

North Somerset
Cycle Forum AGM
 Tues 25th Sept 2018
 Hangstones Pavilion, Yatton
 6.00pm – 8.00 pm



Minutes of Meeting	Actions
<p>1. Apologies David Spencer, Cllr David Jolley, Iain Stewart – Sustrans, Frankie Mann – NSC.</p> <p>2. Welcome & Introductions AR welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited everyone including new attendees and representatives to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Attendees Adrian Read – Local Access Forum Member, Chair Cycle Forum Terry Miller - Bristol Cycling Campaign, Cycling UK Kevin Daniels - Portishead resident Ben Searle - North Somerset Council Peter Bailey – Cycle UK / Backwell resident Jonathan Edwards – Yatton Parish Council Angela Neale – Long Ashton resident David Neale - Long Ashton resident</p> <p>3. Notes of previous meeting (13th March 2018) Actions & matters arising <u>not</u> included in main agenda</p> <p>Ashton (Dovecote) Inn – update on signage - This is with engineers for action. Post meeting note: BS has chased, and it is now in the coming three-month programme of works,</p> <p>Missing Festival Way section - This is now being considered as part of the LCWIP work (see below).</p> <p>The NSC Cycle Map The newly revised edition is at the printers and due back imminently. A request was made that we also endeavour to distribute via cycle shops given that there are now fewer libraries.</p> <p>A continually updated GIS version is available on the Council website (at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/cycling). This is now incorporated into the Better By Bike journey planner at https://cycleplanner.betterbybike.info/route-planning (update: a quick test has shown omissions, egg, the Brean Down Way – BS to chase).</p> <p>Sustrans Ranger and cycle route maintenance Unfortunately, Seamus Insane who was seeking to encourage greater participation in this and to find the most effective way to work with NSC is no longer able to carry this forward. Sustrans volunteers still continue to carry out maintenance of the Portbury Bridleway, parts of the Strawberry Line and some routes in WsM. Anyone interested in</p>	<p></p> <p>BS</p> <p>BS</p>

assisting should contact Adam Jukes (Adam.Jukes@sustrans.org.uk) and Adrian Reed (adrian.read@me.com)

David Neale has been carrying out maintenance of the 'Thatchers' section of the Strawberry Line Path but access has been an issue – DN to liaise with Gareth Withers to resolve.

Travel Plans and effectiveness of

A request was made for a representative of the Development Management team to attend the Forum and explain how Travel Plans could be enforced, and the role of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) which has now partly replaced S106 Agreements. Because of the team's workload no one was able to do this.

The Sustainable Travel & Road Safety Team hope to update its Travel Plans Supplementary Planning Document (which carries weight in planning terms) in order to help secure more from new developments but lack of resources to do this is holding this back.

Post meeting note: CIL is... 25% goes to the respective parish council if it has a Neighbourhood Plan, or 15% if not. FFI see <http://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/planning-building-control/planningpolicy/cil/community-infrastructure-levy/>.

4. AGM

Election of Chair – Adrian Read was nominated by Angela Neil and re-elected as Chair. There were no other nominees.

Election of Minute Taker – There were no volunteers for this. BS to continue for now but this can be difficult to do well when needing to respond about most items on the agenda. Review Terms of Reference – Minor changes (in italics) agreed in response to proposals from David Spencer (Objectives bullet point two changed to 'Improve *safety*, access and facilities for cyclists') and Burrington Parish Council (How we achieve our objectives bullet point three changed to 'Support and arrange cycling events *and liaise with relevant local communities*'). See revised document.

5. Progress on the LCWIP (Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan).

BS outlined work to date. LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plans) is a DfT approved and funded process to evidence and identify where improvements can be carried out to best effect to meet it walking and cycling targets. The focus is on identifying the improvements to bring about the most achievable local (relatively short) walking and cycling local journeys.

The work is being coordinated with other WoE programmes such as the JSP and JLTP and NSC's Active Travel Strategy (a joint WoE LCWIP document is planned to be published summer 2019, and our Active Travel Strategy will form an appendix to this). All future major residential and commercial developments are being considered (where these schemes are already in the public domain). There is scope to adapt the schemes that will finally be recommended if other new development proposals move forward.

Process to date (Stages 2 to 3)

- Identify key existing and future trip generators, and core walking zones.
- Cycling: Identify straight line trend lines (up to 5km) connecting origins and destinations (these may connect together to form longer corridors).
- Walking: Identify key walking routes of up to 2km (these may connect together to form longer corridors). Identify barriers to walking (major roads and railways with few crossing points) where desire lines may be interrupted, or journeys funnelled).

- Overlay forecast cycle flows using the PCT (Propensity to Cycle) tool which is based on 2011 Census cycle to work data). FFI see www.pct.bike
- Local authority review of above to identify key corridors on basis of local knowledge and experience (cycling shown in light blue on maps)
- Shortlist corridors (or routes in case of walking)

Next steps (Stage 4) TBC:

- Initial prioritisation – Process to be agreed to reduce overall number of routes to 30 across WoE. Cycling straight lines to be ‘snapped to’ possible actual routes (see sheet).
- Sign off routes and process to date by Exec Members and agreed stakeholders
- Audit routes (using RST and WRAT) – see data sheets
- END JAN: Sign off by Exec Members and agreed stakeholders. Agree amongst four authorities.

