

BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 1st December 2014
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Phoebe Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs.

	In attendance	
	John Hayter – DCN	JH
	Mike Chalkley - Resident	MC
	Cllr David d’Orton-Gibson	DOG
	Keith Bichard - Resident	KB
	Andy Graham - J P Morgan - BCF Chairman	AG
	Aaron Darlewood - Resident	AD
	Phil Mordecai	PM
	Lucy Marstrand – BBC Cycle Officer	LM
	Anthony Kirby - BBC	AK
	Ray O’Luby - Throop, Muscliff, Strouden, Townsend & Holdenhurst Area Forum	RO
	Lawrence Harrell - Resident	LH
	Cllr David Smith	DS
	Jenny Ansell – East Dorset FoE	JA
	Rachel Williams - Resident	RW
	Adam Bows – DCC	AB
	Rachel Sharpe – C & ED Council	RS
	John Grantham – DCN Christchurch	JG
	Paul M Turner – CTC Wessex	PT
	Gary Townsend - Resident	GT
	Rob Hammond – Dorset Police	RH
	Sophie Leon – BBC	SL
	John Dowty – Futurecreate	JD
	Adrian Dawson - Resident	AD
	Adrian Hale – BBC	AH
	Adrian Woolley - Bikeability	AW
	Angela Pooley - BCF Secretary	AP
1.0	Introductions & Apologies	
	Jason Falconer; Emily Goldsmith; Jo-Anne Downing; Steve Garrett; Martin Handsford; Marc Thompson; Tom Gaze; Anya Parkhouse;	
2.0	Minutes of previous meeting	
	These were accepted as a true & accurate record.	
3.0	Matters Arising Not Covered in the Agenda	ACTION
3.1	Richmond Hill Response to formal BCF request to consider advanced go signals for cyclists at Richmond Hill RAB. A Kirby – time frame of design and availability of budget meant that not sufficient time to consider advanced go signals for cyclists. There are difficulties on that particular site in siting advance go signals, it is likely that they would not meet the DoT criteria and would not be considered suitable as a trial site. Stage IV audit will commence shortly as scheme has been in place for 12 months, the accident evidence will be reviewed.	

<p>3.2</p> <p>3.3</p>	<p>Glenferness Avenue Response to BCF query as to why opportunity to widen cycle lanes was not taken as part of recent relining works. A Kirby – scheme was initiated as part of crossing improvement. Accepted that opportunity was not looked at to enhance existing facilities.</p> <p>LED Street Lighting Query at last BCF meeting as to variability in light provision in some areas that have been fitted with LED streetlamps. Response – A Kirby – some schemes are involve replacing streetlamp heads with LED units, making use of existing columns. This may result in spacing that isn't optimal and variability in brightness in some areas but light levels do conform to minimum requirements.</p>	
<p>4.0</p>	<p>Safe Cycle Routes to Bournemouth Airport</p> <p>John Hayter, the Forum's representative at the twice yearly Airport Transport Forum meetings (last mtg 29th Oct 2014) introduced the topic. AG welcomed Adam Bose (DCC) and Rachel Sharp (Christchurch & East Dorset Council) to the forum.</p> <p>AB outlined proposals currently being planned by DCC for cycle routes to the airport. AB advised that 2yrs ago Throop Mill bridge was replaced and at the time was 'future proofed' for possible cycle use by raising parapets to required safe height for cyclists and pedestrians. Current proposals utilise a budget made up of equal contributions from Bournemouth and Dorset CC. Wessex Water do not want to allow access for cyclists across the proposed Berry Hill bridge on Wessex Water land, despite this being part of the original application. As a result WW have been asked for a matched funding contribution to provide a cycle route elsewhere. There may also be money available from the Heathland Mitigation scheme.</p> <p>Current proposals for a new off road route are in 3x phases:- Phase I – linking Pig Shoot Lane to refurbished bridge at Throop Mill. DCC currently in discussions with the landowner, Malmesbury Estate, to develop the existing permissive path as a cycleway. This would not be a sealed surface but a Board Walk and would not be lit. Forum members raised concern raised that this would not be an all year option for cyclists. Scheme goes across SSI (so would need consent from Natural England) and is a flood plain (so need consent from Environment Agency). Phase II – Bottom Pig Shoot lane to drainage culvert (needs culvert work) Phase III – Throop Mill bridge to traffic light junction at perimeter of airport Plans will be available early 2015. Agreement reached that BCF would support plans. ACTION: Request for BCF to submit letter of support to LEP.</p>	<p>AG/AP</p>

