

**Development and Environment
Cycle Forum
Minutes**



Wednesday 26th June 2019

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

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| <p>Attendees: Geoff Richardson (SLiC). Huw James, Jon Argles (Nailsea Town Council), Jonathan Edwards (Yatton Parish Council), Barbara Bennett (Local Access Forum), Ben Aldridge (Portishead Town Council), Peter Bailey (CyclingUK), Terry Miller (Bristol Cycling Campaign), Kevin Daniels, Julie Hares, Murray Stewart, Andrea Smith (SLiC), Steve Powell (SLiC), Adrian Read, Frankie Mann (NSC), Lauren Dean (NCS), Ben Searle (NSC)</p> <p>Apologies: David Neal, Angela Neal, David Spencer, Banwell PC, Cllr Donald Davies, Cllr James Tonkin.</p> | |
| <p>1. Notes of previous meeting (27th Feb 2019) Actions & matters arising <u>not</u> included in agenda below. Link from Ashton Court Car Park to Bower Ashton. Planning application approved in May. Cyclerroutes and Greenways Ltd may organise a voluntary work camp later in the year to start work, subject to funding.</p> | |
| <p>2. Progress on the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Audit of cycle routes in progress - Formal consultation in the Autumn. - Routes are included based on LCWIP methodology. Other routes will be included at a later stage, and in the accompanying Active Travel Strategy (10-year plan, for 2020 - 2030). - LCWIP route maps and a table of other routes to be included in the Active Travel Strategy to be emailed after the meeting. - Let Ben know if any comments on the proposed routes – ben.searle@n-somerset.gov.uk by July 31st. | <p>BS</p> |

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| <p>3.</p> | <p>Travelwest Challenge</p> <p>The challenge is well underway with 166 businesses currently taking part. Businesses and individuals can still join - to register or to find out more visit: www.travelwest.info/challenge</p> <p>Other current travel incentives to aid Active Travel Champion recruitment - Dr Bike, Bike maintenance course, cycle confidence, 6th month electric bike loan, borrow a bike, emergency bike repair kit, led walks and rides. Please contact Ruby Tobin for details of any of these – Ruby.tobin@n-somerset.gov.uk.</p> | |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Revised North Somerset Cycle Map</p> <p>The rationale behind new design of cycle map (part of a set of four covering the whole West of England area) was explained, with the emphasis on simplifying it and making it easier to pick out cycle routes. Any corrections or updates to be provided to Lauren by Monday 8th July – lauren.dean@n-somerset.gov.uk.</p> | <p>LD</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Route updates</p> <p>The Brean Down Way – Uphill Road North & South</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Uphill Road North – Work will start in the next 6 months and it is due to open early 2020 - Uphill Road South – working with ward members to explore 20 mph in Uphill Village. Next stages – work with Cllr Tonkin and create plans. <p>Tutshill Sluice (Weston – Clevedon)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Successful Funding bid £640,000 from Rural Payments Agency (European Rural Growth Fund) which covers non-bridge works. - Up to a further £1m needed for bridge (for farm movements to be removed from sluice crossings, freeing them for public use, and an essential element of the scheme). Funding bid has been very well received by Highways England but no certainty of funding yet. - Detailed design, permissions and legal agreements progressing. <p>Strawberry Line and Clevedon Extension (and Blind Yeo path)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working with Highways England to adapt existing culvert under the M5 for public use, making the Clevedon – Yatton section viable. Potentially some investment from Highways England subject to their surveys, results expected soon. - Working with Bloor, other landowners and agents for a bridleway creation agreement providing a link (about 60m) from the newly built Bloor Homes section of path to Duck Lane (by Lampley Road bridge and lanes to Kingston Seymour) and to the B3128 (Bridge Inn). - The Strawberry Line to Clevedon Group (SLiC, http://www.strawberrylinetoclevedon.org) are meeting regularly with Gareth. | <p>BS</p> <p>BS / FM</p> <p>BS / FM</p> <p>BS</p> <p>FM</p> |

Signing of completed sections

- Agreed better to wait for now until at least a 'highway to highway' route has been achieved.

