



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2007 commencing at 6pm

Members present:

Angela Pooley (Chair)
Martin Handford (Secretary)
Jenny Ansett
Andrew Graham (JPM)
Steve Lodge (JPM)
Sally Funnell (PBC)
Ben Prescott (BBC)
Vivien Scott
Paul Scott
Tony Prickett (CTC)
Roger Strong
Neil MacBean (Dorset Police)
Geoff Turnbull (BBC)
Mike Campkin (BBC)
John Hayter
Felice Jermon

Apologies

Trevor Fenwick
Peter Delieu
Cllr Lawton
Cllr Roger West
Lawrence Harrell
Cllr Parker

Minutes of meeting 16th May 2007

The minutes were agreed.

Matters arising

Cycle event on the 17th of June/Bike2Work Week.

The meeting was updated on the events that were held in the area during National Bike Week. The Forum lead event that took place as part of the Sports Awareness Day at the Sir David English Centre suffered somewhat from the very poor weather on the day. However the council van was present along with some bikes for people to try out and people were given advice on cycling, safety and security.

Event in Bournemouth Square

The Police had staff present and carried out security coding of bikes and gave out information about bike security. Forest Leisure cycling held a “lock amnesty” – in return for

handing in their old cable locks cyclists were able to buy a high quality d lock at reduced prices. They also carried out a bike doctoring service. The council carried out a walking and cycling survey. The results of this survey will be made available for the next meeting.

JP Morgan

This company held several events during the week including the visit of a cycle mechanic to work on staff's bikes, a demo day sponsored by Primera Sports and Ride Cycleworks and a cyclists breakfast

Bournemouth University

The university Bike User Group organised an event for each day of the Bike2Work week. Events included Bike User Group meeting, Bike doctor session by Forest Leisure Cycling, a BBQ for cyclists, Security coding of bikes by Dorset Police and an after work ride to Swanage with free fish and chips. Also through out the week high quality d locks were on sale with the price reduced from £35 rrp to just £5. There was also a free prize draw with 3 winners receiving a pack of a helmet, d lock and lights.

Poole Borough Council

The council held a number of events during and prior to Bike2Work week. A "tryout" of bikes event held in Poole Park attracted between 6-700 people. Also the councils Vehicle Crime Task group with Dorset Police gave away a large number of d locks. Within the council itself staff were encourage to take part in an inter-departmental challenge - the department whose staff cycled the most miles to work during the week winning the prize. Raffle tickets were also handed out each day to staff who had cycled in to work and a large variety of prizes were handed out at the end of the week.

Security initiative

Inspector Neil MacBean advised that Dorset Police have been set tough targets this year to reduce bike theft. Besides d lock give aways they are trialling a new type of "tagging" of bikes. This involves the use of electronic tagging which allows the stolen bike to be "tracked" and gives a far greater chance of recovery. Sally Funnell noted that there has been an increase in the number of abandoned bikes in Poole.

The meeting noted that Councillor Lawton, the new Cabinet member for Transport in Bournemouth Borough Council had been invited to the meeting – although on this occasion he was not able to attend.

Tuckton Bridge

The meeting was told that some cyclists have been seen using the footpath due to the narrow width of the bridge. The footpath is not wide enough for shared access. The meeting was told that funding for work on the nearby derelict bridge will not be available until 2010. It is hoped that new housing may in future contribute £1000 per unit towards improving cycling and other transport initiatives. John Haytor suggested that the Forum needs to decide exactly what improvements it wants for Tuckton Bridge. Previous Forum meetings have already noted that this bridge is an important commuter link especially for children cycling to St Peters and Twyneham Schools. It was agreed that the subject would go on the agenda for discussion at the next Forum meeting

Forum "Wish List"

The Forum was told that a meeting had been held to consider a large list of improvements/ideas that had been submitted. It was then agreed that results from the survey carried out by the council in the Square also needed to be considered. John Haytor

suggested that fees at Littledown Sports Centre should be reduced by £1 for those users that cycle to the Centre. It was also suggested that maps were needed showing cycle routes out of Bournemouth. Current maps only show routes within the town. Once an updated wish list has been agreed it will be given to the council in order to inform and influence their spending on schemes. It was agreed to hold a meeting of the wish list sub-group once the results of the council's survey are known. The sub-group will then report back to the next Forum meeting.

