

North Somerset
Cycle Forum
 Thursday 19th January 2012 (5.45pm – 8.00pm)
 The Campus Locking Castle Weston-super-Mare



Minutes of Meeting	Action
<p>1. Apologies Mark Singleton, Dave Spencer, Rupert Crosbee</p> <p>2. Welcome & Introductions Kate welcomed everyone to the forum with Adrian chairing the meeting.</p> <p>Attendees: Peter Bailey CTC Right to Ride North Somerset Maurice Atkins CTC member, Axbridge Cycle Club Kate Cochrane North Somerset Council Kevin Speakman North Somerset Council Mark Gentle Nailsea Resident Adrian Read Sustrans Ranger, LAF Member Terry Miller CTC Bristol Angela Neale Long Ashton resident and LA Parish Councillor David Neale Sustrans Ranger Long Ashton resident Andy Spearman W-s-M resident & cyclist Steve Kinsella CTC</p> <p>3. Minutes of previous meeting 23 November 2011 & matters arising not covered by agenda;</p> <p>1. AR confirmed that following recent discussion with Kate/Kevin that a letter will be drafted and sent to MJR acknowledging his term of office as chair of the Forum.</p> <p>2. Confirmation that elected members' E-bulletin includes dates and reference to the cycle forum meetings. It was noted that AR had sent an email to Cllr App Rees requesting that a cycle champion be identified from within the council – he is awaiting a reply.</p> <p>3. KS confirmed that he had been in contact with Miranda Krestovnikoff's agent via email highlighting the work of the Forum in relation to her interests, locality in Long Ashton, support of Sustrans 'Free Range Lives' campaign and her own concerns for safe cycle routes to Wraxall Primary School. Awaiting a reply.</p> <p>It is apparent that a route close to Tyntesfield and the Flax Bourton Greenway had been envisaged by Andy Carroll (Senior Access Development Officer). DN mentioned the Sustrans review undertaken in 2002 which proposed another route in the locality.</p> <p>4. KC confirmed still awaiting the engineers audit on the Flax Bourton Greenway and Station Road junction – problems with work priorities. DN has emailed Streets & Open Spaces to raise concerns but awaiting reply. It was agreed that the issues of visibility and hedge encroachment were of real concerns for safety especially as the busy commuter link is used by school children. Also query regarding bollards which had been removed.</p>	<p>KS/KC</p> <p>AR</p> <p>KS</p> <p>KC</p>

5. In relation to the Wick Road railway bridge and road closure MA had visited the site and confirmed that the temporary bridge was not cycle friendly. Signing also only refers to pedestrian access.

4. Cycle Forum – terms of reference

AR referred to the amended version of terms of reference which had been circulated via email. SK proposed that it be amended by the addition of reference to 'all road users' in line 9; 'Provide advice and information for all road users (delete cyclists).

The meeting agreed to adopt the terms of reference with amendment and AR requested the document be made available through the cycle forum web pages and brought to the attention of Cllr App Rees.

DN commented that terms of reference could restrict the work and influence of the Forum but recognised the good intentions behind formally adopting the document.

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5. Connect2

AR summarised events surrounding the recent area planning meeting which approved consent for Section 11 of Festival Way (Parsonage Farm) planning application ref: 11/P2125/RF3. Issues noted relating to the LAF and LAPC and the path's status as bridleway or PROW.

AN confirmed that she remains as a parish councillor although resigned from the group. Thankfully funding is now guaranteed for the project and AN expressed a vote of thanks for KC's work in preparing support for the application.

KC confirmed that Section 8 (Weston Road Long Ashton) is planned to be completed by the end of the calendar year, with discussion still involving alternative designs for north and south side of road. DN preferred the safer south side with less side access and better consideration at the road junction.

AR made reference to the final section which still to be decided with aspirations for a route around Long Ashton Park School. Although this is not funded John Usher has proposals for consideration by both the school and English Heritage at the park.

6. Portishead to Bristol Cycle Routes

KC explained that the LSTF main bid now includes more emphasis on public transport, the Portishead to Bristol cycle routes are not now a priority Local cycle paths will need to be re-considered although there will be some funding to improve the routes at Pill and in Portishead.

