

BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM

**Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 4th. June 2013
At Bournemouth Town Hall Royal Hampshire Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs.**

In attendance		
John Hayter – DCN (Chair)		JH
Jenny Ansell - Friends of the Earth		JA
Keith Bichard – DCN		KB
Cllr. David D’Orton-Gibson		DDG
Ieuan Davies – Resident		ID
Jason Falconer – Sustrans		JF
Cllr. Michael Filer		SG
Tom Gaze – Cycling Officer Poole BC		TG
Andy Graham - J P Morgan		AG
Cllr. Dennis Gritt		DG
Lawrence Harrell - Resident		LH
Anthony Kirby - BBC		AK
Trina Lockyer – BC Breeze		TL
David Mansfield - Secretary		DM
Lucy Marstrand – Cycling Officer BBC		LM
Julian McLaughlin Head of Transport Services Borough of Poole.		JM
Ray O’Luby - Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend & Holdenhurst TMSTH		RO
Lindley Owen – Consultant in Public Health		LO
Michael Walsh – Bournemouth Jubilee Wheelers		MW
Terry Walsh - Wessex CTC		TW
Cllr Roger West		RW

1.0	Introductions & Apologies	
	<p>1.1 JH welcomed all to the meeting especially Cllr. Michael Filer and Julian McLaughlin, Head of Transport Services from the Borough of Poole</p> <p><u>Apologies were received from:-</u></p> <p>Cllr. Xena Dion (Poole)</p> <p>Steve Garrett</p> <p>Emily Goldsmith - Sustrans</p> <p>Cllr. Cheryl Johnson</p> <p>Angela Pooley - Sustain</p> <p>Barry Rossell</p> <p>Marc Thompson - Christchurch & East Dorset Partnership</p> <p>Stephen Tite - Poole Council</p> <p>Paul Turner - CTC RTR</p> <p>Patricia Whiffen - Christchurch Bicycle Club</p> <p>Cllr Ronald Whittaker</p> <p>Rob Hammond – Dorset Police</p>	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting & matters arising	ACTION
	<p>1.1 These were taken as correct</p> <p>1.2 JH said that as there is a full agenda matters arising would be left to the end time permitting.</p>	
3.0	5 Year Draft Plan for Projects which assist cyclists in Bournemouth 2013-18	
	<p><i>See attached schedule & map.</i></p> <p>3.1 Cllr Michael Filer addressed the meeting on the five year draft plan to improve cycling facilities in Bournemouth.</p> <p>3.2 The plan includes reduction in traffic, improvement in public transport, cycling facilities and walking facilities. MF requested that the plans are discussed at the early stages and welcomed any comments.</p>	

