



BOURNEMOUTH CYCLING FORUM
Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday 5th June 2018
At Bournemouth Town Hall – Royal Hants Room
Commencing at 18.30hrs

Attendees:

Actions

Lawrence Harrell – Transport Officer BBC	LH
Sophie Leon – BBC	SL
Peter Wickett; - Poole Cycling Officer	PW
Nick Phillips – Poole Borough Council	NP
Cllr David Smith BBC	DS
Lucy Marstrand	LM
Matt Matthews	MM
Ray O'Luby	RO'L
Jenny Ansell	JA
John Hayter – DCN	JH
Brian Callow	BC
Felicity Rice	FR
Dave Fever	DF
David Breakwell	DB
John Grantham	JG
Dan Armstrong	DA
Jenny Newman	JN
Daniel Mateus	DM
Jason Falconer - Chair	JF
Angela Pooley – Secretary	AJP

1. Wheels for Wellbeing – Presentation by Lucy Marstrand

Attached is the Presentation given by Lucy Marstrand, this was well received. Due to work commitments Lucy was unable to stay to answer questions.

2. Introductions & Apologies:

2.1 Apologies were received from: Paul Turner; Mike Chalkey; Cllr d'Orton-Gibson; Wayne Sayers; Anya Parkhouse

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

These were accepted as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising Not Covered on the Agenda:

There were no Matters arising

5. Bournemouth & Poole Officers' Reports

5.1 Bournemouth

5.1.1. Town Centre Schemes.

The remainder of the improvements to the western side of the Town Centre has now started and should be completed later in the summer.

Design work continues on Beale Place, it is hoped to progress this in the new year. Cycle access is planned in all directions at all times. Cycle access past the loading bay by Beales will be made easier, with the gate replaced by bollards.

5.1.2. Cycling Schemes.

Tuckton Roundabout is going according to programme. Cycle symbols on the centre of the lanes over Tuckton Bridge should be installed shortly.

The Riverside Avenue toucan crossing has been postponed, while the implications for traffic flows are considered in more detail.

Further consideration is being given to how the proposed cut-through from Alumhurst Road to Seamoor Road might be incorporated into the existing traffic signals.

The Jewell Road cut-through is complete, as are the works to permit cycling across the Alum Chine suspension bridge.

Planning to improve facilities on Magna Road between the Poole boundary and the toucan across Ringwood Road to link with Poole's recent improvements.

Work on this years contraflow schemes should commence shortly, including: Cardigan Road, Gladstone Rd, Gladstone Rd East, Ringwood Rd toucan to High Howe Lane & an exemption to the turning ban from Percy Rd into Michelgrove Rd.

Considering some minor improvements to reduce conflict between cycles and motor vehicles at the junction Surrey Road and Queens Rd.

Improving cycle access to the Curzon Road railway bridge.

Renewal of our cycle counters on key routes.

We are working with the Highway Maintenance team to try and incorporate cycling improvements into maintenance schemes.

5.1.3. Cycle Parking.

There are plans for additional cycle parking in:

- • Boscombe near the entrance to Woodland Walk & at the junction with Gloucester Road.
- • Holdenhurst Rd by Lowther Gardens and Victoria Place outside Tesco Express.
- • Westbourne near Tesco Express at the junction of Poole Rd & Milburn Rd.

5.1.4. Cycling Strategy & Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy Bid. The Cycling Strategy is currently on hold due to the merger of the authorities. Pete will report on the LCWIP.

5.1.5. Signage.

Signage of NCN 2/25 Bmth Pier to Poole Boundary to coordinate with Poole who are signing the route in 2018-19.

Design and cost up Lansdowne to Wessex Fields quiet'ish route.

5.1.6. Transforming Cities Bid.

We are currently finalising a bid to the Department for Transport to make significant improvements to the transport system across the conurbation. There is £800 million is on offer to be shared between 10 authorities. These proposals include major enhancements to cycling facilities.

