

Development and Environment
Cycle Forum



Tuesday 18 January 2011 (5.45pm – 7.45pm)
The Campus, Weston-super-Mare

Notes	Action
<p>1. Apologies Eric Holdsworth, Martin Hime, Terry Miller, Steve Kinsella, Kate Cochrane</p>	<p>.</p>
<p>2. Welcome & Introductions MJ welcomed everyone to the Forum including Adrian Read to his first meeting. Attendees: MJ Ray, Software.co-op & Kewstoke Parish Council Sarah Ray, Kewstoke resident Maurice Atkins, Axbridge Cycling Group & Sandford resident Peter Bailey, CTC & Right to Ride Andy Spearman, W-s-M resident & cyclist Rupert Crosbee, Sustrans Adrian Read, Sustrans ranger Angela Neale, Long Ashton Parish Council David Neale, Sustrans ranger & Long Ashton resident Kevin Speakman, North Somerset Council</p> <p>3. Minutes of previous meeting (10 November) & matters arising Minutes discussed and approved. 6. Infrastructure programme update (circulated following last forum meeting) discussed; <u>Yeo Crossing;</u> In response to general queries regarding scheme progress RC commented that land issues, costs and funding requirements had been established. DN referred to copy of earlier email correspondence where Cllr App-Rees had indicated that Environment Agency has raised issues about maintaining access at the sluices which would impact on delivering the scheme.</p> <p>KS reminded the meeting that a sum had already been identified for officer time (engineer is David Fish) to progress the scheme and he would check for similar funding in the new financial year. The meeting was adamant that provision of the route from Weston-super-Mare to Clevedon was vital bearing in mind the relocation of North Somerset Offices to Castlewood Clevedon. KS agreed to look at the budget set aside by North Somerset for the Castlewood travel plan and to identify any funding to support cycle routes, storage etc. MA commented that the cycle journey on the B3133 between Yatton and Clevedon was not very attractive citing lack of footpaths, unlit and restricted width. KS said that the Wessex Connect shuttle bus service was convenient and although numbers were low some planned local publicity may be helpful to increase numbers.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>

<p>The amount set aside to subsidise the bus service until August is £40,000.</p> <p><u>Connect2 – Yanley Lane</u> Recognising the decision by North Somerset Area Committee to refuse permission for the Festival Way route to go through Ashton Court. AN commented on a recent site meeting which had taken place to review the situation and was also aware that a crossing point at the Dovecote Inn may have to be considered. Discussion followed as to issues with realigning road to achieve safe route. The proposals for the Bristol City FC new stadium would also impact on the route and it was agreed that this and the Bristol Rapid Transit plans should take account of completing the Connect2 route. DN commented that the forum and NSC should be working with the stadium to ensure successful fruition of the route. AN brought to the Forum’s attention the views of Long Ashton PC and that various groups seemed to have a mis-match of preferences. AN raised the issue of the newly installed bus shelter at the Dovecote Inn which now impedes the footway. KS agreed to look into the issue.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p><u>Scotch Horn Centre Nailsea</u> AR queried the imminent works for the link at Millennium Park. In conjunction with this he requested proper route signing to be achieved on the Golden Valley bridleway, especially at the Veterinary Clinic on Station Road/Nailsea Park. KS agreed to check the works orders.</p>	<p>KS/KC</p>
<p><u>LTP – cycle schemes</u> KS remarked that it was unfortunate that the proposed cycling schemes for next year’s new works programme hadn’t been brought to the meeting. The previous cycling officer Jon Gall had outlined a 3 year implementation plan for improvement schemes which formed the basis for this year’s scheme. The interim arrangements which are in place to manage the cycling officer’s work had meant that not all aspects can be covered adequately including managing scheme development. KS agreed to circulate copy of the schemes, which were awaiting executive agreement and subject to funding.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p><u>Strawberry Line improvements</u> The Forum queried the improvements envisaged to start on 7 February and asked that details be made known. RC referred to an access audit undertaken by Jon Gall which should have identified issues/problems.</p>	<p>KS/KC</p>
<p><u>Connect2 update</u> In connection with the Flax Bourton Greenway works RC advised that on Sunday 23 January at 3.00pm volunteers will be hedge planting – all welcome! AR commented on the need to be aware of the Connect2 routes which will provide access near to Ashton School, Ashton Court area. 9. Roundabout on Claverham Lane/Yatton High Street KS reported that the principle road safety engineer had provided a drawing for the scheme. Contrary to claimed last time the safety audit did not report the hazard as being unsafe but he acknowledged that there were some narrowings which did not enable cars to negotiate the lead roads to the roundabout.</p>	<p>KS/KC</p>