Shute Shelve Tunnel lighting

- Strawberry Line Management Committee have approved lighting. Using less bright LEDs but more of them so the light is spread, 2.5-3m off the ground. The scheme will use 60W of power (reduced from over 300W) using existing solar panels. KD contested that issues were remaining – not enough detail provided about the two options at the management meeting. Options that were preferred had ¼ output of the light and asked that issues to be taken up with Natural England and Bristol Water and Sustrans (apparently the Two Tunnels lighting is just enough at 11 lux and that propose for Shute Shelve is 3.7 lux. There is a possibility that a recognised mitigation method using a Variable Light Regime (VLR) can be used. This allows the light to be reduced at the time of sensitive bat activity and restored at other times. This could provide cyclists with acceptable light levels for much of the day instead of the light levels being set at levels suitable for bats during the whole day.

Recommendations from KD: 1) ask Sustrans. 2) Measure 2 tunnels with light metres to find what is a reasonable level.

A licence has been applied to from Natural England – can take around 8 weeks. The lights need to be installed early autumn before the bats return to hibernate. GW is investigating whether lights on tunnel can be connected to the National Grid to cover the eventualities if the batteries fail. Lights are going to be using a lot less energy however. A letter will be written to Bristol Water to see if they will pay for it.

Post meeting note: Gareth Wither adds that *'the scheme is a compromise that would satisfy the requirements our Ecologist and be a significant improvement from the system that was there prior Bristol Water works having taken place. We had previously visited the Two Tunnels route and had concluded that it was too bright for the short length of tunnel at Shuteshelve and would not be bat friendly. It was signed off at the last (Strawberry Line Management Committee) meeting and I had taken on board your comments to extend the length of lights towards the two entrances, so we have now increased the number of luminaries and decreased the spacing in between one.*

As far as I am concerned the matter is now closed we are not going to alter the design at this stage as further delay will put delivery of the lighting arrangement in serious jeopardy (Bristol

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| | <p><i>Water funding will be lost if works not completed before March 2020).</i></p> <p>Sustrans improvements to Festival Way B3128 crossing Sustrans have carried out an audit of the complete NCN. A weak point highlighted is the B3128 crossing. Sustrans have received £21million nationally to address such issues. Sustrans and NSC are currently assessing traffic data and working with Highways and road safety engineers and Long Ashton Cllrs. Would like to include some sort of signalised crossing. Speed of traffic and visibility are issues. JH added the crossing floods easily – so this needs to be looked at too.</p> <p>Tyntesfield Link Improvements have been carried out but still a relatively rough path. Signing to be added (signs awaiting approval first by NS PROW team and then Tyntesfield). The route across the Tyntesfield estate is mostly across grass fields – a proper path is needed. Tyntesfield have been unable to commit to providing this (Post meeting note: They have recently cited the lease of the land as a difficulty in not being able to do this, but the lease ends in a year or two). Suggestion made to involve Cllr James Tonkin (Exec Member for Planning & Transport) to put pressure on National Trust. LifecycleUK have written a letter to National Trust imploring them to be more cycle-friendly.</p> | <p>BS / FM</p> <p>AR</p> |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Portishead Marina -Proposals for improved signing of shared-space. -Resident asked for better shared signage on Marina as they were shouted at for cycling (considerately) on the west side of the Marina. This is a shared use area and already signed as such. Adrian to find Sustrans ranger for the area and carry out an audit.</p> | <p>AR</p> |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>AOB and date/s and venue/s of next meetings: - Portbury Bridleway diversion for HE works Horses – Ongoing issues over lack of consultation regarding diversion, including with Local Access Forum (additional issues for horse riders), and delay in implementing revised diversion. BS to send HE details to BB. - The Strawberry Line to Clevedon group held a stall in Yatton and received feedback that people are cycling too fast on the Strawberry Line and telling walkers to ‘get out the way’ etc. Possibility of more signage to reduce speed. - Date of next meeting (to incorporate AGM) provisionally Wed 9th or 16th Oct, TBC. Offers of alternative venues always welcome if free of charge!</p> | <p>BS</p> |