John Haytor suggested that the Forum need to get funding to carry out some of its activities. Angela Pooley offered to take a request for funding to the 2026 Committee. Felice Jermon noted that there were some areas of small funding available and that she would investigate these for the Forum. Ben Prescott suggested that the Forum's wish list should include some "high level principles" eg advance stop areas at traffic lights. The council's representatives agreed that a wish list would aid the identification of problems. They will try to bring the council's wish list to the next Forum meeting. BBC will focus on considering major transport corridors. It is then that cycling and walking improvements need to be included.

Officers Report

East Avenue to Glenferness Avenue Cycle Facilities

Works are due to commence on the Toucan and connection path works near Talbot Roundabout on 30 July, as per drawing LTP3/25/GAB.

Cemetery Junction to East Avenue Cycle Facilities

Now completed.

Wellington Road Cycle Lanes.

Scheme to be completed as detailed on the Decision Notice dated 7 November 2006 and drawing LTP21-02-02-01 by the end of August.

Lansdowne Road to Mallard Road Cycle Route.

The new Puffin crossing on Richmond Park Road near St Leonards Road has now been commissioned. The double yellow lines and advisory cycle lanes will be installed shortly. The route will then be fully signed from Lansdowne Road to Castle Lane West.

Poole Road Cycle Lanes.

The final design has now been completed and the advisory cycle lanes between the town centre and Westbourne will now be installed, subject to the approval of the new portfolio holder.

Wessex Way Cycle Route.

Using existing lightly used footpaths it will be possible to join the existing cycle path from Wellington Road to Queens Park. Final design work is now being undertaken.

Cycle Parking Schemes

There will be another phase of cycle parking stand installations this financial year. There have already been requests for new stands at Tuckton and Southbourne Crossroads and suitable locations for these have now been established. The minimum order number to obtain quantity discount is 50 stands, further locations are therefore sought.

The Police have asked if they can install signage at some of the existing cycle stand locations as part of their "D Lock Zone" campaign. This has been agreed, and the stands where there has been a history of cycle theft will be the first to have the signs fitted. See drawing attached.

Road speeds

A suggestion was made by a Forum member to the meeting that the one way system in Westbourne should be made a 20mph zone. Mike Campkin advised that Portsmouth Borough Council have been trying to bring in 20mph zones in Portsmouth. If the roads are surveyed and general speeds monitored and found to be 24mph or less then 20 mph zones can be brought in. However if the general speeds are found to be higher then physical road calming has to be introduced to create the drop in speed. This latter option is of course costly.

AOB

The meeting agreed that there was a need to discuss the Local Transport Plan and it should therefore be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Andy Graham has produced a draft letter for sending to Poole Borough Council discussing the need for a revision of the "opening" times on the promenade at Poole to bring it in line with Bournemouth's times. He will circulate the draft via email for views.

Martin Handford suggested that the Forum should link in with other local groups who have a definitive interest in cycling and cycling facilities. John Hayter agreed that there needed to have "pressure" kept on to local authorities for routes that cross different authorities eg in to the New forest.

Mike Campkin advised that BBC have been monitoring the work that they have carried out on the Prince of Wales Road junction. Some additional signage seems to be needed on Surrey Road advising of cyclists. The council have agreed to check the signage already in place.

The meeting debated the current cyclepaths in Glenferness Avenue. These cycle paths are advisory and as such it is not possible to stop people parking in them. However waiting restrictions have been imposed to limit the time when parking can take place. Some times were noted as being worse than others. It is believed that the problem is not too bad during commuter times. John Hayter suggested that the next work to be carried out on Glenferness Avenue should be concerned with cycle safety over the railway bridge. He suggested that this could be put on the forum's wish list.

Sally Funnell advised that new maps were available for the Purbecks and the Sika Trail. She also told the meeting that Poole Borough Council has commenced a salary sacrifice bike purchase scheme for staff. Martin Handford noted that the university were also looking at offering such a scheme to its staff.

Council staff were asked for the provision of more cycle stands in Westbourne. It was agreed that this should be added to the Forum's wish list.

The meeting was told that the Bournemouth Airport Transport Forum was to hold its next meeting on August 8th. John Hayter advised that he would be attending.

The positions of Chair and Secretary of the Forum are up for election at the next meeting. Nominations are wanted

Date of the next meeting

12th September 2007