

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

Held on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel Worthing at 7.30pm

**In attendance :** Paula & Colin Attle, Stuart Elms, Nigel Gardner, Duncan Kay, Nick Marks, William Morris, Roger Oakley, John Rogers, Gavin Ross, JP Saville, Einar Stevens, Jeremy Strutt

**Apologies :** John Coote

**Welcome to :** Nigel Gardner, Gavin Ross

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

**Item 2 - Minutes of previous meeting Held on Thursday 9th January 2014 :** agreed : action items still outstanding and carried forward to the March meeting :-

i. matters arising not dealt with separately :-

a. Item 2.ii **A24 Footway** ; SE reported that, having contacted Deborah Urquhart - the County Councillor for Findon & Angmering - he had received a response indicating that, subject to finance becoming available, an IP for an extension of the Worthing to Findon Valley shared use path to Findon Village had been agreed with a proposal that it be further extended to Washington. Deborah had also suggested that we should lobby the South Downs National Park authority to support this project : Action SE. It was also agreed that WCF should convene a working party of volunteers to clear / reveal the original metalled footway. RO did though query the status of 'footway' and whether or not cyclists could legally use it and said that he would investigate the position.

b. Item 3.i **WCF Bank Account**; now opened with SE & JR signatories

ii. items carried forward :-

a. Item 2.i of 7.11.13 ; **Website update**; agreed to gently remind AC that we had agreed that "given we are an open forum, the website in its entirety should be open to all"

Item 2.iii. **Worthing's Most Dangerous Junctions** (possible letter to Worthing Herald) ; deferred to next meeting **Action** : **all to consider and bring suggestions**

**Item 3 – Cycling Maps :**

i. **Worthing Map** : JP had, since the last meeting, been approached by the Worthing Town map publisher for sponsorship for 2015. agreeing only if cycle routes could be included, which will be reported back on. In the meantime, RO reported that the latest Worthing – Shoreham map cost £299 plus vat per 1k copies. Agreed that a small working party of JP, JR, PA & CA, SE (and AC ?) would convene to update the map prepared, with colour coded routes, in January 2013. **Action : JR to locate map and pass to JP**

ii. **WSCF Mapping**, upcoming workshop arranged by Bognor CF (AC involved). At the recent WSCF meeting it had been acknowledged that, in addition to the various inter-active Apps and initiatives for Smart Phone users, there still remained a need for simple paper (circular) leisure route maps for families & tourists.

**Item 4 – Worthing BC matters :-**

i. **Rotary Hobbies & Leisure Exhibition** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup>. February at the Assembly Halls from 10am. JC, CA & JS will man the WCF stall **but more help required please**. It was suggested we display our cycle route map, a supply of the Worthing - Shoreham map has been obtained as well as Sustrans publicity and JP hopes to have a bike from Quest Adventure mounted on a stand together with 'Cycle to Work publicity' and a laminated A3 copy of the Get Cycling poster . JS will endeavour to borrow the Chichester CF 'cycle jumble'.

ii. **Get Cycling events** : JR confirmed that these full day events would take place on Saturdays 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> May in Steyne Gardens. Full details and posters / flyers will be available in due course. The police (possible cycle security marking) and fire & rescue service may be involved, NG will run a cycle maintenance workshop, and various other local organisations will be involved.

**Item 5 - Twenty's Plenty :** DK reported that he had just been made aware that Sustrans – at a national level -could be making a legal challenge regarding WSCC's arrangements for the public consultation. Nonetheless, DK outlined the process and the areas in which people could, if they so wished, support the proposals which are now being vociferously opposed by the 'Twenty's Nonsense' group

**Item 6 – AOB :**

- i. **Harrison Road restricted byway ;** the planning inspectorate have made an order confirming the status, with minor modification, which was subject to a 42 day window for legal objections to the High Court (that will now have expired on 30<sup>th</sup> January).
- ii. **Cycle Stand Audit :** SE presented the excel spreadsheet circulated to the group. It was questioned why Brian Morgan was suggesting we should source potential installers when WSCC have a list of approved contractors. **NM** undertook to clarify the position and also provide guidance of the available funding, which would determine the order of priority for new stands
- iii. **Potholes & Cyclists :** SE presented for consideration a motion to be submitted to WSCF to put to the Pieter Montyn, the WSCC cabinet member for Highways & Transport. As modified following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to remove any reference to speed limits and now read :-

**Potholes and Cyclists**

The cycling community in West Sussex calls on the Cabinet member for Highways & Transport - Pieter Montyn – to demonstrate an understanding of the specific safety issues that confront cyclists by making provision for members of any cycling organisation under the umbrella of the West Sussex Cycle Forum (WSCF) to report and have actioned potholes or other materials defects and dangers to them in the carriageway, which do not fall within the minimum threshold for action under government guidelines, where either :-

- that defect presents a clear, significant and immediate danger to cyclists on any road
- as above where the defect presents a potential danger to cyclists and displays clear signs of early deterioration, or
- where traffic volumes, speed and / or road conditions do not allow a cyclist to safely take necessary avoiding action

**Item 7 – DVNM :** Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7.30pm at Beechwood Hall Hotel at 7.30pm