

Development and Environment
Cycle Forum



Thursday 14 July 2010 (6.00pm – 8.15pm)

The Wesley Centre, Portishead

Notes	Action
<p>1 Apologies Laura Saint, Mark Singleton, Rupert Crosbee Sustrans Area Manager, Kate Cochrane North Somerset Council Transport Planning Officer.</p>	
<p>2 Welcome & Introductions Kevin welcomed everyone to the meeting and the venue especially those who had cycled from Portbury. A particularly warm welcome to Neil, Mike and Wendy attending their first forum meeting here at Portishead. MJ chaired the meeting Attendees: MJ Ray, Kewstoke Parish Council, Software co-op Peter Bailey, CTC Right to Ride David Neale, Sustrans Ranger Pill Angela Neale, Long Ashton Parish Council Terry Miller, BCyC, CTC RtoR Bristol Andy Spearman, Weston-super-Mare resident and cyclist Wendy Staff, Bristol/Long Ashton resident Neil Manners, Portishead resident and cyclist Mike Valmston, Portishead resident and cyclist Kevin Speakman, North Somerset Council</p>	
<p>3 Minutes of previous meeting (11 May) & matters arising but not included elsewhere;</p> <p>4. Jam Busting; KS provided a brief update of the campaign which will be running during September with Bristol's turn as the lead authority. The commuter challenge will run as in previous years, at the moment we are awaiting confirmation of graphics and logos for the website which will go live mid August. https://www.jambustingjune.com/</p> <p>5. AOB 6. Terry M provided an update and gave a brief report on signing and upgrading on local cycle routes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing issues at Moor Lane/Locking Castle area. • Request for Abbots Pool to be marked on cycle map. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil M highlighted another route the Avon Gorge Path, with concerns for condition of the path surface, width of narrow path and also high tide safety issues. Bristol City Council has responsibility for the path; Terry M agreed to take concerns through the Right to Ride Bristol meeting. • Connect2; Terry M made the comment that the toucan crossing at the Create centre in Bristol will not be open ahead of the Balloon Fiesta event, noted as an issue for Bristol City Council. • As a general comment it was felt that the co-ordination of cycle forum/forum meeting events across the West of England Authorities particularly South Gloucestershire and Bristol City Council would be beneficial and enable better attendance. • North Somerset Cycling Officer post update – KS reported that restructuring is now complete with new managerial appointments in place. Once line managers have been confirmed then it is expected that a decision on replacing/appointing a cycling officer will be made. It was noted that the relocation of the Transport service team to Clevedon during October with preparation in the previous months may cause a delay. 	TM
6	<p>NCN 26/33 – Linking Portishead to Clevedon</p> <p>NCN route 26/33 follows the route through the Village Quarter Portishead and on to Portbury. DN provided maps which refer to a Phoenix Way alignment which may not be desirable. Discussion of Halcrow’s (2008) walking and cycling proposals. Both Neil M and Mike V commented on the likely Portishead routing and the variation between proposals.</p> <p>DN noted a Sustrans extract which takes into account the local vehicular traffic as well as the hills/topography. Mention of Norton’s Wood Lane link between Clevedon and Portishead. Reference also made to Jon Gall’s (cycling officer) preference to abandon the coastal route alignment on Walton Street/Nore Road.</p> <p>AN suggested that a small group could liaise to finalise ideas ahead of the next forum meeting.</p>	All - as appropriate
7	<p>Avon Cycleway improvements</p> <p>Avon Cycleway – DN drew attention to Norton’s Wood Lane and condition of surface, flooding and maintenance issues.</p> <p>MJ commented on its daily use as a rat run for commuters. Mike V suggested possible controlled use by physical barriers with keys provided for local farmers.</p> <p>MJ referred to the JLTP document and provision for long distance cycle routes also the problem of off-highway routes.</p> <p>With MJ having to leave the meeting early Andy S wished to highlight his concerns over the Bristol Rapid Transit (BRT) proposals and its impact on cycle routes caused by creating bus access.</p>	

	<p>He noted that the Transport Works Order consultation period closed on 22 July and there was a need to express opinion. Only part of the BRT proposal is in North Somerset – the forum is encouraged to make comments and representation to Bristol City Council (MJ left meeting at 7.35pm with KS assuming chair)</p> <p>DN referred to a diversion of the Avon Cycleway by Sheepway which had been originally suggested by Jonathan Gall. Also call for improved signing for route over the Avonmouth Bridge to access Chepstow from Pill and the river Avon route.</p>	ALL
8	<p>Bike Week and local events</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. North Somerset Cyclists breakfasts – KS highlighted the success of the recently held cyclists’ breakfast events during national Bike Week. The newly held Clevedon event attracted around 25 cyclists whilst the Weston seafront event improved on previous years with around 12 breakfasts. 2. Strawberry Line Family treasure hunt – although this event was on the same day as Bristol’s Biggest Bike Ride (BBBR) it was a success with good attendance and weather. Awaiting confirmation of numbers and review. 3. BBBR – issue with the Clevedon Challenge route and appropriate stewarding when a large group of cyclists are emerging together. 	KS to report back to BBBR
9	<p>AOB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AN – Connect2 Long Ashton Festival Way cycle route. Forum to note that an application has been placed with BANES (AN can confirm application reference number). Long Ashton PC is not supporting the application, consultation ends in August. <p>At 8.20pm with the meeting overrunning and the need to agree the date of next meeting, the following item was not discussed and is carried forward to the next meeting; Kewstoke Black Rock path – not suitable for families to cycle due to dangerous camber and very steep in sections.</p>	Kewstoke Black Rock path
	<p>Date of next meetings</p> <p>The forum agreed that during this time of the year it was useful to hold the forum meetings across the district. Access by rail was important and KS suggested that a meeting at Yatton or Backwell area might be a suitable and attractive location. KS agreed to source a meeting room for the next meeting to be held in Yatton (Railway Station PH or Yatton Library) on Thursday 9 September.</p> <p>It was also agreed to hold the November meeting on Monday 8 November at the Campus, Locking Castle, Weston-super-Mare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 9 September; Yatton, venue TBC • Monday 8 November; The Campus, Locking Castle, Weston-super-Mare. <p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>