7. NSC update/infrastructure programme

1. Axe Crossing – KC highlighted improvements to Stopline Way (NCN 33) signing on Weston seafront being facilitated by Rupert.

2. Yeo Crossing – SK reminded the Forum of a supporters meeting to be held at St Andrew's Church Clevedon on 26 Jan 2012. Dedicated website has recorded over 370 registered supporters with over 500 expressions of interest. Still looking to encourage Sustrans Ranger and volunteer support at meeting.

KC reported that issues still remain with landowners; John Grimshaw in on-going negotiations which will hopefully resolve situation for final route and path status.

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<p>3. Scotch Horn Centre Nailsea - confirmation that signage to be completed for link established from Millennium Park to Station Road.</p> <p>4. LTP schemes – the new Strawberry Line path along the Yeo bank is waiting on the new surface path to dry out ahead of completion and imminent press release.</p> <p>5. KC confirmed that Sustrans is now contracted to complete some signage works and will be asked to do additional minor remedial works at Cambridge Batch, Hutton Moor and Backwell Common.</p>	
<p>8. Clevedon Cycle routes</p>	
<p>1. Clevedon-Weston link - as reported above.</p> <p>2. Clevedon Transition – KC reported that thanks to EH's work in reviewing paths in Clevedon that a scheme has been included in next year's LTP which just awaits formal approval by executive member.</p>	
<p>9. AOB</p>	
<p>1. Vehicle 'give way' priorities including Dovecote – TM had already shared details of concerns for cyclist safety at the Dovecote. He quoted similar concerns and discussions with South Glos where a safe route to school and cycle path crossed over a cul-de-sac in a residential area. South Glos executive member has expressed sympathy for a change of priorities. TM suggested applying 'future proofing' exercise would help support cases for such consideration in North Somerset. DN quoted that issues will always exist in UK as we have 2 way paths along the highway which is different to Europe/Germany.</p> <p>The Dovecote however has some 50 space car park with additional vehicle movements and calls for safer signing to warn motorists through highway surface markings and signage. Long Ashton will also have similar issues to be resolved by Bristol City Council. DN also requested consideration for concerns at Golden Valley bridleway on Station Road in Nailsea specifically the Vets Centre access priorities. KC reported that a safety audit has been completed.</p> <p>PB noted that in a similar way there was some white lining at Farleigh Green Road end of the Greenway which causes some misunderstanding.</p>	<p>KC/KS</p>
<p>2. Strawberry line event date – concern expressed over last year's cycle treasure hunt event which clashed with BBR. Also noted desire not to have the Sunday event on Fathers Day. Date TBC.</p>	<p>KS/KC</p>
<p>KC – expressed thanks to all who assisted in the Parsonage Farm Festival Way planning success.</p>	
<p>KS – please note that there will be a commuter challenge event running in March and April as part of the LSTF scheme – look out for the website to register your participation.</p>	<p>KS</p>
<p>TM – Wild Country Lane closure due to water works. KC confirmed that due to dangerous nature of excavations no cyclist access during 3 months on-going works.</p>	
<p>AS – (1) Issue of need for cycle stands in local shopping areas in Weston; Milton Road and Whitecross Road although issues of available public land.</p> <p>(2) Real concerns of impact of BRT and guided bus plans close to Chocolate Path cycle route. Urgency to express comments by 27 January deadline</p>	<p>KS/KC</p>

<p>ahead of public enquiry in May. MA – Query highway works at Pye Corner in Sandford; KC confirmed provision for safe walking and cycling routes being looked into. AN – Query provision of link for Backwell School to Greenway and Festival Way. AR and KS confirmed issues surrounding scheme originally conceived during 2010 and local community objections despite school support. KS had been advised not to consider re-visiting the scheme although at the time it was likely to attract match funding from Sustrans.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2012 quarterly meetings dates confirmed below;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Tuesday 17 April Portishead venue TBC➤ Wednesday 18 July Strawberry Line Café Yatton Station➤ Thursday 25 October location TBC <p style="text-align: center;">Meeting closed at 8.00pm</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>KS</p>
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