<p>3.3 Improvements are already underway at Bournemouth University and Bournemouth Station.</p> <p>3.4 MF said that there is a projected 8% increase in traffic congestion if changes are not made.</p> <p>3.5 RW asked if New Road Northbourne was included in any plans as this is a particularly poor route for cycling. MF replied that all areas are being considered.</p> <p>3.6 LO asked what % is funded from Central Government.</p> <p>3.7 JML said that funding was from the first phase of the LSTF.</p> <p>3.8 DG said that at a meeting in Kinson parents applauded the suggestion for a 20mph. zone in the Poole lane area.</p> <p>3.9 DM asked if priority will be given to cyclists where off road cycle lanes cross side roads. LM said that the 'Dutch style' system was being introduced on new schemes.</p> <p>3.10 RO expressed concern that funding would still be used to make improvements for motorists if congestion increased.</p> <p>3.11 AG said that the next steps is to bring the plan to fruition and asked how the Forum could help to achieve this. MF said that the plans were being worked on and it is important for the Council to complete the works as Government support success where schemes are completed on time and within budget, future funding reflects this.</p> <p>3.12 JF said that the engineers were doing good work improving cycling facilities but more needs to be done to train young people to cycle safely.</p> <p>3.13 TL agreed with JF and also suggested that more cycle accessible bridges were provided. LM said that the Wessex Way bridge at Holdenhurst was being modified to enable bikes to be wheeled across.</p> <p>3.14 MC expressed concern that road engineering was still focusing on cars and that side roads are often used as arterial routes creating fast traffic.</p> <p>3.15 MF said that the 5 year plan is a start to improve sustainable transport and to prevent congestion increasing.</p> <p>3.16 MW said that many cyclists need some training and</p>	
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	<p>asked how comments can be made on the plan. LM said to send to her for distribution.</p> <p>3.17 AK said that more detailed work needed to be done on some of the schemes over the next two years, e.g. Castle lane West will need a lot of planning detail.</p>	ALL
4.0	The effectiveness of safe routes to school & cycling casualties in Bournemouth (see attached documents)	Action
	<p>4.1 LO said that, last year, he had been asked by the Council to provide figures on the health benefits to cycling. He produced a paper which detailed the improvement in safety where 20mph. zones were introduced.</p> <p>4.2 The papers were discussed, LO proposed that 20mph. zones be implemented as quickly as possible, without consultation, to get immediate effect in reducing cycling casualties, then review after 12 months.</p> <p>4.3 JH asked how to progress this. RW offered to put this to a full council meeting via the portfolio holder.</p> <p>4.4 JM said that in Poole they want to implement 20mph. zones but are using a phased approach. One area has been tried and there is a noticeable change in driver behaviour. It may be some areas will need more enforcement than others.</p> <p>4.5 LM asked about Poole's approach to consultation. JM said that they thought there needed to be some consultation.</p> <p>4.6 The use of speed humps was discussed. JM said that Poole is taking speed humps out. The meeting generally agreed that not putting speed humps in the 20mph. zones would make them more acceptable and that average speed cameras are not installed at first to keep the initial cost down. Enforcement would be reviewed and changes made as required.</p> <p>4.7 MC suggested that 'filter permeability' schemes were introduced to stop side roads being used as arterial routes.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>AK</p>
5.0	Cycling Officers Report (see attached)	
	<p>5.1 The Cycling Officers report was discussed.</p> <p>5.2 JH asked to see plans of the proposed improvements to Castle Lane West.</p> <p>5.3 AK said that two schemes need to be delivered this</p>	

	<p>financial year. One is the University bike hire where n investment of £80k. is projected.</p> <p>5.4 RW asked, with reference to item 2.6 (area action plan), if consideration was being given to the proposed Winter Gardens development.</p> <p>5.5 JH said that the Town Centre needs to be discussed in detail at the next meeting.</p>	<p>LM/AK</p> <p>LM/JH/ DM</p>
6.0	The Borough of Poole – Tom Gaze	
	<p>6.1 TG said that Poole Council will be holding the Poole Quay Cycling Celebration on Thursday 25th. July.</p> <p>6.2 Pedal again in Poole cycle training is continuing and new bikes have been purchased.</p> <p>6.3 Under the LSTF scheme Vanguard Rd is now complete and Sea View Rd is in progress. The A35 Poole Rd / Ashley Rd. Is part of the 2 year capital plan.</p> <p>6.4 TG had to spoken to the Council regarding the markings and width of the cycle lane returning from the Sandbanks Ferry. The old centre line road markings are showing through the worn surface and the cycle lane markings are worn. TG said that various methods had been used to try remove the old line markings but had failed.</p> <p><i>Post Meeting Information from Tom Gaze:-</i></p> <p>As part of my update from Poole I mentioned that we are currently undertaking public engagement on the Poole Road scheme for the Three Towns Travel project.</p> <p>I wonder whether in the minutes you could supply a link to the project page where forum members can complete an online survey: http://www.boroughofpoole.com/transport-and-streets/transport-policy/poole-three-towns-travel/poole-three-towns-travel-projects/#Poole-Road</p>	<p>TG</p>

Have your say on Poole Road Three Towns Travel Project

Dear forum members,

The next stage of the Three Towns Travel Project will be Poole Road and Branksome Railway Station:

Funding available for Poole Road

The funding allocated for Poole Road, which includes Bourne Valley Junction, is £460,000.

Travel improvements could lead to:

- improved journey time or reliability of bus journeys
- better or new bus stops, shared footways and cycle ways
- improved cycle and pedestrian crossings and how traffic flows in the vicinity of junctions

Funding available for Branksome Railway Station

To encourage greater use of the train as a means of travel around the conurbation an additional £25,000 has been set aside for improvements at Branksome Railway Station.

Potential improvements at Branksome Station could be:

- cycle storage lockers, better pedestrian access, to the station platforms or changed to parking arrangements

To have your say on how these schemes please visit:

<http://www.boroughofpoole.com/transport-and-streets/transport-policy/poole-three-towns-travel/poole-three-towns-travel-projects/three-towns-travel-project-poole-road/>

and have your say by completing the [survey](#) by 21st June, 2013.

