



## Development and Environment Cycle Forum

Thursday 11 March 2010 (5.30pm – 7.30pm)

The Campus, Weston-super-Mare

### Notes

### Action

1. Apologies  
None
2. Welcome & Introductions  
Attendees:  
Maurice Atkins, Sandford resident and Axbridge cycle group  
Sarah Brown, local cyclist  
Laura Saint, local resident and cyclist  
Andy Spearman, local resident and cyclist  
Peter Bailey, CTC Right to Ride  
David Neale, Sustrans Ranger Pill  
Angela Neale, Long Ashton Parish Council  
David Shaw, North Somerset Friends of the Earth  
MJ Ray, Kewstoke Parish Council, Software co-op  
Kevin Speakman, North Somerset Council  
Kate Cochrane, North Somerset Council
3. Minutes of previous meeting (13 January) & matters arising
  1. It was noted that current pot hole road repairs should take into account the whole carriageway width. Cyclists currently have to take unpredictable avoidance action along the inside of many roads due to severe pot holing. Potholes can be reported at [www.fixmystreet.com](http://www.fixmystreet.com)
  2. Birdwell Primary School Long Ashton planned expansion; query new car park access utilising the cycle route. KS reported the submission of a travel plan by Jubb consultants and additional comments made to document. Comments also to be made on DC planning application.
  3. Deterioration in the new path surface under the railway bridge at Backwell Railway Station. KS reported that JG had confirmed that the original issue was with the contractor's finishing of the works and that it has now been rectified.
  4. South West Bristol urban extension – DN referred to copy of letter with regard to public consultation; CTC comments. AN queried whether the cycle forum could provide comments on cycle matters such as;
    - Bus rapid transit, park & ride and provision for cycle access
    - Connect2 scheme developments and linksIt was noted that comments can be submitted to planning portal via; n-cycle@yahoo.groups

#### 4. Outstanding works/maintenance list/infrastructure programme

Fussells Factory barriers – KS reported that reflective tape was not a reliable solution for marking the barriers. It was agreed that painting part of the barrier surface would be the best solution. It will now be reported as a works/maintenance issue, noting that the barriers require attention at both ends.

KS

- Dovecot contraflow – update provided by AN
- New Bristol Road WsM – contractor to clean up road debris
- Golden Valley Bridleway – Nailsea TC made enquiry regarding risk assessments and provision of safe access from Bridleway on to road.  
They had declined surface upgrade so unlikely to receive funding for works if required.
- Connect2 Yanley Lane – KC reported that Mark Tucker involved with land acquisition with 4 different land owners, then liaison with PC.
- Axe Crossings – KC reported Somerset/cycling officer were involved with issues.
- Locking Moor Road – KC reported that environment improvements with tree cut backs to improve safe turnings at the two bridges, also signage and bollards required work.

#### Jambusting.com

KS provided update on the annual Jam Busting June (JBJ) campaign and commuter challenge which is being refreshed for 2010. In its sixth year and with Bristol's turn to lead the event and also wishing to promote their Betterbybike campaign, it has been agreed by the four local authorities to re-brand as Jambusting and launch a September event.

More information to follow shortly - it is interesting to note that year on year commuters change from car to cycle use more than any other mode during Jambusting. <https://www.jambustingjune.com/>

KS

Travel Well Live Well - KS reported on Travel Well Live Well sustainable travel leaflet; event dates TBC.

KS

Church House Nursery - AN & DN reported that Church House nursery opposite the old Northleaze school building would benefit from use of the dedicated Theynes croft school car park, also access from/to car park is required.

KS

#### Connect2

- Golden Valley Bridleway surfaced with stone dust not tarmac and not 2 metre wide due to Nailsea Town Council objections.
- Flax Bourton Greenway successfully re surfaced.
- Signing from Flax Bourton to North Somerset showground and Farleigh Green to Cambridge Batch in progress.
- Path between the Cricket Club on The Clanage (A369) and the Create Centre in progress.
- Bristol City Council is still consulting on plans to provide a link through Ashton Court, between the Dovecot Inn and the College.

DN reported on developments along Church Lane Long Ashton to Festival Way. Plans and drawings indicated a 'red line' proposal. Richard Phillips North Somerset local access manager to be consulted for future developments.

### Cycle Maps

All the alterations have been made for the 2010 North Somerset 'A Map for Cyclists'.

It is also planned to launch a new leaflet to replace the Avon Cycleway Map. The leaflet will be branded in a similar way to the Strawberry Line leaflet and will be aimed at those who would like to take up the challenge of cycling this 90 mile route, possibly over a weekend or in stages.

KC

Aim to launch a new leaflet to promote the Pill Path. Though shorter than the Strawberry Line, the Pill Path takes in some spectacular scenery, especially as you pass beneath the Clifton Suspension Bridge. The Sustainable Travel Team has agreed in principle with counterparts in Bristol to support a joint Pill Path promotion and cycle day during September, details to be announced.

KC/KS

It was noted that DN is the Sustrans ranger for Pill path.

### Cycle Training

KS reminded the forum that the adult cycle training scheme is currently being offered across the district, subsidised by the local authority and provided by LifecycleUK. KC reported on the initiative to provide future cycle training for primary school children through Bikeability. Go-Ride courses are already in place at a number of secondary schools.

#### 5. NSC update

The temporary arrangements to cover the loss of the post of Cycling Officer provided by the Sustainable Travel team will continue through to September/October due to the on-going restructuring within the service. The forum expressed their concern and urged North Somerset Council to replace the post as soon as possible.

#### 6. AOB

1. Kewstoke leisure path – New 2M wide off road path to be called Black Rock path runs parallel to the toll road. MJ reported on a site walk through with Roz Williams and John Flannigan. Stone dust surface for walkers and cyclists which compliments the wood location. It was noted that this path is not a designated bridleway as is the toll road.

2. Abbots Leigh Road A369 – KS mentioned concern raised by Lesley Burnell (motorist) over poor use of cycle path by Bristol bound cyclists leading to too many road cyclists. DN gave reasons for inter-urban routes and that crossing over to use the single path is often not a safe or desirable manoeuvre.

MA commented on the shared path at Congresbury.

MJR reminded the meeting to report poor car driving on

[www.mybikephone.com](http://www.mybikephone.com)

3. Nesta Edwards of Worle had raised the issue of the worn safe route markings on Locking Road in Weston-super-Mare and queried if any improvements were to be carried out using lottery grant funding. KC explained that the lottery funded Connect2 schemes did not include routes in Weston-super-Mare. The phase 2 works at New Bristol Road/ Worle High Street will include reapplying markings and possibly renewing worn markings.

7. Dates for your diary

Bike Week; 19 - 27 June

Bike Breakfast, Victorian café, sea front, W-s-M;- 23 June

Bike Breakfast at Clevedon TBC for 23 June

Bristol's Biggest Bike Ride;- 20 June 2010.

Date of next meetings

Meetings are held at the Campus, Locking Castle, Weston-super-Mare

Venue TBC for the next meeting on Wednesday 14 July following the cycle event from Sheepway through to Portishead Parish Wharf Leisure Centre.

- Tuesday 11 May at 5.30pm
- Wednesday 14 July venue TBC
- Thursday 9 September venue TBC
- Thursday 11 November venue TBC