



**BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, 2016**  
**At Bournemouth Town Hall – Royal Hampshire Room**  
**Commencing at 18.00hrs**

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Actions</b>
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Steve Smith	SS
David Fevyer	DF
Ray O'Luby	RO'L
Brian Callow	BC
Mike Chalkley	MC
Emily Cooper – Poole Borough Council	EC
Peter Wickett– Poole Borough Council	PW
Felicity Rice	FR
Stephen Nicholls	SN
Anya Parkhouse - Chair	AP
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

**1. Introductions & Apologies:**

1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr Cheryl Johnson; John Grantham; Paul Turner; Jenny Ansell; Cllr David Smith; Cllr Mike Green

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising Not Covered on the Agenda:**

There were no Matters arising

**4. Bournemouth & Poole Officers' Reports**

**4.1 Bournemouth**

**Cycling Officer.**

LH will be picking up the various cycling officer responsibilities. LH assured the Forum that cycling remains an important priority for the council.

**Quick Wins and TROS.**

LH has been drafting a potential work programme and is keen to progress a number of quick wins from the cycle wish list to include exemptions to turning bans, one way streets and street closures. A number of these exemptions would help to create a series of new quiet alternative routes like the Lansdowne to Hospital (Wessex Fields) route.

Thanks was given for the Forum's comments on the recent TRO consultation. The comments have been compiled and the decisions will be made public shortly.

**Cyclist Safety on Iford Lane.**

The Council has looked at the accident stats for the last 5 years for Iford Lane and in particular at the chicanes and railway bridge. There were only three accidents, but they were not associated with these

features and there was no obvious trend. None of the accidents involved cyclists. It may, however be possible to improve the design of the chicanes to help address the issues raised. This year's programme is already set, but it may be possible to make some improvements to the islands next year if this is considered a priority. We are also looking at refreshing the give way markings at the railway bridge to reduce conflicts.

### **Cycle Routes Near Wessex Fields.**

The Council would like to thank John Hayter for his report on Wessex Fields. This will feed into the work that is currently being looked at in the area. LH has started looking at the barriers to cycling in the Wessex Fields area a few years ago and identified a number of issues. As a result of the Forum's interest, LH has been revisiting the previous work and updating it. It is hoped to make progress on some of these gaps in the near future. One major issue is the lack of a suitable crossing over Riverside Avenue where it meets Castle Lane East. Design work is underway for a new crossing here and it is hoped it will be possible to get a straight-through crossing for cycles and pedestrians.

**Action Point:** The Forum is to be involved at the early stage of further planning.

### **Reconfigured traffic signals on Boundary Road.**

Issues were raised during the last Cycle Forum about the new arrangement of traffic signals at the junction of Boundary Road Rd and Victoria Avenue. These issues were fed back to senior engineers in the highways team. The decision was made to await the outcome of the Stage 3 Safety Audit of the site. The audit did not, however, raise any cycle related issues and at present no further action is planned. Members of the Cycle Forum that regularly cycle in the area stated that they remain unclear about how to cycle safely through the junction, and are keen to seek further clarification from either the council or the team that carried out the safety audit

**Action Point:** Forum to register concern over the Left Turn procedure at the junction with Victoria Avenue. LH to request further clarification from the audit team and request a meeting at the site of the junction.

### **Lansdowne to Hospital (Wessex Fields).**

The Council has done some more background work on signage and have been considering following the example of Transport for London and using their branding to create this as an official Quiet Route. To do this, the route has to pass an auditing process used by TfL. The Council recently audited the route, but there was some difficulty applying their process to Bournemouth .

The Council is considering several additional quiet routes and would like to brand them consistently. In the meantime they are considering creating downloadable maps for the routes, as well as virtual signage (i.e. gps files, QR codes).

The forum is keen to see physical signage as soon as it can be installed. As well as making it physically easier to follow a cycle route, it also helps make it clear that that cycling is welcomed in that area.

**Action Point:** LH to update at next meeting.

### **Lansdowne Holdenhurst Road to Wellington Road.**

There are proposals to make significant improvements to this stretch of road. This will have significant benefits to pedestrians and cyclists. There will be additional crossing points for pedestrians and cyclists. The new design should have cycle lanes on both sides which link to existing cycle routes like the Lansdowne to Hospital route. The new design should see a reduction in the speeds of motor vehicles and hopefully a reduction in casualties.

### **Town Centre Proposals.**

Significant improvements are proposed for the highway network in the very centre of the town. This involves the creation of a 20mph zone along significant stretches of Braidely Road, Bourne Avenue and most of Avenue Road. There will be some traffic calming and upgraded pedestrian crossing points. Getting across the square along NCN 25 past Debenhams will be eased. The lower traffic speeds should also make it less intimidating for cyclists. Cycle parking will be reconfigured and we have carried out some survey work on use of existing stands in relation to this.

### **Parks.**

Parks have completed consultations and Kings Park, Queens Park and Tuckton Tea Gardens - the results will all shortly be on the Council's consultation pages.

Parks have completed works on a new length of shared use cycleway between Hengistbury Head and Wick Village - this is called Roebury Lane and forms part of the developing Stour Valley Trail.

Parks will be developing detailed plans for a new route through Tuckton Tea Gardens shortly and have drawn up plans for a new route through Iford Playing Fields and Iford Meadows.

