

BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM

**Draft Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 10th June 2014
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Phoebe Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs.**

	In attendance	
	John Hayter – DCN Mike Chalkley - Resident Keith Bichard - Resident Jason Falconer – Resident Andy Graham - J P Morgan - BCF Chairman Emily Goldsmith - Sustrans Anya Parkhouse - Resident Richard Barnes - BBC Anthony Kirby - BBC Ray O'Luby - Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend & Holdenhurst Area Forum Barry Rossell – Resident Paul Turner – CTC right to ride Cllr David Smith John Grantham Angela Pooley - BCF Secretary	JH MC KB JF AG EG AP RB AK RO BR PT DS JG AP
1.0	Introductions & Apologies	
	1.1 AG welcomed all to the meeting. <u>Apologies were received from:-</u> Cllr David d'Orton-Gibson; Phil Mordecai; Adrian Dawson; Lucy Marstraand; Rob Hammond; Martin Handford, Steve Garret	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting	ACTION
	1.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as correct.	
3.0	Matters arising	
	There were no matters arising not covered on the Agenda	
4.0	Bournemouth & Poole Cycling Officers' Report.	

In Lucy Marstrand's absence Anthony Kirby presented Bournemouth's Report

INFRASTRUCTURE

Boscombe Regeneration Scheme

The Council has consulted on public realm improvements through Boscombe Precinct including de-cluttering & removing railings. The project is being built in a phased approach:

1. St. Johns Rd junction - Finishes next week
2. Boscombe Precinct - Upgrading cycle parking, de-cluttering
3. Shared space -due to start mid September

Small LSTF Bid

Stour Valley Route - Berry Hill

Stour Valley path under construction between Muscliffe and Berry Hill Due to be completed end of August

Turbary Park Avenue

Turbary Park Av / Turbary Common cycle paths - consultation in spring/summer 2014

Castle Lane West

Consultation has been undertaken with ward members. Wider consultation in March/April 2014 Due to start junction improvement at East Way at end of July

Holdenhurst Rd/ Ashley Rd – New toucan crossing proposed near subway.

Talbot Rd crossing - Mouchel to do feasibility study

Glenferness Ave - putting in pedestrian crossing point and refreshing cycle lane markings

Large LSTF Bid - Christchurch Rd

The section of Christchurch Road from Kings Park Drive and heading towards Iford is now under construction with completion expected by the end of July. The remaining section to Iford is still under review but we hope to have cycle lanes in place by the end of August. Railway Station/Travel Interchange is being redesigned and the Cycling Officer has commented on the need for a safe cycle route into, and out of the train station which can be used by all ages, in addition to the need for improved urban design of the station forecourt.

PROMOTION

Current LSTF campaigns:

Bike week events for Council staff:

- Free Bike tagging 18th June
- Incentives for cycling to work during bike week - raffle prizes
- Free Dr Bike Sessions 25th June (post bike week)

Our cycle tourism campaign is well underway and the following are taking place:

- Cycle tourism routes are currently being mapped
- This Saturday/Sunday - Guardian pullout on cycle destination - BMTH 6 page spread including a journalist stay and write up.
- Free bike hire is being offered to local residents and tourists for Sky Ride Local rides (you have a copy of the voucher)
- A Cycle Tourism Toolkit is in the final stages of development and will be supplied to local hospitality and catering establishments to support them in welcoming cyclists to their businesses, in addition training was delivered around "Welcoming Walkers and Cyclists" to 16 attendees representing 12 hotels, restaurants and tourism establishments
- Wheels was a great event for us and we were promoting cycling in general, Sky Ride Local and Night Glow to all we spoke to
- Night Glow was a success in spite of the weather
- To support the cycle tourism campaign, a short promotional film is being made, which will be used on the Bournemouth Tourism website and social media platforms

Life Cycle UK has been appointed to deliver "free" adult cycle training, which will commence imminently. They have targets of training in the region of 200 people over the next 9 months and are looking forward to getting started.

There was no Report submitted for Poole

4.1

JH asked for an update on the Berry Hill Waterworks Bridge Application. It's believed that the Application has been rejected by DCC.

