



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 13th March 2017
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Phoebe Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs

Attendees:

Andy Graham
Cllr David Smith
Ray O'Luby
John Hayter – DCN
Brian Callow
Felicity Rice
Cllr Andy Hadley
Cllr Cheryl Johnson
David Fevyer
Mike Chalkley
Michael Rowland
Phil Mordecan
Felicity Rice
Jason Falconer
Cllr d'Orton-Gibson
Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC
Anya Parkhouse - Chair
Angela Pooley – Secretary

Actions

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1. Introductions & Apologies:

1.1 Apologies were received from: Paul Turner; Rob Hammond; Cllr Mike Green; John Grantham; Peter Wickett; Julian McLaughlin; Steve Nichols

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. Election of Chair & Secretary

Anya Parkhouse & Angela Pooley confirmed that they were willing to continue in their roles and as there were no other nominations the following proposals were made:

Chair – AJP proposed Anya Parkhouse and JH seconded this. It was unanimously agreed.

Secretary – AP proposed Angela Pooley and Cllr Cheryl Johnson seconded this. It was unanimously agreed.

5. Feedback from recent Meeting with Council Planning Officers

Everyone that attended this recent meeting agreed that it was positive and productive. AP encouraged all members of the Forum to give feedback on proposals. A good discussion took place and LH agreed to try and bring more detailed presentations to the Forum meetings. DS requested maps and photos of areas under discussion are shown on a projector at cycle forum meetings going forward.

It was also agreed that the Forum would submit a formal response to the plans for the A338 proposals. A link to the website will be circulated to members.

Action: DS to discuss potential for further review of planned schemes at future cycle forum meetings.

6. Bournemouth & Poole Officers' Reports

6.1 Bournemouth

6.1.1. Cycling Strategy.

Although effectively complete, the LTP3 Cycling Strategy has officially been a draft for quite some time. Since it was originally written in 2011, things have moved on and so we are currently bringing it up to date and finalising it. We are also reviewing the strategic cycle network and we hope to be able to share with the forum soon. We are considering naming some of the key routes and there has been talk of using flavours of ice cream, or concatenating origins and destinations. Any suggestions are welcome. Having these documents up to date and finalised will help us when bidding for funds.

6.1.2. Quick Wins and TROS.

Work on our nine new cycling exemptions is expected to start imminently including: Roumelia Lane, Foxholes Rd, Woodend Rd, Curzon Rd, Oswald Rd, Green Road, Gladstone Rd West, Moorvale Road & Borthwick Rd.

6.1.3. Cycle Forum Subgroup.

We recently met up with the Cycle Forum Subgroup to review initial proposals for a number of schemes including Wimborne Road Cycle Lanes, Iford Roundabout, Tuckton Roundabout, Longham cycleway, Bell Vue Road parallel crossing and the Riverside Avenue Toucan. We received some very useful feedback and subject to constraints, we will do our best to incorporate the suggestions made.

6.1.4. Wimborne Road Cycle Lanes.

Work is progressing on the design of cycle lanes between Richmond Hill roundabout and Cemetery junction. It is our intention to provide continuous cycle lanes on both sides of the road.

6.1.5. Lansdowne.

Bournemouth has been awarded £8.5million as part of the Growth Deal Fund for improvements to the Lansdowne business district. Walking, cycling and public transport facilities will be improved helping to ensure that future development will be sustainable. <http://lansdownebournemouth.co.uk/>
Proposals nearby to make significant improvements at the Lansdowne between Holdenhurst Road and Wellington Road, have been paused to ensure a joined up approach.

6.1.6. Wallisdown Road.

Bournemouth has won £1.33 million for schemes along Wallisdown Road. We will liaise with Poole on exactly how this is spent, but this should result in some road safety benefits for cyclists and pedestrians.

6.1.7. Town Centre.

A gate with a cycle gap has now been installed at the St Peters Road end of Beale Place. This has resolved the issue of the temporary barriers being moved around impeding cyclists, although there is still a loading bay marked across the cycle gap. The Yelverton Road end of Beale Place now had two planters installed with gaps for cyclists. The Albert Road end has a temporary 2 barrier with a cycle gap due to ongoing building work in the vicinity. A new gate with a cycle gap is to be installed shortly. The design for the north western side of the Square is now finalised and construction work should commence after April. Discussion on possible changes to the south eastern side are ongoing. The shared pedestrian cycle route outside the BH2 cinema development is now complete with a significant amount of additional cycle parking. Discussions are ongoing relating on improvements along Exeter Road, in connection with the Winter Gardens development.

6.1.8. Others.

Design work is proceeding on the Riverside Avenue toucan crossing.

6.1.9. 2017-18 Programme.

We are now finalising the 2017-18 LTP programme. We are looking at a number of quick wins and other gap filling schemes. If anyone has any gaps, closed streets, one way streets or turning bans that are causing a particular problem, please let us know asap.

- Bournemouth - Poole Quiet Route. Bournemouth and Poole are working together to get this quieter and relatively flat alternative to some busy main roads properly signed during 2017-18. It also provides an alternative to the Prom in July and August.
- Gaps on Existing Strategic Routes. One area we are looking at is Castle Lane West.
- We are hoping to include signing the Lansdowne to Wessex Fields route.
- We are currently looking at cycle parking issues in Winton and hope to install some additional stands. If anyone has identified particular locations please let us know.
- LS / DS to contact comms team and discuss potential support and involvement in communication of new cycle routes.