5.1.7. Parks News.

The path in Tuckton Tea gardens is largely complete.

5.2 Poole

5.2.1 Challenge Fund

The works are largely complete. Approximately five years worth of carriageway resurfacing was completed in just six months. As well as extensive areas of smooth riding surfaces, about 12km or cycle lanes have been added to the network.

5.2.2 2018/19 Programme

- Ringwood Road: Section between Old Wareham Road Roundabout and Sea View Road to be resurfaced with new cycle lanes. Existing cycle track on east side to be improved, including side road crossings.
- Alder Hills: Improvements to quieter streets, including direction signing, filtered permeability, and better access to Branksome Recreation Ground.
- Bourne Valley Greenway: Surface improvement to the existing path between Bishop Aldhelm School and Dalling Road.
- Foxholes Road: Direction signing in Oakdale, on quiet route between Canford Heath and Poole town centre.
- Poole to Bournemouth Cycle Route – NCN25: A joint project with Bournemouth to replace direction signing between Sandbanks Road and County Gates Gyratory, including the link to Bournemouth Pier via West Cliff Road.

5.2.3 Cycle Celebration

The biggest and best event on Poole Quay! This year it will be on Thursday 26 July. Cycle stunt performances, “Bling your bike” and colouring competition for local schools, Balance Bike demonstrations, exhibitions, Dorset Police with the “Close Pass” mat and bike tagging, with fireworks to finish the evening.

5.2.4 LCWIP

Support programme from DfT begins in September and we plan to engage with external groups from January onwards. It’s a great opportunity to contribute your ideas and thoughts about what the cycling and walking environment will look like in the future.

5.2.5 Walking & Cycling Delivery Plan

Attached is a Walking & Cycling Delivery Plan for Poole.

6. Update on Christchurch Council’s Proposals

Wayne Sayers, DCC Sustainable Transport Mgr was unable to attend but provided the following update.

Christchurch Council are currently working on the following schemes:

Refresh/improvement of the A35 by-pass shared use paths which should be being undertaken this year.

A new bike shelter hopefully going in at Mudeford school.

The Council is in the process of re-signing NCN 2 through Christchurch. It was hoped that this would be complete by now but staff shortages in the signage works team has delayed this work. It is hoped to for completion shortly.

Delivery of these will take the Council up to LGR and the creation of the new unitary councils at which point responsibility for all services in Christchurch, including cycling, will shift to the new Poole/Bournemouth/Christchurch unitary authority.

7. Renaming of Bournemouth Cycling Forum

After some discussion it was decided to put this on hold until a final decision is made on the merger by the Councils.

8. Bike Share for Bournemouth and Poole

Nick Phillips, Accessibility Team Leader with the Borough of Poole stated that Transport for London had launched its public cycle hire scheme in 2010, with stated aims of reducing traffic congestion and encouraging a cheap, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport. The scheme has been a primary catalyst of a cycling revolution in the capital, with demand continuing to grow year on year and over 10 million bike hires per annum.

Over 20 UK cities have now followed this lead including Bristol, Bath, Brighton, Eastbourne and Southampton. The majority of these use advances in technology and are therefore App-based, enabling customers to easily access and unlock bikes using a smartphone. This removes the need for docking stations and the costs of providing such infrastructure, and gives far greater flexibility for users as they are not restricted to a limited number of pick up/drop off points.

Bournemouth & Poole had been approached by a number of “dockless” bike share operators with a view to operating in the conurbation. Although provided “free of charge” at no cost to the Councils, it is essential that the best potential solution is secured from the outset. A formal tender process has therefore been undertaken to enable a robust evaluation procedure whilst remaining equitable to all potential suppliers.

The initial contract term is for one year with options to extend for two years on an annual basis if required.

