **WBC proposal to use S.106 monies to fund Montagaue Street Repaving** – DK still in communication with WSCC legal

iii. **HCF proposal for a blanket 40mph limit on unclassified rural roads** – only time for a brief discussion with several varying views but a general feeling was a preference for targeted measures. **Action – SE** to respond to HCF with an indication of the varying views expressed

iv. **Worthing "Local Transport Package" that WSCC added to their list of infrastructure tasks a few months ago. Action – JR to ascertain what this is about and update AC**

v. **Need to try to increase participation in WCF activities** – PA suggested that it might help this objective if we highlighted the positive issues we are involved in. (SE has since circulated both WCF communication lists and also posted to both ours and the Critical Mass facebook pages)

vi. **Goring Crossways & Elm Grove footbridges** – NG raised concerns that the steps at both sites were not wheelchair friendly.

Item 11 – DVNM : Thursday 14th. August at 7.30 pm at the Beechwood Hall Hotel BN11 4JD **with GR's Schools scheme and the Rotary carnival stand taking priority.**

For reference Safer Cycling : at the previous meeting GR outlined the proposal he has had agreed by WSx Fire & Rescue for him to facilitate & work with year 10 & 11 pupils of local secondary schools :-

- slide show of unusual bikes crazy things people carry on bikes some video of trick bikes in extreme situations with music at the beginning to catch their attention.
- the presentation I would like to be formulated with the forum.
- ten questions on road positioning in a run around game format.
- focus vision and peripheral vision. How we think we see but do not. Flashing lights * attract attention (*Funding to issue free 'wrap – on lights' would need to be sourced)
- benefits of cycling. Health and cost saving.
- simple accessories quiet road maps.
- explanation of cycling on pavement not being legal but Sussex Police common sense policy and courtesy to pedestrians :-