

BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM

Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 4th. December 2012
At Bournemouth Town Hall Royal Hampshire Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs.

In attendance		
John Hayter - DCN (Acting Chair)		JH
Martin Dover - Streetworks Manager BBC		MD
Jason Falconer - Sustrans		JF
Tom Gaze - Cycling Officer Poole BC		TG
Andy Graham - J P Morgan		AG
John Grantham Christchurch Community Partnership-Travel & Access		JG
Cllr. Dennis Gritt		DG
Rob Hammond - Dorset Police		RH
Martin Handford - Bournemouth University		MH
Tim Huxley - Sustainable Transport BBC		TH
Anthony Kirby - BBC		AK
David Mansfield - Secretary		OM
Lucy Marstrand - Cycling Officer BBC		LM
Ray O'Luby - Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend & Holdenhurst TMSTH		RO
Lindley Owen - NHS Bournemouth & Poole		LO
Angela Pooley - Sustain		AP
Cllr. David Smith		OS
Paul Turner - CTC RTR		PT
Terry Walsh - Wessex CTC		TW

1.0	Introductions & Apologies	
	<p>Apologies were received from:-</p> <p>David Brown - Borough of Poole</p> <p>Mike Chalkley - Chair</p> <p>Ray Craig British Cycling South of England</p> <p>Steve Garrett</p> <p>Lawrence Harrell BBC</p> <p>Cllr. Cheryl Johnson</p> <p>Trina Lockyer - BC Breeze</p> <p>Patrick Oakley</p> <p>Cllr Roger West</p> <p>Marc Thompson - EDDC</p> <p><u>Others for distribution of minutes:-</u></p> <p>Jenny Ansell - Friends of the Earth</p> <p>Richard Barnes</p> <p>Keith Bichard - DCN</p> <p>Rob Bowra Resident</p> <p>Laura Dale Royal Bournemouth Hospital</p> <p>Ieuan Davies - Resident</p> <p>Mike Holmes - Director of Planning & Transport BBC</p> <p>Ian Kalra - BBC</p> <p>Martin Kimberley - Active Dorset</p> <p>Peter Laker</p> <p>Russell Merry - Cycling Sports Group</p> <p>Michael Rowland</p>	

	<p>Tim Saunders - Front Bike Hire</p> <p>Ian Selby - BBC</p> <p>Wilbert Smith - Christchurch Borough Council</p> <p>Catherine Stark - BBC</p> <p>Roger Strong</p> <p>John Thraves</p> <p>Patricia Whiffen Christchurch Bicycle Club</p> <p>Judy Windwood</p>	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising	ACTION
	<p>1.1 These were taken as correct. Proposed AP Seconded MH.</p> <p>1.2 JH said that as there is a full agenda matters arising would be left to the end.</p>	
3.0	Cycling Officers Report	
	<p><i>See report attached.</i></p> <p>3.1 DM gave a short account of the Bike Light giveaway at half term and thanked JH & JF for their help. LO commended the project</p> <p>3.2 AK said that the St. Swithuns Road scheme would be started in January 2013.</p> <p>3.3 MH discussed the cycle loan scheme and bike security at the University. The cost of and providing land space for, lockable bike sheds, are problematic.</p> <p>3.4 MH reported that 200 Freshers had got together and set up a cycling club on Campus. There will be a Focus group involving cyclists & non cyclists to discuss how to get more cycling.</p> <p>3.5 LO commended LM for organising the trip to London to look at the Exhibition Road scheme.</p>	

4.0	Traffic Signal Timings	Action
	<p>4.1 MD gave a description of how traffic signals for pedestrians / cyclists are set in the Borough.</p> <p>4.2 MD explained that most signals have the pre timer set to a max of 3 secs. If the installation is on a road where average traffic speed is high then this time will be set higher (up to 40secs.) even higher if motorists regularly exceed the speed limit. Speed discrimination is used to protect pedestrians / cyclists on faster roads.</p> <p>4.3 The Forum expressed concern that more action was not taken against speeding motorists. RH explained the situation with Police resources.</p> <p>4.4 JG suggested that if there is constant breaking of the speed limit then the limit should be lowered to 25mph. OS said this would be unenforceable.</p> <p>4.5 La suggested more use of mobile speed cameras. LM said that the attitude of drivers needs to change.</p> <p>4.6 JH said that the crossing on Boundary Road is set to the maximum (40secs) and that he has seen children walking across on red signal.</p> <p>4.7 JH proposed that the Forum send a statement to the Council:- <i>'The Bournemouth Cycling Forum encourage the Council, that where there are Pedestrian / Cyclists signals on a Main Road that the pre timers are set to a maximum of 20 seconds'</i></p> <p>4.8 La said that the timings favour the motorist and put pedestrians & cyclists at risk.</p> <p>Post meeting note from La : <i>The key section is that on the light controlled crossings. The timings in the minutes are the best achievable- in fact on many occasions pedestrians and cyclist will be kept waiting much longer, leading to them trying to cross on red, with occasional serious consequences. The related issue was the admission by MD that the sensors in the road will keep the lights green if approaching cars are exceeding the speed limit. While I can see how those responsible for road safety may think this avoids serious injury, it will inevitably encourage the very behaviour we want to avoid- excessive speed by motorists in proximity to walkers and cyclists. We were told that this is a national, not a Bournemouth issue. We need clarification.</i></p>	

