



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday 12th June 2017
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Willows Room
Commencing at 18.00hrs

Attendees:

Actions

Cllr David Smith	DS
Ray O'Luby	RO'L
John Grantham	JG
Paul Turner	PT
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Brian Callow	BC
Felicity Rice	FR
Cllr Andy Hadley	AH
David Fevyer	DF
Mike Chalkley	MC
Jason Falconer	JF
Lucy Marstrand	LF
Sophie Leon	SL
Cllr Phil Stanley-Watts	
Ryan Wallbridge – Mouchel	RW
Rhys Bright – Bournemouth Council	RB
Peter Wickett – Senior Walking/Cycling Officer -Poole Council	PW
Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Anya Parkhouse - Chair	AP
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

1. Introductions & Apologies:

1.1 Apologies were received from: Rob Hammond; Cllr Mike Green; Cllr d'Orton-Gibson; David Breakwell; Cllr Cheryl Johnson; Andy Graham

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising Not Covered on the Agenda:

There were no Matters arising

4. A338/Wessex Fields Proposals

Council Officers gave a comprehensive presentation on the Proposals for the A338/Wessex Fields, this was followed by a Questions & Answer session. Considerable concerns were raised about the scheme particularly around the increased traffic the Development could create and insufficient safe routes for cyclists & pedestrians. Overall, the plans as presented were considered to cater inadequately for those choosing to travel on foot or by bike.

In view of the concerns and as there were numerous questions, it was agreed to present a formal response with questions to the Officers.

Action: Forum members were asked to email their concerns to the Forum by no later than Friday 24th June, these will be collated and added to the final response.

The forum thanked RW and RB for their time, for presenting the plans, and for providing the opportunity to engage in discussion with a view to finding a solution that caters for the needs of all stakeholders and road users.

AP/AJP

5. Bournemouth & Poole Officers' Reports

5.1 Bournemouth

Update on Existing Schemes .

Construction work is progressing on our 9 contraflows: Roumelia Lane, Foxholes Rd, Woodend Rd, Curzon Rd, Oswald Rd, Green Road, Gladstone Rd West, Moorvale Road & Borthwick Rd. Design work is proceeding on the Riverside Avenue toucan crossing. This brief has now been extended to consider cycling links to the east and west, as suggested by forum members.

The Ringwood Road (Longham) shared footway schemes is awaiting Environment Agency approval for works on the floodplain. Work is expected to commence later in the summer.

The Poole Lane parallel crossing is now open.

The Belle Vue Road parallel crossing is expected to be open in two weeks time.

Work on the Throop cycleway, which bypasses the narrow weir, by Throop Mill should commence in 5-6 weeks.

The Wimborne Road Cycle lanes between Richmond Hill and Cemetary Jct are now in place. The green surfacing across the side roads should be installed within a week. A cycle perch/leaning rail is also to be installed at the traffic signals imminently.

Lansdowne.

Work continues on planning significant improvements to the Lansdowne business district. There is not enough funding to do everything we want and so modelling is being carried out and assessments made to determine the most appropriate set of improvements <http://lansdownebournemouth.co.uk/>

Proposals nearby to make significant improvements at the Lansdowne between Holdenhurst Road and Wellington Road, are under review to ensure a joined up approach.

Wallisdown Road.

As reported previously, Bournemouth has won £1.33 million for schemes along Wallisdown Road. We are looking at potentially redesigning one of the three roundabouts (Wallisdown, Boundary & University) along the corridor to increase safety and make them less intimidating. There is also the possibility of putting in a NPIF (National Productivity Investment Fund) bid which might allow all three roundabouts to be treated.

Town Centre.

Construction work on the north western side of the Square has now commenced. Work is to be undertaken in three stages. Stage 1 comprises of works in the immediate vicinity of the Square as well as a 20 mph zone. The 20 zone goes approximately from the Library, down to the Square to just past the Town Hall on Avenue Road, Braidely Road and Bourne Avenue. Stage 1 is expected to be completed by the end of July Stage 2 and 3 works will follow on. 2

2017-18 Programme.

The 2017-18 LTP programme has now been provisionally approved and design work has commenced. Schemes include:

A number of cut-throughs, exemptions to turning bans and contraflows, spread across the borough. Some concerns have been raised about the cut-throughs with regard to their potential illegal use by motor-cyclists. Given recent guidance, equalities legislation and the potential benefits that these links offer, we hope that these can be overcome.

Signing the Bournemouth - Poole Quiet'ish Route. It was requested that an update be provided at the next meeting and a timeframe for completion of this work.

Addressing two significant gaps on Castle Lanes West.
Signing the Lansdowne to Wessex Fields route.
Addressing the issues with the Iford Lane chicanes raised by the Forum.
Additional cycle parking in Winton.

A338 & Links to Bournemouth Airport.

Background work continues on possible links between North Bournemouth and Bournemouth Airport. Due to the sensitive nature of some of the proposals, we cannot say any more at this stage.

Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Bid.

