

**BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM**  
**Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2015**  
**At Bournemouth Town Hall – Phoebe Room**  
**Commencing at 18.00hrs**

**Attendees:**

	<b>Actions</b>
Paul Turner - CTC	PT
Cheryl Johnson – Bournemouth Council	CJ
Michael Headon - Resident	MH
Cllr Mike Greene	MG
Cllr Dave Smith	DS
Barbara Mellor – Bournemouth Council	BM
Michael Rowland – Bournemouth Council	MR
John Hayter - DCN	JH
Mike Chalkley - Resident	MC
Tom Gaze – Poole Council	TG
John Grantham - DCN Christchurch	JG
Ray O'Luby -Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend & Holdenhurst Area Forum	RO
Andy Hadley – Poole Council	AH
Catherine Miles - Bournemouth Council	CM
Sophie Leon - Bournemouth Council	SL
Lucy Marstrand - Bournemouth Council	LM
Lawrence Harrell - Resident	LH
Jenny Ansell - East Dorset FoE	JA
Adrian Hale - Bournemouth Council	AH
Andrew Graham – JP Morgan Bicycle User Group - Chair	AG

**1. Introductions & Apologies:**

Angela Pooley; Steve Garrett; Jo-Anne Downing; Rachel Williams; Julian McLaughlin; Cllr David d'Orton-Gibson; Jason Falconer

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

**3. Matters Arising Not Covered on the Agenda:**

MC had asked for an item to be included on Agenda – 'What is value for money of the 3x Towns Project? A number of people expressed an interest in response. This will be an Agenda item next mtg.

***ACTION: MC to list concerns and email these to AH / LM for response at December Forum***

**4. Bournemouth & Poole Officers Reports:**

**4.1 Bournemouth**

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## 4.2 Poole

Borough of Poole Cycling & Walking Officer Update to Bournemouth Cycling Forum  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2015

### Cycle Training, Events & Organised Rides

#### Bikeability in Schools

200 children trained in level 1&2 Bikeability so far this year  
Still trying to recruit new instructors

### Cycle Route Development

- Yarrow Road cycle scheme is still under consideration.
- Baiter Park shared use path has been designed and shared with CLAG, shared path and is under consideration by councillors.
- Hamworthy Park shared used path bridge construction is underway, the design is a work in progress.
- Poole Bridge Approach Spans the design is in progress. CLAG involved in early consultation. Hoping to widen the footways to facilitate cycling also realigning carriage way and providing ASLs.
- Gravel Hill Improvement Scheme. Has been extended to include the Dunyeats Road Roundabout. Looking to provide a 3 metre shared use path between junction with Dunyeats Road up to junction with Queen Ann Drive.

We are using the latest accident data, to give an enhanced weighting for schemes that affect a location with a cluster of accidents.

### Events

The Poole Quay cycle celebration was probably the busiest ever:

- Estimated in excess of 4,000 spectators
- 18 entries in the 'Bling your bike' competition
- Pedal bike of the night was a Dalek themed bike
- 124 bike helmet design colouring competition entries

JH – raised issue of cyclists turning right after crossing Poole Bridge to access Poole Quay having to cross opposing traffic. Can this be looked at? TG advised not park of scheme as beyond bridge itself but will be looked at as part of wider improvements to area.

## 5. Wessex Way Proposals – Update

Cooper Dean to Blackwater junctions - increasing capacity to 3x lanes – confirmation that this will be a LEP bid.

JH expressed concerns that BCF are on sidelines when comes to LEP bids.

Agreement that letter of support from BCF for a segregated cycle lane as part of the proposal would be beneficial.

***ACTION: BCF to write to LM stating BCF have a strong preference for segregated cycle lanes between Cooper Dean and Blackwater junctions, separated by a physical barrier (eg. crash barrier) as discussed at previous BCF meeting in June.***

## 6. Airport Transport Forums

JH expressed view that current Wessex Way roadworks were causing disruption to travel patterns and the opportunity to capitalise on disruption and encourage people to cycle as an alternative had been missed. This view was echoed by a number of attendees.

General frustration that little progress has been made with taking forward any viable safe cycle route to the airport. It was asked as to what contact had there been between Bournemouth and Dorset Councils on the matter? AH confirmed that a number of meetings have taken place between the two councils but schemes are beset by many issues still to resolve.

Cllr MG raised concern that if cycle provision was made along Wessex Way would this mean the end of Throop Mill to Parley cycle path scheme? General agreement in forum that both schemes are needed, Throop Mill proposal is for an unlit cycle path without tarmac therefore not suitable for year round commuter use.