5.0	Bournemouth road re building schemes failure to incorporate cycle lanes/facilities & the proposed Ringwood Road scheme.
	<p>5.1 JH said that we need to review the way the Forum works.</p> <p>5.2 AP expressed concern for the future of the forum if correct protocol is not followed to air views. The Forum does not report to the Council but to Sustain, a group formed for concerned cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>5.3 Bournemouth Borough Council is committed to climate change and increased cycling and walking.</p> <p>5.4 JH asked DS the view of the Council. DS said that the main Portfolio Holder for this area is Cllr. Michael Filer. Ds said that he is a keen cyclist and is pleased that more funding was coming from Government.</p> <p>5.5 JG said that the Forum should get information on proposed schemes in the early stages as comments from the end users would be of benefit the Professionals.</p> <p>5.6 DG said that the Forum is a very important strong pressure group.</p> <p>5.7 AK said that consultation is in place. Sometimes enabling works goes ahead before the main scheme.</p> <p>5.8 DS suggested that more use be made of visual aids to present schemes to the Forum .</p> <p>5.9 It was agreed to set up a working party to get involved in consultation exercises at an early stage. The group's constituents would be AP, LO, JH, AG, MH, & RH.</p> <p>5.10 TG said that it is important to maintain a strong link with Poole and East Dorset to discuss issues that affect the Conurbation.</p>
6.0	Cycling in the Throop area & access to the airport via weir bridge.
	<p>6.1 AK updated the meeting by saying that the proposed DCC bridge was subject to available funding. At present the weir bridge is closed for safety reasons and a temporary structure is in place. There is some funding available out of next year's maintenance programme. With the intervention of LPT the new bridge will be 2 metres wide. Council funded links either side of the new bridge are being planned.</p>

	<p>the NHS to promote such behaviours. The Medical Profession have realised that activity is better than any pill for physical and mental wellbeing.</p> <p>8.2 OM said that EOOO have set up health walks and cycle rides at Moors Valley Country Park (Wednesday 10am. - 11am.) and Kingston Lacey (Thursday 10am. - 11am.). Health cycles will be starting on Monday January 14th. at Highcliffe Castle to serve Christchurch.</p> <p>8.3 TH introduced himself to the Forum as he has recently joined the Council to promote workplace travel plans for small employers. He welcomed any ideas or experience from Forum Members.</p> <p>8.4 AP explained the facilities that have been provided for staff at JP Morgan.</p>	ALL
9.0	Election of chair & secretary for the coming year.	
	<p>9.1 Election of Chair: John Hayter - proposed Angela Pooley, seconded Lindley Owen. There were no further proposals so John Hayter is duly elected as Chair for the next 12 months.</p> <p>9.2 Election of Secretary: OM said that he is willing to carry on for another 12 months unless anyone else would like to stand. There were no other nominations - proposed Lindley Owen seconded Martin Handford.</p> <p>9.3 JH proposed a vote of thanks to Mike Chalkley for his hard work over the past two years. His campaigning spirit is to be admired. The meeting also thanked the Secretary for his hard work.</p>	
10.0	AOB	
	<p>10.1 PT said that he had difficulty negotiating the Turbary Common gates. LM asked PT to e-mail the details to her.</p> <p>10.2 JF said that he had taken a school on a bikeability ride to Throop and was pleased with the respect that Motorist gave the group.</p> <p>10.3 AG said that the JP Morgan cyclists had asked if there are plans to put lighting and a roof at Bournemouth Cycling Centre Track. JH said that he attended a Slades Farm group meeting and these things are being discussed but no firm</p>	PT

	<p>dates have been decided. Planning was agreed without lighting but a review and provision of lighting with low light pollution may be acceptable in the future.</p> <p>10.4 JH made reference to the Gridiron event that was held in October. TW devised this event some years back and it was now attracting over 1000 riders. It has been decided to restrict entries to 1000 riders next year and call the event Gridiron 1000.</p> <p>10.5 AP advised the meeting that Bournemouth & Poole are working together to run events for National Climate Change week to be held between, Monday March 4th. and Sunday March 10th. 2013.</p> <p>10.6 JG asked if members would be interested in attending a potential 3 town working group to promote cycling with Tourism highlighting local facilities such as the New Forest and the Beach.</p> <p>10.7 The meeting welcomed JF back after his accident and LM said that his work is invaluable to the Council.</p> <p>10.8 RO commented on the state of the road surface along Cooper Dean drive into Queen's Park Drive saying that it is uncomfortable to ride. JH agreed with this and said that these roads were listed as future cycle routes. Over 10 years the traffic queuing in Queen's Park Drive to join the Wessex Way slip off (to Cooper Dean roundabout) has increased. It was now time to look at this route for cyclists.</p>	
11.0	Date of next meeting	
	<p>AP proposed that the next meeting be held as an open meeting during Climate Change week next March.</p> <p>It was agreed that a small group would look at setting up this meeting. TBC.</p>	<p>JH/AP/D M</p>