The key advantages of a Bike Share Scheme to the customer are as follows:-

- **Convenience** - The easy availability of bikes for instant hire throughout the town provides a useful option for users to get around, particularly for short journeys.
- **Low cost access** – Bike Share schemes typically provide both Pay As You Go (i.e. per trip) and annual subscriptions and are an economical option compared to typical up front cost of bike ownership.
- **Maintenance** – All bikes are regularly maintained by the operator to ensure a high quality ride experience, with no need to fix punctures or adjust gears and brakes.
- **Storage** – Bike sharing solves the problem of many residents living in flats and multiple occupancy housing which have limited storage space for bikes. In addition in areas with limited on street car parking schemes assist with securing modal shift to reduce pressure in busy residential areas.
- **Combining with public transport** – Bike sharing connects trip origins and destinations with rail stations and bus stops, whilst speeding up the last mile of a journey. As an example Bournemouth’s Rail and Coach Station is on the periphery of the town centre, requiring a 20 minute walk to the principal shopping area or the beach. The ability to easily pick up a shared bike at the Station and then cycle into town will significantly ease the through journey by public transport.
- **Complimenting public transport** –Bournemouth and Poole have an excellent network of bus/rail services with significant patronage growth in the last decade. However there will always be individual journeys across suburbs that are not served by direct bus services and a bike sharing scheme provides an ideal solution to this.
- **Alternative to cycle carriage on trains** – There is a limited amount of cycle storage on South Western Railway trains (6 spaces on a 5 carriage train). There is latent demand from

commuters in particular who would find bike sharing to/from the station far easier than the hassle of regularly finding a space on the train.

- **One way trips** – Bike sharing offers flexible journeys with the advantage that the user does not have to return the bike to its original point. As an example, a user may prefer to walk from Bournemouth to Boscombe Pier but then use a shared bike to return.

A contractor has been appointed and an announcement will be made shortly. There was widespread support for the proposal from the Forum and Nick Phillips stated he would let members know the operator as soon as this was released.

The operator is fully accredited with the Bikeplus scheme which provides an agreed industry standard.

9. Pavement Parking

A discussion took place about dangers and inconvenience of Pavement Parking. The conclusion was that the legal implications are somewhat unclear with responsibility mixed between Police & Councils. Bournemouth Cycling Officer, Lawrence Harrell encouraged individuals to write to their MPs asking for the laws to change.

10. Close Pass Initiative & Update from local Police

No update has been received from the local Police.

11. A338/Wessex Fields Proposals

No decision has yet been made about this although there is still strong active opposition. The Plans are expected to go to the Planning Board in July.

12. Engaging CEOs to Promote Active Travel

LH reported that there is a Sustainable Travel Business Network and suggested that the Chair contact them via Bournemouth Council Officers, Chris Sheppard & Bill Cotton.

13. Key Cycle Routes

Lawrence Harrell has asked that suggestion for key cycle routes and improvements be sent to him, his email address is: lawrence.harrell@bournemouth.gov.uk

14. Airport Transport Forum Update

AP reported that the new owners of the Airport are keen to work with local Councils to encourage sustainable travel to the Airport especially to the Business Park which now forms a significant part of the Airport. Regular meetings with attendees from Councils and Organisations will continue.

15. Cycling Without Age

David Smith and Jason Falconer are working with Nicole Nagel on launching this Denmark based project to offer trishaw rides to older citizens, using volunteer 'pilots'. Jason will train pilots in on road cycling with 2 people on EBikes. Presently funding has been found for first bike however delays with shipping mean end of July launch likely

16. Cycling Events

Cycling Events/Bike Week.

Bmth and Poole have organised the Poole Bay Sunset rides on the Prom on Monday evening 11th June. The first ride goes from Shore Road Poole to Bournemouth Pier and back, where it joins the second ride which goes from Bournemouth Pier to Shore Road and back. Additional rides are being organised via www.letsride.co.uk - possibly beyond Bike Week.

Tuesday 4 September – HMS Phoebe
Tuesday 18 December – HMS Phoebe