ACTION: *AK to get an update on status of planning application and enquire if an appeal is likely to be lodged.*

4.2	AK reported that the Forum will be asked to take an active part in the proposals for Talbot Road.	
4.3	It was agreed that any Cycle Tourism map that's produced should cover routes beyond the conurbation, eg. extending to Purbecks and New Forest.	
4.4	AK reported that the 12 month trial for cycling across the Square & Pier front is scheduled to commence in September. Local Byelaws are currently being investigated to ensure legality of changing ruling. The Forum congratulated the Council for proposing to allow this.	
4.5	New plans for Richmond Hill, vicinity of St Stephens Road junction, to be reviewed by Forum Group.	
4.6	The Richmond Hill Roundabout scheme is to be reviewed following a formal safety audit, small changes are likely to be suggested. ACTION: <i>AK to forward proposed changes to BCF for review.</i>	
5	Safe Route to Airport	
	RB reported on the recent Airport Transport Group meeting. This group meets every 6 months. At the last mtg Adam Bowes from DCC gave a presentation on cycle routes to the Airport. There is a revenue only bid for funding being submitted. RB invited the Forum to be part of the consultation and he is to arrange a meeting with Adam Bowes. JH has been in attendance at previous mtgs this far and agreed to represent BCF at future mtgs. Some routes were suggested: Cycle Way on grass verge of Spur Road Full length of New Road Throop across river bridge to Hurn. Details of the Bid Application are available on line The next Airport Transport meeting is on 29/10/14 at the Airport. ACTION: <i>BCF to extend invite to a member of Dorset County Council to attend the next BCF meeting to discuss cycle routes to airport.</i>	
6	Space for Cyclists	
	JF reported that CTC are currently hosting a campaign to alert local Councils of where there is a need for additional cycle ways. CTC is asking for evidence of where these are required.eg. to provide continuity between existing cycling facilities.	
7	Safety Audits	
	MC raised concerns about the effectiveness of Safety Audits as evidence shows that recommendations are not always followed up. A general discussion took place and the consensus was that the Council needs to demonstrate real commitment to improve	

	<p>safety for all road users but currently lacks the political will.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Council has a duty to ensure that it promotes responsible and sustainable development and that it should not be encouraging increasing car use.</p>	
8	Holdenhurst Avenue/Buchanan Ave.	
	<p>Anya Parkhouse, a local resident, gave an excellent report regarding the grave concerns she has about the safety for cyclists and pedestrians in this area. She has regularly raised this with the Council.</p> <p>Cllr Smith echoed her concerns and asked AK to follow up. AK gave assurance that there are currently plans to install a Toucan Crossing at this location. Ms Parkhouse was asked by AK to email Bob Askew, the officer dealing with this, he will also speak to him and will ensure the Forum is kept up to date.</p>	AK
9	Sand on the Seafront	
	<p>Martin Handford asked for this to be raised in his absence as it is an ongoing problem.</p> <p>AK reported that currently there is £200K per annum being spent on keeping the Seafront clear.</p> <p>JG suggested that the Council hold volunteer sessions similar to the Litter Picking sessions to clear the sand from the Seafront. There was general support for this idea.</p>	
10	Cycle Events	
	<p>Everyone agreed that the Wheels Festival was a great success. It was suggested that members email Tourism Manager Mark Smith with feedback and ideas for the 2015 event.</p>	
11	AOB	
11.1	JH reported that the road surface along the Wellington Road cycle path is in dire need of resurfacing as is Queens Park Avenue.	
11.2	MC Reminded everyone about the Facebook Page – Bournemouth Cycle Forum. It was noted that this is not managed by this Forum.	
11.3	<p>AP reported that Rob Hammond was unable to attend the meeting but was happy to receive any concerns.</p> <p>A number of members asked for information on the policing of cars parked on pavements & cycle lanes as this is becoming an increasing hazard for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	
11.4	<p>AG reported that he is currently creating a website for the Forum which can be found at:- http://www.bournemouthcycleforum.co.uk/ This site will be independent of the Bournemouth Borough Council website. The BCF website is currently just a framework – content will be added over next 1-2 months. Members are asked to review and get back to him with ideas for content and what they would like to see on the site.</p>	

11.5	AK was asked if Bournemouth had a formal Cycling Strategy. AK explained that this was covered in the Local Transport Plan for Bournemouth.	
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Next Meeting:

Tuesday, 2nd September 18:00 – 20:00 Bournemouth Town Hall – Phoebe Room