## **7. Grand Garden Walks Proposal**

Sophie Leon from Bournemouth Council Urban Design team gave a presentation outlining the Grand Garden Walks Proposal, see attached doc for details. Please note this has not yet gone out for public consultation so we request that the plans are not forwarded beyond the BCF at this stage.

No funding as yet, there are a number of large development sites along route so some funding would come from developers contribution.

Proposal is for a segregated cycle route (or using 'planters' as a divider as per Camden scheme) along most of route, with shared use cycle / pedestrian path in small no areas where width constricted. Westover Rd – possible cycle contraflow.

Looking at options for crossings – Toucans, continental style RAB's, shared use areas.

**ACTION: All to provide feedback to Sophie (email: [Sophie.Leon@Bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:Sophie.Leon@Bournemouth.gov.uk))**

## **8. Lansdown Delivery Plan**

Catherine Miles from the Bournemouth Council Urban Design team gave a presentation outlining early stage proposals for the Lansdown Delivery Plan that will form a submission as part of a LEP bid. Details can be found online at [www.bournemouth.gov.uk/lansdowne](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/lansdowne).

Key objective is opening up easier access to Lansdown and on to Bournemouth Town Centre from Bournemouth station – currently ASDA and Station RAB are major obstacles.

Public consultation is running until 28<sup>th</sup> Sept. Traffic modelling will be carried out, AH advised there is lot of U turning at Station RAB.

**ACTION: All to review and submit feedback to website ([www.bournemouth.gov.uk/lansdowne](http://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/lansdowne)) as part of public consultation by Monday 28th September 2015.**

## **9. Wick to Tuckton Bridge Cycle /Pedestrian path proposal**

Barbara Mellor Bournemouth Council Parks Development Team gave a presentation outlining proposal plans for the Wick to Tuckton Bridge Cycle /Pedestrian path. Outline proposal attached. Update from Barbara:-

As part of the Stour Valley Masterplan we have been looking at ways to improve connections between and within our greenspaces along the River Stour.

Part of the proposed improvements includes upgrading the existing tarmac path that runs parallel to Wick Lane through Tuckton Tea Gardens and Riverlands open space to make it a shared use route – 3m wide sealed resin bound gravel path.

We are also looking at access improvements at the Tuckton roundabout end of the gardens as all of the entry points have problems, such as steepness, width, tree roots, visibility and crossing points.

I would welcome comments from the cycle forum and its wider network of cyclists especially with regards to:-

(a) Upgrading the Wick Lane path and changing the current cycling status of the park to make cycling permissible. Parks have just repainted cycling signs at the entry points to the park as we have recently received a large no of complaints / queries about cycling in the park.

(b) Have cyclists with children or less confident cyclists had experience of trying to cycle on Wick Lane and been intimidated by road vehicles? The official speed limit is 20 miles per hour.

(c) Do cyclists think that a high quality clearly marked shared use recreational route will help to reduce conflicts between cyclists and pedestrians.

(d) If more off road sections of the borough's green spaces along the River Stour were cycle friendly, would cyclists be more likely to explore the Stour Valley Way?

Additionally feedback sought from the forum as to preference for either:-

(i) Cycle route along Wick Lane (felt to be more suited to commuters, currently narrow, would need widening) or

(ii) Riverside walk (felt to be more leisure route, wide enough) - would this be more popular and better integrate cyclists into environment?

We will be carrying out local consultations showing more information week commencing 7 September. Any local residents are welcome to complete the small survey which will be distributed at the Tuckton Tea Gardens cafe, Tuckton library and Hengistbury Head visitor centre.

***ACTION: All to review and submit feedback to Parks Dept (email: [parks.consultations@bournemouth.gov.uk](mailto:parks.consultations@bournemouth.gov.uk))***

## **10. Local Cycling Events 2015**

Confirmation that Bournemouth Sky Ride events are continuing until first week of November. See link for details: [www.goskyride.com/bournemouth](http://www.goskyride.com/bournemouth)

## **11. AOB**

(i) Cllr MG raised question re. cycle maintenance posts on the seafront - are these well-enough publicised and do members of the Forum believe they are useful? General view from the forum that there was very little awareness of these and that they should be much better publicised, eg. added to next edition of cycle map and properly signed.

(ii) AH raised question of whether left turn for cyclists should be permitted at red traffic lights as in some other countries. Agreement that generally a good idea but that this would require a UK wide change to traffic regulations.

## **Next Meeting:**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

This will include election of new Chairman and Secretary for 2016.