### **Bournemouth University Planning Application.**

Bournemouth University's planning application has recently been approved under delegated powers by Poole Borough Council as the planning authority. Bournemouth Council raised objections to the addition of a fourth arm to Boundary Roundabout, on the grounds of highway safety and transportation. The safety concerns related predominantly to young adults cycling and walking. Bournemouth had requested to have the application delayed so that these issues could be resolved. The application details, Bournemouth's objection and Poole's response can be seen on the Poole website.

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<http://tinyurl.com/hm3dntx>

There was disappointment that the current proposal had been approved without further effort to address safety concerns. The forum also feels that an opportunity still remains to improve safety at Boundary Roundabout, and given the high rate of accidents in the area, whatever plans are implemented must take this into account.

**Action Point:** Forum to register concern about the safety implications of these Proposals to Ian Calra.

### **Cycling Events.**

LH and two other ride leaders have been running Wednesday evening rides along the Prom during the summer. It's been very enjoyable, although the numbers have not been great averaging 4-5 participants. Although funding would be limited, there may be an opportunity to hold some cycle related events during the coming year by piggybacking on other local and national events. We might be able to link up with local cycling groups and ride leaders as part of this.

### **Life Cycle.**

There is still some residual funding left from the LSTF which allows businesses to apply for cycle stands. Lifecycle will provide and deliver stands to small organisations who otherwise would not be able to afford to install cycle parking. The company then installs them at their own cost. The stands need to be installed within 3 months at a publically accessible location off the public highway.

Adult cycle training is also available and 2 hours of FREE cycle training is available to anyone aged 16+ who lives, works or studies in the Local Authority area qualifies for. See [www.lifecycleuk.org.uk](http://www.lifecycleuk.org.uk).

### **Local Access Fund Bid.**

The Council has submitted a joint bid with Poole and Dorset to central government with a significant cycling and walking component. The bid focuses on behaviour change in areas of significant economic development including, Wessex Fields, the Aviation Park, Ferndown Industrial Estate and the Port of Poole.

### **Business Support Business Travel Network.**

Postponed until next forum.

## **4.2 Poole**

Peter Wickett assisted by Emily Cooper is the new Cycling Officer for Poole Council but has only recently commenced the role hence the brief Report.

### **Cycle Pods:**

PW reported that due to vandalism and misuse all the cycle pods in Poole are being replaced with modern cycle racks.

### **Cycling on the Prom:**

Since being in post PW has received a number of complaints regarding careless behavior by cyclists on the Prom. He will be looking at ways of dealing with this. However no serious incidents have been formally reported in either Poole or Bournemouth.

The forum is very supportive of cycling on the prom and noted that the system is successful for the vast majority of the thousands of people that use the beach, but that considerate behaviour by all users should always be encouraged and welcomed.

### **5. Feedback from Airport Transport Forum**

AP reported that she had attended the recent Airport Forum & Working Group meetings. The Airport are committed to improving cycle/pedestrian access to the airport especially to the Business Park.

Money from a Section 106 Agreement with Wessex Water has been allocated to DCC for the sole purpose of improving the public footpath from the Throop Bridge to Hurn, making it fit for cyclists as well.

The Cycle Forum believes that there also needs to be other routes to the Airport that are suitable for cycling at all times of the day.

### **6. Suggested Safe Route from Bournemouth Pier to West Hill – Stephen Nichols**

SN gave a detailed presentation of his idea of safe cycle route from Bournemouth Pier to West Hill. This was well received by the Forum and LH agreed to refer it to the Highways Team for future consideration.

**Action Point:** LH to refer to Highways Team and update at next meeting.

### **7. Camera Monitoring of Cycle Stands – Paul Rush**

Paul Rush was unable to attend the meeting however LH reported that he had discussed this subject with the Highways Team and currently there are no funds available to install cameras. The problem is to be raised with the local police.

### **8. Cycling Events**

No cycling events are currently planned but LH has had some preliminary discussions about working with the forum and other groups to get some cycle related events off the ground in the next year.

### **9. Cycle Forum Website**

AP agreed to contact Andy Graham to see what needs to be done to get the website working again.

MC Reported that there is a facebook page that members could sign up to, here's the link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/BournemouthCycleForum/>

**Action Update:** Whilst he was aware of the problems with the Website, due to work commitments, Andy Graham has been unable to fix this. However he is now able to spend some time getting it up & running again, he will also look at ways of improving it.

### **10. AOB**

**10.1** MC asked if Bournemouth Council Highways & Transport Officers receive any formal training to better understand the needs of cyclists. LH replied that there is not currently any formal training given.

**10.2** DF reported about a recent interesting blog post from West Midlands Police on cycle safety and the role of the police. Some of their plans to re-educate drivers were particularly encouraging. DF asked if it were possible to have more interaction with the local Police. AP said that the local police were on the circulation and attended whenever possible but current pressures make attendance difficult. However they have asked that the Forum passes any concerns to them.

It was suggested that the blog link below be forwarded to the Martin Underhill.

<https://trafficwmp.wordpress.com/2016/09/09/junction-malfunction-and-a-new-dawn/>

**10.3** AP stated the importance of sending ideas of potential improvements for cyclists to the Council.

**Date for Next Meeting** – Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> December