<p>It was suggested that cyclists travelling on the High Street could deviate safely onto the footpath via the drop kerbs opposite Claverham Road and avoid negotiating the road.</p> <p>4. Outstanding works/maintenance list Signing and upgrade of routes; AR remarked on the need to provide adequate signage on NCN route 33, 334 and links for routes 10, 26, 41. He suggested that Sustrans could provide temporary signage and it was agreed to pursue this with NSC.</p> <p>5. NSC update Updates already referred to on report sheet dated January 2011.</p> <p>KS briefly commented on the impact of the CSR and that an additional reduction for the local authority of £4.9M has meant a further £100K savings to be made in Highways and Transportation which impacts concessionary travel and road safety.</p> <p>6. Clevedon Cycling In the absence of EH and KC the report will be made at the next meeting. Reference made however to the Halcrow report commissioned by North Somerset; 'Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies' with reference to both Portishead and Clevedon'. KS mentioned the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) and likely application by WoE local authorities including North Somerset. Agreed to circulate full North Somerset 'Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies' document to Forum members.</p> <p>7. Portishead Cycle Routes NCN 26/33 Route 26 runs through the Vale, Village Quarter and across Portishead from Portbury. DN explained that re-routing near to the nature reserve might be advantageous, also notion of braided routes where alternatives/splits are provided. It was noted that objections however to an alignment close to the nature reserve would be made by British Wildlife. It was agreed that Neil M and Mike J as forum local residents should be consulted.</p> <p>8. AOB 1. Portbury – widening/improving network (AR) Route 26 has deteriorated over time, maintenance etc., was the responsibility of the Bristol Port Authority. Established as a PROW it consists of a bridleway with a single track surface bound on one side by tree planting but there are issues of width and is overgrown. SR suggested that a list of routes in similar condition around the network be compiled for action. AR asked that as North Somerset undertook the relatively recent works under the bridge could the maintenance liability be confirmed for the extent of the path. Any cut back works would need to be completed during the next 6 weeks. KS agreed to seek confirmation.</p> <p>2. Diversion of route 10 (DN) With query over agreements suggested that scheme be put on hold during prioritisation of works.</p>	<p>AR/RC/KS</p> <p>KS</p> <p>Forum</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>KS</p>
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<p>3. Avon Cycleway Sheepway (DN) Call for signing/finger posts for route 26 to be installed at Sheepway – AR provided photo location.</p> <p>4. Out of use traffic lights Searle Crescent Weston-s-Mare (AS) Since turning off the traffic lights at the junction and replacing with a mini-roundabout it had been noted that the dropped kerb access had been closed with barriers. AS asked if these could be removed to enable better access along Phillip Road to be re-established. KS agreed to look into problem.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>Date of next meetings Thursday 17th March 2011 (5.45pm) Conference Room 2 at The Campus Weston-super-Mare</p> <p>It was agreed that the Forum will be circulated ahead of the next meeting as to the likely date and venue for the May Forum. A suggestion is to consider meeting around the district as the weather improves.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>AN – reminder regarding signage updates at Dovecote (plus bus stop as recorded in 3).</p> <p>KS - NS Cycle Map update; please return any requests for changes.</p>	<p>KS</p> <p>KS</p>