There will also be a public meeting on Wednesday 12 June 12.30pm - 7.30pm, St Aldhelm's Church – Lounge where you can come and find out more about Three Towns Travel. Officers will be available to listen to your views, answer questions about the Poole Road and Branksome Railway Station scheme, or help you complete the survey.

Access to the Lounge (located next to the main church hall) is from St Aldhelm's Road (opposite Lidl). Pass the Church entrance and turn left at the end of the path.

Kind regards,

Tom Gaze

Cycling and Walking Officer
Borough of Poole

7.0	Cycling Across the Square	
	<p>7.1 JH had received the following correspondence from LM:-</p> <p><i>We've received a complaint about hundreds of people cycling across The Square and on footways in the town centre.</i></p> <p><i>The complainant was asking for greater enforcement of the current ban on cycling in the Square.</i></p> <p><i>The Council has a duty to consult with the public before taking radical action and the Council is currently of the view that it wishes</i></p> <p><i>to promote cycling, though of course not to the detriment of pedestrians.</i></p> <p><i>Could this issue be added as an item to the agenda for discussion at the next Forum meeting?</i></p> <p><i>The Council would be very grateful to receive a formal written view on this matter from the Cycle Forum.</i></p> <p>7.2 The meeting discussed the issue of allowing controlled cycling across the square. DG said that any proposal would more likely be accepted if restrictions were placed in it. e.g. speed limited to 10mph. and priority given to pedestrians.</p> <p>7.3 The meeting agreed the following amended draft statement which was proposed by JH.</p> <p>“The Cycling Forum believes that cyclists should observe the law and the lawmakers should make regulations that meet the social requirements of the time.</p> <p>The Council’s success in encouraging cycling in the Town centre as a mainstream transport mode is resulting in a need to review cycle access both to and across the centre. The review should include permitted cycling in the pedestrian areas before 9.00am and after 5.00pm as a minimum. Contraflow cycling should be facilitated on the one way systems of the Town centre. In addition there should be a visible publicity campaign of “Careful Cyclists welcome” in the Town centre.</p> <p>Where dangerous or antisocial cycling takes place reasonable enforcement is supported by the Forum. In undertaking enforcement due balance must be given to the level of danger to pedestrians and the extent of safe alternative provision for cycling.</p> <p>It should also be borne in mind that the town encourages foreign students to study here. They may come from other</p>	<p>JH</p>

	road safety cultures where footpath cycling is the norm or where the general traffic gives cyclists much greater consideration and space on the road”.	
8.0	Throop to Airport route update	
	<p>8.1</p> <p><i>Press Release: New bridge will replace well-used Footbridge</i></p> <p><i>The existing footbridge at Throop weir will be demolished at the end of this month (28 May). It has been closed since last summer, due to its poor condition. The main support beams had deteriorated to an unacceptable level and the safest course of action is to dismantle it.</i></p> <p><i>A temporary crossing has been in place for the last nine months and will continue to be used while the work is taking place.</i></p> <p><i>The construction of a new bridge, on the same site as the old one, will take eight weeks to complete. This project will cost £400,000 and is being funded by Dorset County Council and Bournemouth Borough Council. The Councils are drawing the money from the government funded Local Transport Plan and the Environment Agency are also contributing to the cost.</i></p> <p><i>Cllr Ron Whittaker, said:</i></p> <p><i>“The temporary footbridge has been well-used. We are looking forward to getting the new bridge and we’re delighted that it will be wider allowing people using this busy crossing to pass on the bridge.”</i></p> <p><i>John Burridge, Chief engineer, bridge management for Dorset County Council, said:</i></p> <p><i>“There may be short periods of disruption to allow for the manoeuvring of construction vehicles, delivery of material and the operation of cranes, but we will try to keep this to a minimum.”</i></p> <p><i>For more Information about travelling in Dorset visit www.dorsetforyou.com/travel-dorset</i></p>	

