

Minutes of the Meeting of Worthing Cycle Forum (WCF)

Held on Thursday 6th March 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel Worthing at 7.30pm

In attendance : Stuart Elms, Geoff Farrell (WSCF), William Morris, Roger Oakley, John Rogers, Gavin Ross, JP Saville, Jeremy Strutt

Apologies : Paula & Colin Attle, Anthony Cartmell, John Coote, Nigel Gardner, Stephen Jeffery, Duncan Kay, Nick Marks,

Welcome to : Alister Linton-Crook (SDNP), Scott Judge (WSCC)

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

ii. **Adoption of amended WCF Constitution** : agreed

Item 2 - Minutes of previous meeting Held on Thursday 6th February 2014 : agreed

Item 3 – South Downs National Park (SDNP) : Alister gave an informative insight into his role and whilst also confirming that the new crossing on the Downslink Path at Bramber was going ahead, he was unaware of the issues of access to Highdown from Goring Crossways / Titnore Lane, so agreed to clarify the Park boundary and look at any possible further action. With regard to the A24 Footway and other local points of access to the Park, he noted our comments and suggestions but advised that all the LSTP finance has been allocated. Alister also confirmed that he would be happy to answer any further queries from JC by email

Item 4 – Cycle Stands : SE updated the meeting on where we are with WSCC but noted that it may be some time before things start to happen. It was suggested that if we have to prioritise our suggested new sites, it may speed matters to categorise them by the site owners

Item 5 - Cycling Maps :

i. **Worthing Map** : JP now has the map and will arrange with AC, PA & CA, SE plus GR & JS a suitable date to convene a meeting to update the map prepared, with colour coded routes, in January 2013. **Action** : JP

ii. **WSCF Mapping** : GF updated us on this issue and JP kindly agreed to attend the mapping workshop on 11.3.14

Item 6 – Local Consultation :

i. **NCN2 at Coast café** : RO noted our earlier recommendations to BM (WSCC) and although he is both the WBC & WSCC councillor for that area, strangely he is not involved in the WBC working party, which BM invited WCF to contribute to !

ii. **East Worthing Pages Lane to Brooklands** cycle path proposal : agreed that we should press for the Harrison Road byway to be added thus creating the opportunity for a north of the railway East – West route from Broadwater to the Churchill Industrial Estate at Lancing

Item 7 – Worthing BC matters :-

i. **Rotary Hobbies & Leisure Exhibition** : a worthwhile exercise

ii. **Get Cycling events** : JR & SE had earlier that day attended a meeting with WBC, where the poster, together with fliers, were agreed as were other new attractions and SE will create a Facebook page. JR also updated the meeting on additional attractions added to earlier plans etc. etc.

Item 8 - Twenty's Plenty : GR asked that, given that the campaign's website listed WCF as being in support, had that been a democratic decision of the group ? With DK not in attendance, no one knew the answer although it was felt that at very least there was clear evidence of wide support for the 'agenda'. GR then suggested that perhaps we should email the circulation list to ascertain the level of support or otherwise, which was agreed although SE pointed out that few had responded to recent requests for opinions !

Item 9 – items outstanding from earlier meetings :-

i. **WCF Website** ; is now live at <http://www.worthingcycleforum.org.uk> and SE has access to add minutes, agendas and other information

ii. **Worthing's most dangerous junctions** : as this related to a much earlier Worthing Herald article and letters that appeared biased towards the 'anti cycling brigade', it was felt the opportunity to bring some perspective to the 'debate' had now passed.

Item 10 – AOB :

i. **Harrison Road restricted byway** : RO asked for evidence of the gated obstruction etc to enable him to help speed its reinstatement

ii. **Potholes motion** : SE clarified the reasoning behind the motion which GF will now endeavour to bring to the attention of Pieter Montyn, the WSCC Cabinet member for highways. JR will also pursue this at a meeting of the Cycle Policy Business Planning group on 10.5.14

Item 11 – DVNM : agreed not fix a regular week in the month at the present, so the next meeting will be on Thursday 10th April, when Chiara Vagnarelli, WBC's Seacom campaigns officer, will talk about her role