

## Development and Environment Cycle Forum



Wednesday 27th February 2019

6.00pm – 8:00pm Castlewood (Council Offices), Tickenham Rd, Clevedon,

Minutes	Action
<p><b>Apologies</b> Angela Neil, Alan Morris, Martin Thomas. Frankie Mann, Cllr Donald Davies, Cllr James Tonkin, David Spencer.</p>	
<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p><b>Attendees</b> Julie Harris, Kevin Daniels (KD), Peter Bailey, Lin Thomas, Andrew Gough, Terry Miller, Mark Gentle, Jane White, Paula Holme, Barbara Bennett (BB), Sharon Sherbourne, Dave Lippiatt, David Neale (DN), Steve Powell (SP), Geoff Richardson (GR), Gareth Withers (GW), Adrian Read (AR), Ben Searle (BS), Lauren Dean</p>	
<p><b>Notes of previous meeting</b> (25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018)</p>	
<p><b>Actions &amp; matters arising</b> <u>not</u> included in agenda below.</p>	
<p><b>The Strawberry Line</b> <b>Extension by Bloor Home Development</b> - GW described the extension of the Strawberry line North of Yatton which is current under construction. Section 106 money from the Bloor Homes development is paying for the section of path. - Further discussion with land owners is currently underway to connect the path to North End Road and Lampley Road. There is some Section 106 money from Smart Systems is left for this work. - The link from Arnolds Way to the train station will be considered next.</p> <p><b>Extension onward to Clevedon and crossing M5</b> - Highways England have funded an initial survey to assess the suitability of allowing bikes to use a culvert to cross under M5. Due to high costs a new bridge is unlikely. - The culvert is relatively inactive and rarely floods. NSC have also suggested diverting the rhyne to Highways England. - Decision due from Highways England in April.</p>	

- The new route will also be a bridleway so a route is also needed which diverts away from the old train line to cross the M5 using the bridge on Kenn Road (also as an alternative in case of flooding).

**Lighting, Shute Shelve Tunnel, Winscombe**

- After works to lay pipes, Bristol Water have agreed to upgrade the lights in the tunnel when they replace them.
- NSC are currently awaiting drawings from Bristol Water.
- Once drawings are obtained, a bat licence application will be put into Natural England
- Batteries should also be replaced as part of the scheme.
- KD asked NSC to explore option of connecting system to the national grid.
- KD commented that the lighting levels of the Two Tunnels scheme had been received from Richard Ludlow of Connected Light. The average lux at the working plane of 0.75 m was 11 lux. As an average this figure cannot be used in isolation and should be used only after consultation with Connected Light.

**Clevedon to Yatton extension**

- ‘Strawberry Line to Clevedon’ presented (SP and GR). Their aim is to mobilise support for the extension Yatton to Clevedon by collecting people’s stories of cycling as well as signatures. Currently they have 300 stories and over 1500 signatures with a target of 5000.
- The group are also considering the best route to the centre of Clevedon.
- They are holding launch events on 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> March
- If anyone is able to support the group, please get in touch.

BB pointed out there is a focus on travel for work and leisure travel is missed. BS confirms there is more funding available for work travel.

**GW**

**Progress on the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan).**

- BS described LCWIP. The project takes a strategic approach to identifying the most desired and direct cycle and walking routes and whether these route require improvements. It is a joint West of England project with all 4 authorities identifying, auditing and ranking routes.
- Hope is that central government provide funding to bring routes up to an acceptable standard.
- Cycle routes are identified using the Propensity to Cycle tool <https://www.pct.bike/>
- NSC plans to consult on the routes identified in early summer.

**BS**

**Route updates**

**The Brean Down Way – Uphill Road North & South**

- NSC have bought a strip of land from Weston Golf Course for the Uphill Road North shared-use path. NSC is now waiting on Skanska to proceed with the work, which should be completed this summer.
- Funding is potentially available for a path along Upper Road South but there is a lack of width and also a bluebell meadow so it's unlikely.

**Tutshill Sluice (Weston – Clevedon)**

- The planning application has been approved.
- A funding application has been submitted to the Rural Payments Agency to provide a path for cyclists using Tutshill Sluice.
- A alternative route over the Yeo is needed for cattle and Highways England have responded positively to preliminary plans for a new bridge. A detailed application will be submitted to Highways England in the next few weeks.
- Query from DN – Is there a section of path where cattle and cyclists must share the path? BS understands cattle only cross the path but will check and confirm.

**BS**

**Tyntesfield Cycle Path**

- New Festival Way spur up to Tyntesfield.
- Discussion around stony surface. In time the surface should compact and make it more rideable. It has been rolled once already and possibility of it being rolled again.
- KD asked - Is there the need for the gate at the top of the spur by B3130? Removal of this would allow the gradient to be reduced.
- Signs are needed to mark the new route, especially the section that crosses a stream.
- A sign is also needed on Festival Way after the path crosses the train line as it is not clear.
- Could the 30mph speed limit area in Wraxall be extended east to make crossing the B3130 from the new path to Tyntesfield safer?

**BS / AR**

**Other Tyntesfield issues**

- The Forum have written to Tyntesfield regarding the lack of progress on their travel plan.
- Cyclists aren't allowed to use the main estate road due to safety concerns – a mobility bus also uses the road. The Forum have also asked Tyntesfield for their risk assessment relating to this to find out whether something can be done to mitigate the danger.
- Historic England have provided a report saying there would be no adverse effect on the characteristics of the landscape if the bridleway is upgraded to a stone / dust path.
- More cycle racks are also needed

**BS / AR**

**AOB and date/s and venue/s of next meetings:**

**Ashton Court Planning Application**

- Greenways and cycle routes Ltd have submitted a planning application into Bristol City Council for a new route through Ashton Court.

- NSC have commented positively on it.

Planning application: 19/00165/F: New path for the shared use of walkers and cyclists providing the missing link in the Festival Way Cycle route from Bristol to Nailsea, Kennel Lodge Road Bristol BS3 2JT

<https://planningonline.bristol.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PL6CLIDNIOL00>

Outside the area two other planning applications will be of interest:

**- A cycle route is also planned for Chepstow to Tintern:**

Planning Application: P0155/19/FUL: Pedestrian and cycle path along 3.4 km length of disused railway starting from the National Dive Centre and connecting with existing Forestry Commission paths. Day House Quarry Tidenham Chepstow NP16 7LH

<https://publicaccess.fdean.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=PM8MZ8HIN4Z00>

- KD asked that it be noted that the Cycle Forum previously adopted the Festival Way cycle route as its first priority for winter treatment (should funding / resources become available).

## **POST MEETING NOTES**

**- Extension of the Strawberry Line into Somerset (post meeting note):**

Planning Application: 2018/1242/FUL

<https://publicaccess.mendip.gov.uk/online-applications/simpleSearchResults.do?action=firstPage>

**- Survey about cyclists and route choice:**

This is from a student at the Centre for Transport and Society, University of the West of England. He would be grateful for people to respond to it. <https://uwe.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/crs> Thank you.

**- Whiteladies Road, Bristol, Survey:**

Another UWE student is running an MSc dissertation survey seeking opinions of cyclists about bus lanes in the Whiteladies Rd area of Bristol (closes 5<sup>th</sup> March):

<http://tinyurl.com/buslanescycling>

**- Next meeting: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, Castlewood, Clevedon. 6pm – 7:45pm, refreshments from 5:45pm.**