	<p>8.2 JH asked about the Wessex Way/ Spur Road re-construction scheme included a cycle track north bound to Blackwater Junction from Holdenhurst Village (as shown on plan). DM to write to DCC to ask the question.</p> <p>8.3 JH said that he attended the airport group transport meeting. Manchester Airport Group have applied to take over some green belt land for industrial use. It will therefore be more important to improve cycling facilities to the Airport.</p>	DM
9.0	Action on Active Travel Report – Lindley Owen	
	<p>8.1 LO was asked to speak about the Action on Active Travel Report as time was short at the last meeting.</p> <p>8.2 LO said that there are 60 points detailed in the report. The five main ones are:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Despite the increased amount of NHS funding over the years there has been a decline in the nation's health due to lifestyle. 2. There will be major savings through spending on active travel through improved health. 3. There is a need to create safe & attractive conditions for walking & cycling. 4. More 20MPH. zones in built up areas. These have proven to save lives and cut serious injuries. 5. There needs to be a road danger reduction approach. Enforcement of existing driving laws / regulations. Ensure all transport and spatial planning decisions are subject to a prior 'Health Check'. <p>8.3 JH asked JM what Poole are doing regarding this report. JM said that Poole have a programme to tackle obesity.</p> <p>8.4 TG said that Health Rides are soon to be run from Upton House and welcomed any volunteers to help lead these.</p> <p>8.5 DDG said that he had been appointed Chairman of a group responsible for Health.</p>	

10.0	AOB	
	<p>9.1 TG said taht he had enquired about clearing the sand off the promenade and reports that the way of managing this has been changed so hopefully an improvement will be seen.</p> <p>9.2 AG asked about the Sandbanks ferry cycle route improvements. TG said that this was a priority item.</p> <p>9.3 JF referred to his recent e-mail and reminded the Forum that he would like any photos of cycle lane markings so that the improvements can be recorded. He also asked if the Council Website page for cycling is being updated. LM to check this.</p> <p>9.4 MC said that items 1-3 on the cycling officers report were slow in happening.</p> <p>9.5 AK said that the main point from MF's presentation was to get the Forum to look at proposals at the early stages. His department were looking at their own policy statement.</p> <p>9.6 LH said that much work is being done in conjunction with new developments to provide cycle parking facilities.</p> <p><i>Post meeting information</i> Dear Sir/Madam</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BOURNEMOUTH BOROUGH COUNCIL (PARKING REGULATION ORDERS) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2013 (VARIATION) (NO.1) ORDER 2013 (TRAFFIC MOVEMENT REGULATIONS) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2007 (VARIATION) (NO.1) ORDER 2013 SPEED LIMIT ORDER (VARATION) (NO.1) ORDER 2013</p> <p>Further to the public consultations undertaken between 28 February 2013 and 22 March 2013 on the above orders, I am writing to thank you for your comments and advise you of the outcome.</p> <p>A schedule of the proposals along with the decisions made, and details of any alterations if applicable is available at; http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/StreetsTransport/CurrentHighwayConsultations.aspx</p> <p>If you are unable to access these documents via the link above, please contact me on the details at the top of this page and I will arrange for a copy to be sent</p>	LM

	<p>through the post.</p> <p>The legal traffic orders for these items were made on the 7 June 2013 and will come into operation on 29 July 2013.</p> <p>Thank you once again for your comments.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p><i>Jamie Griffiths</i></p> <p>For The Service Director, Planning, Transport and Regulation</p>										
11.0	Dates of next meetings										
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	<p><u>Distribution of minutes - all in attendance, apologies, plus:-</u></p> <p>Bob Askew – BBC LSTF</p> <p>Richard Barnes</p> <p>Rob Bowra Resident</p> <p>Laura Dale Royal Bournemouth Hospital</p> <p>Martin Dover – Streetworks Manager BBC</p> <p>John Grantham Christchurch Community Partnership-Travel & Access</p> <p>Martin Handford - Bournemouth University</p> <p>Mike Holmes – Director of Planning & Transport BBC</p> <p>Ralph Huckle – CTC</p> <p>Tim Huxley – Sustainable Transport BBC</p>										

<p>Lorena Jones – BBC LSTF</p> <p>Ian Kalra - BBC</p> <p>Martin Kimberley - Active Dorset</p> <p>Peter Laker</p> <p>Marc McHale</p> <p>Russell Merry – Cycling Sports Group</p> <p>Patrick Oakley</p> <p>Michael Rowland – BBC</p> <p>Tim Sanders - Front Bike Hire</p> <p>Ian Selby – BBC</p> <p>Cllr. David Smith</p> <p>Wilbert Smith - Christchurch Borough Council</p> <p>Catherine Stark - BBC</p> <p>Roger Strong</p> <p>John Thraves</p> <p>Luke Williams RNLI</p> <p>Judy Windwood</p>	
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