	<p>Other possible cycle route options to airport were discussed:-</p> <p>(i) Wessex Way – highest traffic flows are between Cooper Dean to Blackwater Junction. Any future widening scheme (nothing planned currently) would allow for cycle route alongside.</p> <p>(iii) Parley Cross to Christchurch cycle improvements – upgrade of signage. Additionally Hurn RAB redesign is planned with provision of new Toucan crossing.</p> <p>(iv) Tricketts Cross to Hurn on existing Bridleway to be issued for consultation in the New Year.</p> <p>JH raised concern that current proposal for Pig Shoot Lane doesn't fully support public safety aspect. ie. Not lit or sealed surface. An on- road route with street lighting would be a viable year round solution. Support also needed to investigate the Wessex Way route. Additionally New Road (Northbourne to Parley Cross) – would benefit from a cycle safety scheme.</p> <p>JH asked for the support of the BCF</p> <p>Next Steps ACTION: BCF to submit letter of support to LEP (Tony Williams/John Beesley). JH to continue to participate in Air Transport Forum and deliver message that the BCF supports proposals for a new cycle route and willing to take a lead role. Agreement that a strategy group from BCF to meet and review proposals and take a leadership role.</p>	JH/AG/AP
5.0	Bournemouth & Poole Cycling Officers' Report	
5.1	<p>Cycle Officers Report - Bournemouth 2014 Successes</p> <p>(i) The Castle Lane East cycle scheme is now in place. This will be used as a model scheme for the 5/10 year Cycle Delivery Plan currently being written</p> <p>(ii) Cycle trial across Pier Approach / Bournemouth Square – 3 months into the trial, positive feedback received</p> <p>Cycle Delivery Plan – AH outlined his role as Forward Planning Officer aligned to a longer term view of planning (The Cycle Delivery Plan), in view of current requirement to bid for finances. Monies are available from Central Govt for further cycle / pedestrian route development but on a bid basis. Decision to be made by Bournemouth Council as to whether to join with Poole/SE Conurbation for a joint bid or go alone. Bournemouth has a powerful case based on accident stats (Bournemouth cycle casualty rate is one of highest in UK, the infrastructure is not keeping pace with demand), and is looking for 'Cycling Champions' to help promote future schemes, nominations currently:- Lorna Gibbons (LEP chair) Sam Crow Clr Filer / Clr Beesley</p>	

	<p>There is some concern that other Councils may not be supportive, there is also a need for a flexible approach.</p> <p>LM spoke to DoT last week regarding any bids preference – joint or solo bids – DoT stated they are just looking for 'good' bids.</p> <p>Cllr Smith raised the point that generally the Government prefers joint bids so maybe Bournemouth should go for a two-tier approach.</p> <p>LM drew attention to a new book 'Peak Car' – Author: David Metz – Argues that traffic flows in UK are decreasing, conflicts with DoT figures which are being used as planning tool.</p>	
5.2	<p><u>Poole Cycling Officer Update to Bournemouth Cycling Forum 1/12/14</u></p>	
	<p>Tom Gaze sent apologies but from now on will not be able to attend, however will continue to send an update from Poole. AG advised that this will be included in mtg minutes, highlighted the fact that Panorama Rd, Sandbanks, one of the highest cycle traffic areas in Poole and the subject of previous discussions at the forum is currently being resurfaced whilst the Sandbanks chain ferry being refitted. Scheme will include reinstatement of existing cycle lane markings, widening to 1.8m where feasible and including additional hatching and safety markings to one of the junctions.</p> <p>Cycle Training & Organised Rides <u>Bikeability in Schools</u> We have significantly increasing our Bikeability grant from 250 places in 2013 to 400 places in 2014. This year: 403 children have been trained. 34 courses delivered. 14 schools received on site training.</p> <p><u>Poole Health Rides</u> We are starting a new 1-hour health ride on the second Tuesday of the month 10.15am from the Civic Centre. Aimed at older people and people coming back to exercise but don't want to go the gym.</p> <p>Cycle Route Development <u>Poole Three Towns Travel Projects</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ashley Road. Still in progress, central area complete with new raised junctions at Mansfield Road and Richmond Road with Advanced Stop Lines and feed-in lanes. • A new signed walking and cycling route is being designed to improve permeability across town centre 	

	<p>between the Rail Station and the Lifeboat Museum on the Quay. It includes removing the High Street/North Road pedestrian crossing and barriers and making the area shared space.</p> <p><u>Local Transport Plan Funding (LTP)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designs for a cycle route along Yarrow Road and improved access into Tower Park and Canford Heath estate are being drawn up. Designs will be available for comment in the new year. <p><u>Maintenance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panorama Road is being re-surfaced. The road marking will be completely redesigned, with a clear traffic lane (the confusing old centre line will be gone), marked parking spaces and a widened 1.8m cycle lane where width allows. • The junction between Panorama Road and Banks Road is also being redesigned. The mandatory cycle lane will be widened and a hatched margin will reduce vehicle speed and avoid cutting the corner. 	
6	<p>Election of Chair & Secretary. Proposal made and supported for AG and AP to continue as Chairman and Secretary respectively through 2015.</p>	
7	<p>Bournemouth Transport Interchange Update Work will commence in Jan 2015 until August 2015. Some funding obtained from SW Trains. SW Trains are also planning to give better access to cyclists to platforms. Existing platform parking to remain. Additional cycle parking to be provided across road in centre of interchange.</p>	
8	<p>Poole Neighbourhood Forum Plans for Active Travel Jon Dowty gave an interesting and well received presentation on 'Neighbourhood Plans for Active Travel', focussing on Poole. Among many items highlighted:- "Arrival experience" – highlighted how difficult it is to get into Poole from the North DoT have consistently over forecast traffic growth in last 20 years – and used these forecasts to plan for infrastructure upgrades. Poole traffic volumes have flatlined in a lot of locations in last 30 years. 51% Poole commuters travel <2km to work by car. A summary report is attached.</p>	
9.	<p>Any Other Business</p>	
9.1	<p>An update on Bournemouth Cycling Centre activities from Jason Falconer will be circulated with the meeting minutes - Jason was unable to attend but provided the summary.</p>	
9.2	<p>Due to time restraints the following items have been carried</p>	

	forward to the next meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Road Race (Tour) Britain – Is there a potential for this in Bournemouth?• General Maintenance & Management of Cycle Lanes & Signage	
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Next Meeting: 2nd March 2015