

BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 7th March, 2016
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Royal Hampshire Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs

Attendees:

	Actions
Cllr Mike Green – Bournemouth Borough Council	MG
Cllr Russell Trent – Poole Borough Council	RT
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Brian Callow	BC
Phil Mordecai	PM
Cllr Cheryl Johnson – Bournemouth Borough Council	CJ
Steve Smith	SM
Paul M Turner	PT
Timothy Huxley – Bournemouth Borough Council	TH
Anya Parkhouse	AP
Mike Chalkley	MC
Lucy Marstrand – Cycling Officer Bournemouth Borough Council	LM
John Grantham	JG
Andrew Graham – JP Morgan Bicycle User Group - Chair	AG
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

1. Introductions & Apologies:

Jo-Anne Downing; Jason Falconer; Cllr Dave Smith; Julian McLaughlin; Rob Hammond

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered on the Agenda:

Boundary Lane:

Cllr Green reported that plans to bring in a 30mph speed limit on Boundary Lane was still being considered.

Cycle Rack Blockage at Co-op, Charminster Rd.

LH reported that the Co-op store had been asked not to block cycle parking.

4. Business Travel Network

TH explained details of a new cycle promotion initiative happening in Dorset – Momentum Cycle Challenge - Love To Ride. This is a scheme to encourage more cycling to work. Businesses can sign up and incentives are offered to staff. Further information can be found at:

www.lovetoride.net/momentum Any questions can be forwarded to info@businesstravelnetwork.org or Tel: 01202 454922

Ride to work events are planned for June & September. Evidence from the events will be collected to highlight benefits.

5. Election of Chair

After 2.5yrs Andy Graham is standing down as Chair, nominations for a replacement have been asked for. There was one volunteer – Anya Parkhouse. The appointment of Anya was proposed by Angela Pooley and seconded by John Hayter. This was approved unanimously. Anya will take over as Chair following this meeting.

6. Bournemouth & Poole Officers Reports:

Bournemouth : **Stour Valley Route**

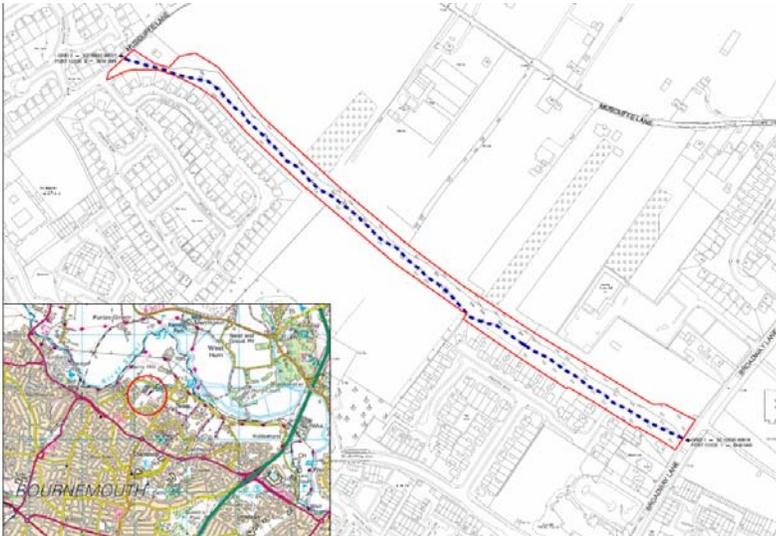
Hengistbury Head Visitor Centre to Tuckton Tea Gardens (Parks Team):

Results of the consultation for Tuckton are currently being collated

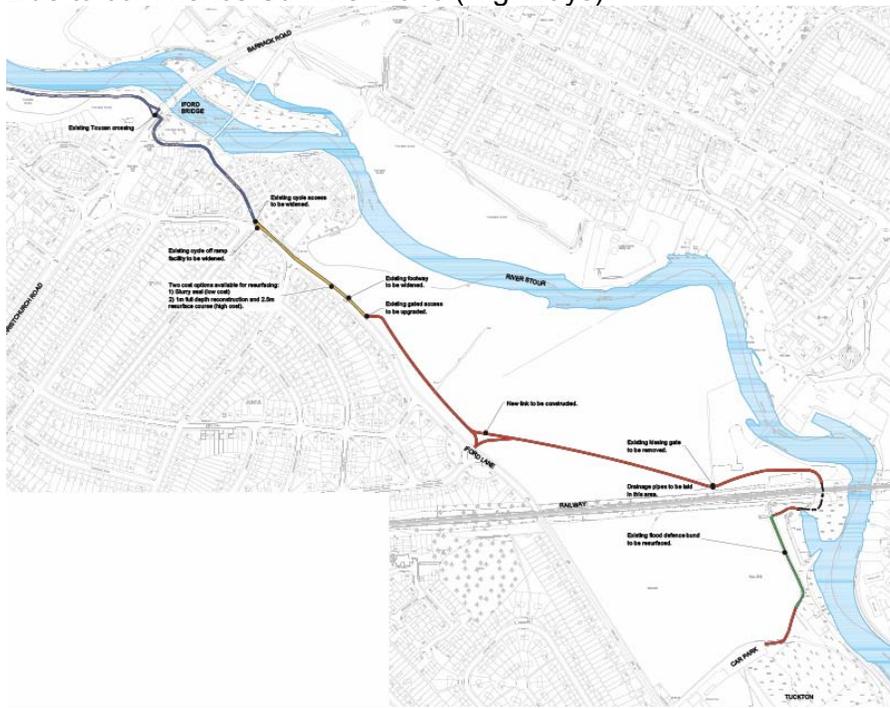
It is planned that works will be carried out over Autumn/Winter 2015/16.