6.1.10. A338 & Links to Bournemouth Airport.

Background work continues to be carried out on possible links between North Bournemouth and Bournemouth Airport.

6.1.11. Cycling Events & Local Access Fund Bid.

While we were unfortunately not successful in our local access fund bid, there are still opportunities to promote cycling as part of national and local events.

This week is "Cycle to Work Week" which is part of the Love to Ride Momentum campaign www.lovetoride.net. You can register on the website, log your rides and potentially win prizes.

Bike Week will take place in June. Although the council has limited resources, it would be good if we could, perhaps through our connections with cycling groups, organise some rides or events during the week. Poole's Cycling Celebration takes place on Thursday 27 July on Poole Quay until 10 pm. It may be possible to organise a ride from Central Bournemouth to Poole Quay along our relaunched Bournemouth-Poole quiet cycle route. Is there any interest in helping to organise this?

6.2 Poole

6.2.1 Partnership working with Poole and Bournemouth

Following a January review of the trial, the Senior Walking and Cycling Officer for the Borough of Poole will now spend one day a week at Bournemouth Town Hall for the foreseeable future. He will continue to work closely with the acting Cycling Officer for Bournemouth Borough Council, giving assistance with cycling issues and projects.

6.2.2 Hamworthy cycle routes

The physical and way-finding improvements to various routes in the Hamworthy area are nearing completion.

6.2.3 Proposed 2017/18 programme

Alder Road Corridor

A new cycle route on quiet streets between Talbot Primary School and Pottery Junction is being investigated. It would offer a realistic alternative to using the busy, narrow and steep A3040 for through cycling, as well as connecting to four schools, the Bourne Valley Greenway, Branksome Recreation Ground, and the retail and employment park at Redlands.

Poole to Bournemouth cycle route

Poole and Bournemouth have agreed to jointly fund way-finding improvements to the quiet route that is the alternative to the promenade in the summer. Work is planned to be complete before the restrictions commence in July.

Bikeability

Poole will be providing cycle training for children in the Borough throughout the year, mostly through schools. The DfT have funded at least 407 training places for combined Level 1/2, 41

places for Level 3, and 63 places for Balance. With help from our partners, we are on track to deliver more than this minimum.

Upton Country Park

The new shared use path along the Holes Bay shoreline, between Symes Road and Upton Bypass, should be available for use by cyclists by Easter.

A new cycle track along the south side of Poole Road is currently under construction by Dorset CC. This will improve access to the Country Park from Upton Cross, providing new opportunities for traffic-free leisure and utility cycling.

Trial of “light segregation”

Members of the Cycle Liaison Advisory Group in Poole have been asked to suggest locations that may be suitable for trialling “light segregation.”

7. Stour Valley Way – Update from Michael Rowland, Manager Bournemouth Parks

MR gave a comprehensive report on the current work to create a safe and enjoyable path suitable for pedestrians and cyclists between Hengistbury Head & Kingston Lacy. The purpose of this is to reduce the pressure on sensitive habitats and at the same time encouraging everyone to enjoy the countryside.

The path from Hengistbury Head to Tuckton is complete and the path through Tuckton Tea Gardens is nearing completion. Work on Hick’s Farm, Throop is due to commence in early April.

The long term plan is to create a Stour Nature Park and Officers will be engaging with Landowners to ensure they are on board. Future work plans will be shared with the Forum.

A question was raised about improvements to cycle routes in King’s Park. MR reported that these are currently being considered and a further update will be provided when available.

Cycle forum members thanked MR for the presentation and feedback was that the developments taking place are very positive and provide welcome encouragement to cycling.

8. Airport Transport Forum Update AJP & LH

AJP & LH recently attended the Airport Transport Forum Working Group and were pleased to report that the Airport Management team are keen to encourage sustainable travel to the Business Park, this includes cycling and there are already good facilities in place for cyclists.

MR reported that Dorset County Council had received funding to create a cycle/pedestrian route from Throop Bridge to link up with the Hurn Road.

9. Update from Dorset Police including an update on the Give Space – Be Safe Project

Due to work pressure no one was able to attend from the Police to talk about this but AP reported on a discussion she’d had with Rob Hammond. He explained that he is no longer primarily based in the Bournemouth Area. He also reported that Dorset police are currently considering adopting the Give Space – Be Safe project, but no decision had been made. It was agreed to contact the No Excuse Team to establish a formal contact that the Forum can liaise with.

It is thought that Hampshire Police are also considering the Give Space – Be Safe project.

10. State of Existing Cycleways & Signage

JF reported that there were a large number of outdated and redundant road signs in the area that can cause confusion. He asked what could be done about this.

An Action was agreed for everyone to report the location of any of these signs to Lawrence Harrell, he would then where appropriate arrange for removal.

11 Cycling Events

There are no planned cycle events.

12 AOB

12.1 JH asked what had happened to the original 5yr Plan for improving the infrastructure for pedestrians and cyclists. LH reported that this had been superseded by specific schemes some of which originated in the 5yr Plan.

12.2 FR recently attended a Conference in Bristol that focussed on Sustainability and one of the actions that was being seriously considered was reducing carparking spaces with the aim of encouraging people to use sustainable transport. FR asked if Bournemouth had any similar plans. It was agreed to have an item on the Agenda for the next meeting to discuss what can be done in Bournemouth to improve the overall environment for pedestrians & cyclists.

Dates of future meetings: 12th June; 11th September & 11th December.