

Cycling Liaison Group
10th January 2012, 6pm, CR5
Minutes

1. Introductions/Apologies

Attendees:

Cllr Gittings (Chair)
Cllr Page
Cllr Willis
Emma Baker (RBC)
Ruth Leuillette (RBC)
Paul Harper (GREN)
Keith Elliott (RCC)
Adrian Lawson (RCC)
Alex McKnight
Timothy Murgertroyd
Greg Payne (Reading CTC)
Richard Pearson (RCC)

2. Minutes from 29 September 2011

- RL explained that recommendations from the LSTF Workshops would be taken to TMAP and ratified by Cabinet, before being investigated further or implemented.
- The Forum was also advised that consultations with user groups are ongoing.
- Cllr Gittings would like to see sub-groups set-up for larger projects.
- Forum members asked whether the Highway Authority has a duty to consult on large schemes. RL explained that whilst there is no duty, transport officers consulted with user groups where possible.
- Forum members asked to receive feedback from the initial and future workshops.
- RBC was unable to secure attendance by the Police, but will aim to do so for the next meeting. The Forum would like to discuss the following issues with the Police: cycle theft, and illegal cycling and driving (including aggressive and dangerous driving).
- It was suggested that a PCT contact be invited to a future meeting.

3. Issues raised by Forum members (standard item)

a. Thameside Path

- Forum members highlighted issues relating to the chicanes installed along the path, which are believed to have caused two accidents involving cyclists.
- AL informed he group that he has seen the RA carried out by the council prior to the installation. It was suggested that another

assessment by carried out to consider any potential hazards posed to cyclists (**Post meeting note: an extension to the current barrier is planned to deter people walking/cycling around the barrier and is expected to be installed by the end of March**)

- Forum members suggested that a barrier be erected along the riverbank to address the hazard posed by cyclists and pedestrians walking along the section of land between the riverbank and edge of the barrier.
 - AL reported that he has collected some more evidence in regards to cyclists using the Thames Path, including two new witness statements.
 - AL will continue to compile more evidence
 - Cllr Page will send AL a copy of Counsel's opinion in relation to the conversion of then path.
- b. Oxford Road Study
- RL gave an update on the Cow Lane improvements and the Oxford Road Study including the Council's vision to direct HGV's along Portman Road with the exception of vehicles serving local businesses along the route.
- c. Cycle Parking Opportunities
- Forum members were advised that the use of coloured cycle parking infrastructure is being considered along the branded cycle routes. Examples of Cyclehoop Ltd's coloured cycle parking infrastructure was circulated to the group.
 - The group mentioned that they would like to see cycle parking installed at shops along the Basingstoke Road.
 - RL commented that this would need to be investigated further due to limited space on the public highway.
 - Forum members would like to see more information on the location and specification of cycle parking when available.
 - It was also commented that more cycle parking is needed in the town centre.
- d. Bath Road Cycle Route
- Forum members asked if cycle lanes could be added to the westbound carriageway of Bath Road, possibly when resurfacing works are planned.
 - Drawings were produced for Bath Road in 2009
 - This will be a future agenda item with a possible site meeting
- e. Annual Resurfacing Programme
- RL explained that the resurfacing programme is drawn up from the results produced by the annual SCANNER survey that assesses the condition of road surfaces.
 - There is also a minor roads programme
 - Forum members mentioned that there are issues with the new surface around the town centre and asked for ASLs at Coley Ave/Berkeley Ave junction.

- There was a discussion around footway and verge parking where RL informed the group that the Police are responsible for enforcing Moving Traffic Offences. However, if vehicles are parked the Police will not enforce unless they are causing an obstruction **(Post Meeting Note: Officers are currently investigating the implementation of controlled parking zones in the wards of Tilehurst and Kentwood).**
 - Forum members mentioned that vehicles from a construction site on Southcote Lane are obstructing the footway **(Post Meeting Note: colleagues from Development Control have spoken to the Site Manager).**
- f. Water Road/Tilehurst Road Junction Update
- One accident has been reported at this junction since the scheme was implemented and this was during construction.
 - RL advised the group that road safety audits are undertaken 12 and 36 months after scheme completion.
 - Forum members commented that there is less room for cyclists and vehicles, making the route less attractive to cyclists.
 - AL advised the group that this route is used by Bikeability Instructors to show pupils how to undertake turning manoeuvres (risk assessments are carried out on training routes prior to training).
 - It is believed that speed is an issue at this junction and should be discussed with the Police at TMAP.

4. Updated cycle strategy actions chart (standard item)

To be circulated with the minutes

5. Local Sustainable Transport Fund

a. Small bid - Tranche 1

- The recruitment process for the CTC Cycle Development Officer is ongoing. Advertisement will be circulated to existing contacts including Bikeability Instructors and RCC. Deadline for applications 31st January.
- Working with Sustrans to recruit 20 volunteer rangers to carry out minor maintenance works along the cycle routes, including clearing vegetation, trimming branches and signing routes with vinyls.
- Feedback from East/Southeast Workshop will be circulated post meeting
- Maintenance of Cycle Track between Wensley Road and Southcote Farm Lane was raised as an issue **(Post Meeting Note: Path is expected to be swept shortly).**

b. Large bid

- RL informed Forum members that the large LSTF partnership bid had been submitted to the DfT, and successful bidders will be notified in June. The bid includes the pedestrian/cycle bid over

the Thames, and extensions to existing work being taken forward in the LSTF small programme.

6. AOB

No items raised

7. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 3rd April, 6pm, Committee 1

Agenda Item	Action	Expected
2	Re-circulate 20mph TMAP report	Circulated with minutes
2	Invite TVP to next meeting	In-process
2	Inviting a PCT contact to a future meeting	Summer/Autumn
3a	Transport to obtain a copy of the risk assessment and review	
3d	Add Bath Road as future agenda item	Summer 2012
4	Circulate updated action chart	Circulated with minutes
5a	Circulate feedback back from southeast workshop	Circulated 24/02/12
5a	Arrange for cycle track between Coley and Southcote to be swept	Early March
5a	Circulate the details of the CTC Cycle Development Officer post to the Forum	Circulated 20 th January