M18 Bridleway Link (Throop):

Between Broadway Lane and Muscliffe Lane – scheme due to commence 28 March – duration 8 weeks (Highways)



Stour Valley Way – Iford Meadows (a Leisure Link): Due to commence Summer 2016.(Highways)



Queens Park – Parks Team

From the underpass to Queens Park Avenue - a popular school and work route and is a link in a leisure route between Holdenhurst village and the beaches



Cycle Parking.

Additional cycle parking in the Town Centre to a number of locations was outlined.



Lansdowne.

Walking and cycling route approved linking Holdenhurst Road and Oxford Road. This significantly reduces cycling and walking distances in this part of the Lansdowne.

Boundary Road

Investigation of accident statistics on the southern 550 metres of Boundary Rd has been carried out in connection with discussions over a potential 30 mph speed limit. On an average A road in Bournemouth, cyclists account for 11% of total casualties. On Boundary Road this figure is 45%. The Council/Cllr Greene will provide feedback in 3 months at next meeting.

Wessex Fields (Castle Lane) to Lansdown Cycle Route – LH advised that this route is now

open end to end, requires better signage and a 'theme'. The route has been put together over a period of time by linking a number of residential roads and cycle routes to offer an alternative to the cycle unfriendly Holdenhurst Road. Further development of the route to Wessex Fields area is planned in the next few years. Not all sections are lit.

Cllr Green advised AFC Bournemouth are planning an expansion and could possibly be utilized for a contribution to lighting as the route is adjacent to the ground.

ACTION: LH to send digital copy of route to allow it to be attached to minutes. Forum members to ride route and review at next mtg in June. Looking for feedback on possible improvements – signage, white lining, hedge trimming.

Licet Development

5m wide shared use path alongside gardens and development. Bollards/concrete balls to protect pedestrians coming up from steps.

Bear Cross Roundabout – postponed due to lack of funds and resources

Design Guide.

Preliminary work is being done to produce a highway design guide to reflect recent thinking in highway design. Draft is due to go out for consultation.

7. Bear Cross Roundabout

Steve Smith raised concerns about the cycle safety of the Bear Cross Roundabout as it is a casualty cluster site. LM stated that due to insufficient funds there were currently no plans for work at this location. LM asked SS email her with his concerns, this could then be used as evidence for future plans.

8. Cycle Route Signage

Anya Parkhouse raised the issue of the poor quality of some road signage and a general discussion took place. It was agreed that Officers will develop a plan to ask Forum members to assess specific routes to identify shortcomings. JG gave information about an audit tool that can be used to analyse data collected. Here's a link to the Audit Tool Guidance: <http://www.cycling-embassy.org.uk/blog/2014/10/14/assessing-the-quality-of-cycling-provision-an-audit-tool-for-campaigners>

ACTION: All forum members to feedback to LH routes that would benefit from improved signage. LH will bring these to next forum meeting for discussion.

No report has been received from Poole.

9. Cycling – Part of the Solution not the Problem

Brian Callow started a full and interesting discussion about the lack of acceptance that cycling is a genuine benefit to everyone from both a Health & Wellbeing and an Economic perspective. This was agreed by all. More effort needs to be put in to encouraging cycling to work and to school. It was generally agreed that this could be achieved if there was genuine commitment by Government and Local Councils.

10. 2016 Cycling Events

LM reported that were currently no events planned for the June Bike Week.

AJP asked if it was true that there weren't any cycling events planned for the Wheels Festival. MG will find out and report back to the Forum. If there weren't any he would ensure that there would be in future events.

MG suggested that if events were planned they could be run by volunteers. This was thought to be a workable idea and there would be significant numbers of people willing to help.

10.1 Tweed Ride

The 1st Annual Christchurch Tweed Ride

Saturday, 17th September 2016 at 2pm.

A 12 km ride starting from the Captains Club, Christchurch. Sponsored by the Captains Club Hotel to raise money for the new Women's Health Unit at RBH and CODA Music. The organisers are looking for Volunteer road Marshalls (about 40) and sponsors to donate prizes. If you're able to help please contact Jason Falconer (mf.jason@gmail.com)

11. Any Other Business

11.1 Blackwater Junction

PM asked if the proposed cycle lane leading to Blackwater Junction is still on the agenda. MG reported that this has been put on hold due to plans for further development of Wessex Fields. It would be a minimum of 2 years before final decisions are made.

11.2 Improved route at Baiter in Poole

JH reported that extensions to the route at Baiter in Poole were now complete and were a marked improvement.

11.3 Echo Report

LH passed round a copy of a recent article in the Daily Echo which gave a positive view on cycling in the Borough.

11.4 Joint Working with British Cycling

In the absence of Jo-Anne Downing AJP read out a report on her behalf explaining that due to a loss of LSTF funding and further restraints on the Council budgets there will no longer be formal partnership working with British Cycling to deliver a guided Sky Ride Local programme. Whilst this is disappointing it is hoped that they will be able to work to further increase cycling activity in the area.

LM responded and said that it is hoped that further funding will be available and all options are being considered.

11.5 Throop to Airport route

AJP asked if any progress had been made in getting support from Christchurch Council for improvements to the paths from Throop bridge to the Airport as it is currently practically impassable on bike or foot.

MG said that unfortunately no progress had been made.

11.6 Vote of Thanks

MG proposed a vote of thanks to Andy Graham for the hard work and dedication he has given to the Group in his role as chair. This was unanimously agreed.

Next Meeting:

Monday 13th June 18:00-20:00 Phoebe Room