

BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM

Minutes of Meeting Held on Thursday 8th. September 2011
At Bournemouth Town Hall
Commencing at 18.00hrs.

In attendance		
Mike Chalkley Chair		MC
John Hayter DCN		JH
Anthony Kirby BBC		AK
Cllr Roger West		RW
Lucy Marstrand BBC		LM
David Mansfield Royal Bournemouth Hospital (Secretary)		DM
Lawrence Harrell BBC		LH
Lyndley Owen NHS Bournemouth & Poole		LO
Martin Handford Bournemouth University		MH
Ray O'Luby – Throop Townsend & North Dorset Forum.		RO
Andy Graham J P Morgan		AG
Jenny Ansell Friends of the Earth		JA
Angela Pooley Friends of the Earth		AP
Martin Kimberley Active Dorset		MK
Jason Falconer – Sustrans		JF
Paul Turner CTC RTR		PT
Roger Strong		RS
Patrick Oakley		PO
Apologies		
Cllr. Cheryl Johnson		
Keith Bichard - DCN		
Rob Hammond – Dorset Police		

	<p>David Brown – Borough of Poole</p> <p>Sally Funnell – Borough of Poole</p> <p>Laura Skinner Royal Bournemouth Hospital</p>	
	Not in Attendance	
	<p>Cllr. David Smith</p> <p>Mike Rowland</p> <p>Tim Sanders</p> <p>Mike Holmes – Director of Planning & Transport BBC</p> <p>Steve Garrett</p> <p>Russell Merry – Cycling Sports Group.</p> <p>Pat Oakley</p> <p>Peter Laker</p>	
1.0	Minutes of previous meeting	ACTION
	<p>1.1 Corrections to minutes of last meeting</p> <p><i>AK reported that the LTP document is now published. There is a £100K. budget this year and the plan covers a 15 year strategy. There are no strict targets for Modal Share.</i></p> <p>1.2 Matters Arising:</p> <p>David Brown - Stourfield 20mph scheme - this is marked as being complete, but to be honest as far as enforcement the new speed limit is being completely ignored and cars are just parking on the double yellows and causing obstructions. In addition one of the new "child" bollards has already either been collided with or vandalised such that it's been removed.</p> <p>David Brown - Links to Schools - St Katherines/St Peters area - This is of personal interest to me.</p> <p>Links to schools funding in current financial year – Year 1 of 3.</p>	

	<p>RW to invite Ian Kalra Road Safety Officer and to ask Portsmouth Council about "Cycle Nation". 20 mph Scheme</p> <p>LO said that speed watch in the New forest is working well.</p> <p>DM said he had tried to get Christchurch/East Dorset representation at this forum.</p>	
2.0	Cycling Officers Report	
	See Attached.	
3.0	Highway Design Manager's update on cycle hire scheme	
	<p>AK said there is a £15m bid for A35 corridor capital scheme to improve cycle routes.</p> <p>RW to email Dorchester to get Christchurch/East Dorset represented at this Forum. They will have information on new road at Tuckton.</p> <p>JH said it would be useful to discuss airport cycling to work via New Road or A338 proposed cycle route.</p> <p>LM asked to help implementing bid. JH be involved with initial design.</p> <p>RW spoke of cycle hire at Hengitsbury Head being in the Travel Plan</p> <p>Cycle Parking in Town Centre was discussed, access to cycle parking and lack of covered areas.</p> <p>Oat – New York competition for the design & sponsorship of cycle shelters.</p> <p>A Bournemouth Forum website was discussed. AP suggested that we could team up with the 2026 Website.</p> <p>JH said that National Cycle Network 25 through the Square was being looked at.</p> <p>SG said that the cycle path through Horseshoe Common – No cycling Sign still on deck at Christchurch Road end.</p> <p>JH said that dropped kerbs with lip leading to off road cycle routes or cycle parking not acceptable.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>AK</p>

