

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

Held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at Beechwood Hall Hotel Worthing at 7.30pm

**In attendance** : John Coote, Stuart Elms, Duncan Kay, Roger Oakley, John Rogers, JP Saville, Einar Stevens, Jeremy Strutt plus two guests from Thomas Eggar

**Apologies** : Colin & Paula Attle, Anthony Cartmell, Stephen Jeffery, William Morris

**Welcome to** : Roger Oakley (local & county councillor for East Worthing) ; Jeremy Strutt from Critical Mass plus guests Louise Campbell & Sian Elton

**Item 1 - Appointment of Chair for this meeting** : JR agreed to take the Chair in the absence of WM

**Item 2 - Minutes of previous meeting Held on Thursday 9th November 2013** : agreed : action items still outstanding and carried forward to the February meeting :-

i. website update in progress (AC); after discussion :-

a. it was agreed that, given we are an open forum, the website in its entirety should be open to all. **Action AC**

b. it was not, however, clear if we should continue with the present system of a group email address; if yes then we will simply need a new WCF address, if not, is there another way in which individual members could respond to only those directly involved in an issue, thus reducing the number of lengthy threads not necessarily of interest or relevance to all ? In terms of distribution of minutes and agenda, SE could use his list of all members to send minutes, agendas and other group postings out 'bcc' if this has any merit. .

**Action : comments please**

ii. A24 footway (SE to chase WSCC Highways dept. via direct email [omc@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:omc@westsussex.gov.uk))

iii. the most dangerous junctions in Worthing for cyclists : **DK to try to ascertain a friendly contact at the W'tg Herald so that we can our list compiled and get this highlighted**

**Item 3 – WCF Bank Account** : it was agreed that :-

i. an account with HSBC Bank be opened in order to deposit both the various funds accumulated and a cheque for £233.14 in respect of a recent donation

ii. Stuart Elms, as secretary and John Rogers should be the initial signatories and that the bank mandate should stipulate that two signatories be required. **Action : SE & JR to open the account as agreed**

**Item 4 – Worthing CLC Community Issues List (CIL) :-**

i. **reworking of previous proposals** : discussions around the Goring Crossways scheme continued and will be discussed further at the February meeting after JC has circulated his briefing note. **Action JC**

ii. **Station to East Worthing proposal** :

i. RO made reference to this in his capacity as the County Councillor for that electoral division.

ii. SE reported that Chris Keating, head teacher at Davison School had responded in support of this proposal, also that :-

ii. SE was awaiting a response from the WSCC School Travel Advisor to see if we can be of assistance in the preparation of school travel plans

**Item 5 – WBC Matters :**

i. **Get Cycling Project** : JR presented a full report on this event, now funded by WBC £2.6k, WSCC £2.5k & W'tg Homes £1.5k. It will probably go ahead in April or May over several weekends at a venue (s) to be confirmed.

ii. **Promoting Cycling in Worthing motion** : a not unexpected lukewarm response from WSCC. JC highlighted the need for us to try to ensure that all existing cycling routes as well as new proposals comply with the current national safety standards

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iii. **Rotary Hobbies & Leisure Exhibition** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at the Assembly Rooms. We still need to find a 'theme' to promote Safer Cycling, WCF or whatever, plus **Volunteers to share manning the stall**. **Action : all please advise your availability or otherwise**

**Item 6 – Sustrans Matters :**

i. **NCN2 Sea Place** : JC / AC advise that there is funding in place allocated to sustainable transport but the 'log jam' is between Brian Curtis of WEBS and Richard Wells of WSCC, although it is not clear if these monies relate solely to the section of path around the new development.

ii. Seafront cycle path to **Sea Lane Café (NCN2 ?)** : the proposals for this scheme appear to be blocked by the electoral division County Councillor Steve Waight, who claims this stance to represent the views of (some) Goring residents . As it is suggested that some of those residents may still, perhaps, be labouring under the misapprehension that the proposal is to allow cycling on the existing narrow footpath rather than one much widened, despite this being made clear in consultation in favour of the proposal. SE suggested that WCF write to the Worthing Herald with details of the proposal to clarify the situation.

iii. **NCN2 close to Coast Café** : WBC have now approved the proposals for an Artists Quarter in place of some beach huts on the seafront. Further to our discussions re the existing cycle lane in November which WCF believe is better suited to 'shared use', RO is trying to ascertain if there is a TRO in place.

**Item 7 – Twenty's Plenty** : DK (and JC) reported on a 'stakeholders consultation development meeting ' that they had attended earlier that evening, where it was confirmed that there would be a full public consultation in April ? All residents including children would have the opportunity to respond.

**Item 8 – Worthing Cycle Map :**

i. **WBC /ADC Map of the seafront NCN2 between Worthing & Shoreham** : JPS reported that this hastily prepared map under the SEACONOMICS initiative is now available from the Visit Worthing information shop at the Dome and, whilst useful except that the northern areas of the town are not included, it was agreed that we should build on the work undertaken at the January 2013 meeting for this map but not included, and design our own map. Louise and Sian from confirmed that Thomas Eggar were interested in being involved with sponsorship of this type of community project. **Action : RO** undertook to ascertain the costs of the WBC map to enable us to move forward.

**Item 9 – AOB :**

i. **Worthing Critical Mass** : Jeremy Strutt talked about their activities – they generally meet on the last Friday of each month at 7.30pm on the seafront at George V Avenue, or thereabouts, for an informal cycle ride open to all - and future plans.

ii. **Highways Budget** - the need for a WSCC cycling officer to be reinstated : is being pursued by the West Sussex Cycle Forum, in which WCF participate in and contribute to.

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