Prioritising Improvements (Stage 5) TBC:

- Apply detailed prioritisation and appraisal (deliverability).
- JAN-MARCH: Draft LCWIP document (which will form an appendix to the JLTP and be referenced by it).

Incorporating into policy (Stage 6) TBC:

- JUNE: Pre-consultation sign off
- JULY/AUG: Consultation
- SEPT: Review and adoption (as an appendix of JLTP)

Please see initial cycling maps at the end of Stages 2/3 at n-somerset.gov.uk/cycleforum
 Prioritised route maps (Stage 4) will be available to review soon.

Comment was made at the meeting that schools / school travel data needs to be incorporated.
 BS to feed back to consultants to ensure this is so as far as practical.

BS

6. Route updates

The Brean Down Way / Uphill Road North and South

Section alongside Uphill Road North / Weston Golf Club – Club and landowners have agreed to NSC purchasing a 2m wide strip to create a 3.5m wide shared-use path with - 0.5m buffer. Planning permission has been obtained as has funding from the Local Growth Fund (£600K, to also cover Uphill Road South). Currently awaiting badger license to relocate badgers – there is a high risk this could delay the start of the scheme (and possibly jeopardise funding) until Sept 2019 if the badgers cannot be relocated by Nov 18. Update: Badger License obtained.

Plans for Uphill Road South are being designed and will be consulted upon.

Tutshill Sluice (Weston – Clevedon)

A design for an alternative farm bridge (to free up the Tutshill sluices for public use) has been agreed with the landowner and Environment Agency. Planning permission is due to be applied for (to cover all aspects of the scheme) Oct 18. We had an Expression of Interest accepted by the Rural Payments Agency and invited to make a full application for funding but this would only cover the non-bridge elements of the scheme, if successful. Funding for the bridge remains a major hurdle – all available options to fund this are being pursued.

Tyntesfield

Work has commenced to improve the right of way link from the Festival Way to the Tyntesfield boundary and is expected to be completed Oct 18. No further word from the

NT on improving the bridleway through their property to the pay area, but BS has discussed signing and is awaiting proposals from the NT.

Strawberry Line

Replacement lighting in Shute Shelve Tunnel is due to be installed Spring 2019. This will consist of ground level studs and wall mounted down lighters designed to avoid disturbance of bats. KD expressed concern the entry and exit points would be inadequately lit and requested could the lighting plan and specification be made available? BS to ask GW for detail and update of time scale for works.

A closure due to a land slip will require a diversion signed through Wins combe while works are carried out – details to follow.

The Strawberry Line Extension is currently being built between Arnolds Way and just short of Langley Bridge, as per Bloor Homes S106 Agreement. Negotiations with the landowner here have progressed bringing forward the completion of this 'road to road' link and avoiding a section of the busy B3133.

BS

10. AOB items and updates

Winter maintenance priorities (Kevin Daniels) -

Discussed briefly but AR and BS felt given previous discussions with NSC Highways there was little point in pursuing this at present due to the general lack of resources for winter maintenance.

Rosemount Rd complaints

A complaint was received from a resident by the Forum that too many cyclists travel at an inappropriate speed along Rosemount Rd (section with granite setts) and do not use the signed route (the more westerly loop of Rosemount Rd). While accepting that this is a public road and that cyclists have as much right as anyone else to use it the Forum agreed that some cyclists do travel too fast, and that some minor improvements would encourage cyclists to use the signed route – this includes better signing, better management of vegetation and move or remove bollards. BS to investigate.

BS

Portishead Reserve bollards (Kevin Daniels)

KD requested NSC replace the reflectors with larger reflective plates. NS Open Spaces say the matter has been dealt with.

Reporting highway and cycle route defects –

The most direct and efficient way to do this is via the Council website via a 'MyAccount':

<https://myaccount.n-somerset.gov.uk/web/Account/Home>

Set up an account, then go to 'Reports' then 'Other reports' – you can then select a category from the drop-down menu.

Post meeting notes:

Brean Down Way – section through nature reserves

Unfortunately, there has been some new damage to the gates again. All users are reminded of the importance of the gates to retain the cattle essential for the site's ecosystem. Due to the weather this summer it is likely the cows will be on there until late October, if not early November but the gates within the reserve will be locked open once grazing has finished.

B3128 crossing, Festival Way

BS and FM met Sustrans to investigate short- and long-term improvements to this crossing point, which Sustrans have identified as a high priority as part of its NCN Review.

BS to investigate trimming back all vegetation ASAP to maximise visibility and reduce current crossing hazard. A low cost/quick win is being considered - a redesign of current central island and addition of another, to include crossing activated sign. A higher spec one, to be identified through feasibility work. Both options subject to funding.

BS**Date/s and venue/s of next meeting**

Wed 27th 6-9pm February 2019, Castlewood, Clevedon

Agenda items should be submitted by 13th Feb for consideration.