We are currently working on a joint bid for technical support to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. The development of this plan will maximise our chances of obtaining funding in future for cycling and walking projects.

Cycling Events.

This week is Bike Week. There are one or two events locally. There was an organised ride along the Prom last Saturday and there is a Cycle Awareness Day at Bournemouth Pier Approach on June 18th from 10:AM <http://bikeweek.org.uk>.

The Ride Social Programme, which is an offshoot of the Skyride, is continuing this summer. There are a number of women only Breeze rides and there has been one ride open to all <https://www.letsride.co.uk/social>. Unfortunately attendance on these volunteer led rides has been very poor.

The Arts by the Sea Festival takes place in Bournemouth in October <http://artsbythesea.co.uk/>. There will be an environmental element to it and they will be showing the Bikes V Cars film at the Shelley Theatre in a double bill with a Plastic Ocean which is about plastic waste in the sea. We are investigating the possibility of other events later in the year.

There are also a number of Cycle Training for Children events this summer:
<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/AttractionsLeisure/SportsandActivities/cycletrainingforchildren.aspx>

Development of the New Cycling Strategy.

Comments and suggestions on the consultation draft strategy are welcome. The forum welcomed the opportunity to review the draft strategy. There was discussion as to whether the draft strategy is ambitious enough in its targets to improve safety. All forum members are encouraged to read the strategy and send feedback to AJP / AP to collate and send on to PW and LH.

Action: AJP to recirculate document, ALL to provide written feedback.

Publicity regarding new cycling developments

A question was raised as to what further publicity is planned for any cycling infrastructure developments that are taking place. **LH** to follow up.

It was also requested that photos of recent improvements be shared at the next meeting. **LH** to follow up.

5.2 Poole

2017/18 Programme

Alder Road

A site visit was completed with assistance from members of CLAG. Options are now being developed.

Poole to Bournemouth Cycle Route

Design work is ongoing but there is no firm implementation date yet.

Highway Maintenance Programme

Resurfacing is being planned for several key routes. This is an opportunity to review existing road markings and introduce improved layouts that benefit cyclists. A northbound (uphill) cycle lane has already been secured for Fernside Road (between Civic Centre and the Shah Junction) and is due to be completed this week. The other locations still in the planning process are:

- Longfleet Road – Elizabeth Road to the Shah Junction
- Sandbanks Road – Civic Centre Gyratory to the railway bridge
- Wimborne Road – George Roundabout to New Inn
- Ringwood Road – Sea View Road to Old Wareham Road Roundabout

Upton Country Park

Shared use paths within the country park are now open. Direction signing is due to be amended and enhanced during the summer.

The new shared use cycle track along Poole Road was delayed. It has just recommenced and should be finished in July.

Cycle Celebration

This annual cycling event on Poole Quay will return this year. The date for diaries is Thursday 10 August 2017. Lots of shows, stands, exhibitions, competitions, and rides, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the bicycle.

6. Dorset Police

A new Police representative has recently been appointed – PC Heidi Moxham, she will be liaising with the Forum, attending when time/workload permits. **Action:** AP to follow up and liaise with PC Heidi Moxham on next steps.

7. Cycling on the Prom

Cllr Stanley-Watts reported that he has received a number of complaints regarding irresponsible cycling on the Prom, including a collision between a cyclist and an elderly lady. In view of this a discussion is to take place at the next Tourism Scrutiny Panel on July 18th to review the current times that cycling is permitted.

Everyone at the Forum meeting reinforced our commitment to promoting safe & responsible cycling. We believe that overall, although unacceptable, problems are minimal and not sufficient for the rules to be changed. AP agreed to prepare a formal response to the Scrutiny Panel.

AP

8. Airport Transport Forum Update

AJP reported that as part of the plans for sustainable transport access to the Airport and Business Park, Dorset County Council are planning a cycle route from Blackwater Junction to the Canford Bottom Roundabout. Improvements on the existing Public Footpath including making it cycle friendly from Throop Bridge to the Hurn Road are still being considered. Section 106 money from Wessex Water is available for this route.

9 AOB

9.1 FR asked if a Car Free Day event in Poole would be feasible. Officers thought this is a possibility and one is being considered for Bournemouth in the Autumn.

9.2 A query was raised regarding the signage on Old Christchurch Road requiring cyclists to dismount and use footpath during roadworks as this discourages cyclists. A preferable sign that is used in other towns is: Narrow Lane: Do Not Overtake Cyclists

9.3 AH queried the plans for a new cycle route at Pitwines in Poole. The Plans are currently out for consultation until 16th June and will be circulated to members following the meeting.

9.4 It was suggested that plans for all maintenance schemes need to be reviewed by the Forum prior to building them as real opportunities for improvements of the cycle network are being missed.

9.5 It was queried whether there is any action to revisit and improve existing pathways – e.g. the Bourne Valley greenway – to make them more attractive and usable to cyclists without high cost. LH to follow up.

Dates of future meetings: 4th September & 11th December.