	<p>RW Hengitsbury Head – BBC Website should include cycling facilities.</p> <p>AP to speak to 2026 about more information about Bournemouth appearing on their website.</p> <p>LM said that the LSTF Bournemouth Bid included provision of its own website.</p> <p>AG said that the J P Morgan cycling club members had come up with some cycling initiatives. AG to send to LM for consideration.</p>	<p>AP</p> <p>AG</p>
4.0	Reporting bad driving	
	<p>Reporting Bad Driving - David Mansfield</p> <p>Sussex Police have a website http://www.operationcrackdown.org which seems a quick way of reporting incidents. We need to encourage Dorset Police, at least in the Bournemouth/Poole/Christchurch conurbation to set up something similar. I could not find anything on their website.</p> <p>David Brown (writing in)- I am very keen to know what's being discussed here as it's something that needs to be encouraged! Currently drivers are getting away Scot free with threatening and intimidating behaviour and blatantly risking the lives of cyclists so something needs to be done! "</p> <p>Rob Hammond (writing in) - this is not a problem as cyclists do regularly call in by phone or at the police station.</p> <p>However in those cases the vast majority are merely logged or if an officer does attend the reported vehicle - words of advice (or letter) are given. As you'll imagine these incidents quite often do not have any independent witness's or photographic evidence for any progression - that is not to say nothing is done and sometimes more than words of advice are given if any offences are established.</p> <p>DM said that he had now purchased a helmet cam and had edited a short video clip of an aggressive driver. He found it difficult to hand a memory stick in at the Police Station and eventually two PCs called at his home. A website would save Police time.</p> <p>It was generally agreed that Dorset Police representation at the Forum was essential.</p>	<p>RH</p>

5.0	Cycle Track Issues	
	<p>RW said there is a design flaw in the way the gate has been hung. The notice on the notice board is too small and there should be a large sign at the entrance. Some residents think that it cannot be used by everyone; however the banking could be dangerous to un-trained riders. RW thought that there would be better landscaping and seating. Lighting is essential. There are no changing facilities, toilet or water fountain.</p> <p>When are we going to start promoting this very special facility? There is almost nothing at the entrance to promote the facility</p> <p>JF said that the track was being used a lot. There are trained coaches there and the first 8 weeks have been very successful. It is quieter during the day as many track users are working.</p> <p>RH writing in - after speaking to the Wallisdown SNT and patrolling the Slade's Farm track myself, there are minuscule incidents which are either self policed by persons at the track or by us moving the odd errant BMX'er/skater on, and as yet there appears to be no mass exodus from the skate area by the "youths" to the track. (I believe there has been some minor damage) I would say that more signage especially reminder plates along the perimeter fence of what can and cannot be utilised, would be useful. Off the top of my head I don't know about lighting, but is there sufficient for evening events in autumn/spring?</p>	
6.0	Cycling & the Economy	
	<p>LO – From the LSE Study - cycling contributes almost 3 billion to the UK economy, shows a new report from the London School of Economics and political Science, which also reveals that almost a quarter of the population are now cyclists.</p> <p>The study quantifies for the first time the full economic success story of the UK's cycling sector which generates 2.9 billion for the British economy, equating to a value of £230 for every biking Briton in the Country.</p> <p>A 20% increase in current cycling levels by 2015 could save the economy 207 million in terms of reduced traffic congestion and 71 million in terms of lower pollution levels.</p>	

7.0	Obesity –Cycling’s contribution to the fight – Lindley Owen	
	<p>From the LSE study: A 20% increased in current cycling levels by 2015 could save £107 million in reducing premature deaths and £52 million in NHS costs.</p> <p>Cycling to work is associated with less all-cause sickness absence. Mean absenteeism in cyclists is significantly lower than in non-cyclists with a significant relationship between frequent cycling and absenteeism, with regular cyclists taking 7.4 sick days per annum, compared to 8.7 sick days for non cyclists.</p> <p>Frequent cyclists save the economy £128 million in absenteeism per year, projected to save a further £1.6 billion in absenteeism over the next 10 years.</p> <p>Compared with the rest of Europe, the UK has the highest number of sick days taken each year, with 225 million days estimated to have been taken in 2010 at a cost of £17 billion. This equates to around £600 per employee per annum, and an average of 7.7 days per person.</p> <p>No country in the developed world has halted reverse modal trends.</p> <p>MC asked if Transport department would encourage a greener policy at the expense of motoring.</p> <p>AK said the LSTF addresses this.</p> <p>LM said that there is a political dimension to reducing car use.</p> <p>AP said there is still a long way to go. LTP3 is moving towards sustainable transport.</p> <p>JF said that the take up on cycling in some areas e.g. Camden scheme has been good.</p>	
8.0	A.O.B.	
	<p>Next Meeting:-</p> <p>18.00hrs. on Thursday 8th. December at Bournemouth Town Hall</p>	