

## CYCLE FORUM NOTES - 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 6pm, CR1

### 1. Introductions/Apologies

#### Attendees

Councillor Gittings (Chair)  
Councillor Duveen  
Adrian Lawson (RCC)  
John Lee (RCC)  
Peter Chan (GREN)  
Tanja Rebel (GREN)  
Ruth Leuillette (RBC)  
Emma Baker (RBC)  
Javed Saddique (CTC/RBC)

#### Apologies

Councillor Tony Page  
Councillor Whitham  
Richard Pearson (RCC/Reading CTC)  
Alex McKnight (Sustrans)

### 2. Minutes from 24<sup>th</sup> October 2013

Minutes from the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> October were agreed.

The Chair ran through the actions listed at the end of the previous Minutes, which resulted in the following:

The Forum asked for an update on proposals for Tilehurst Road/The Meadway which was followed by a discussion on consultation and whether the Cycle Forum can have early sight of proposed schemes to improve delivery.

A discussion took place on the Town Hall Square scheme, including the connection between Butter Market and Town Hall opposite the Post Office. The Forum highlighted the need for shared-use signs to be installed outside the Town Hall to enable cyclists to join Blagrove Street/Friar Street and Market Place.

The Forum requested a copy of the safety audit for Vastern Road. [Post Meeting Note: the contractor is in the process of completing remedial measures, including those raised by the Forum].

**ACTION:** Provide an update on proposals for Tilehurst Road/The Meadway.

### 3. Draft Cycling Strategy 2013

The group were informed that 349 people responded to the Cycling Strategy 2013 consultation via the online survey and the responses are now being considered before the Strategy is updated and reported to a future Committee meeting.

### 4. Issues raised by Forum members (Standard item)

#### a) Pinch-Point Programmes

A discussion took place on the pinch-point programmes and the desire for the Forum to be involved in the design of the schemes, particularly the proposed cycle facility on the east side of the A33 outbound.

**ACTION:** circulate link to most recent Traffic Management Sub Committee reports on the pinch-point schemes and 20mph proposals.

**ACTION:** include pinch-point schemes as a future agenda item.

#### b) Elgar Road/Waterloo Road Junction

The Forum repeated their request for a change in priority at Waterloo Road/Elgar Road junction.

#### c) Thames Path Barriers

The Forum requested that the barriers between Reading and Caversham Bridge be removed.

#### d) West Reading Workshop

It was noted that an Oxford Road Workshop was arranged to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> February and that a West Reading workshop is to be arranged.

**e) Other Cycle Routes**

A discussion took place around riverside cycle routes and suggestions for improvements, including widening and resurfacing the Thames Path between Tilehurst and Scours Lane. Suggestions for other routes included making Oxford Road 20mph for the length to complement the proposed cycle facilities.

**f) Greyfriars Road**

Officers informed the group that two new loops had been cut to increase the likelihood of cyclists being detected at the junction with Friar Street. The group reported issues with the pedestrian crossing on West Street being green at the same time as the cyclist phase.

**ACTION:** Check phasing of traffic signals at West Street and Greyfriars Road junctions with Friar Street

**g) Reading Station**

The Forum highlighted their view for the need for the bus lane on Vastern Road to permit cyclists turning right into the Northern Interchange.

**5. Updated Cycling Strategy Action Chart (Standard item)**

Officers informed the group that plans for new cycle parking stands along London Street and at one location on Basingstoke Road have been installed. In addition, cycle stands have also been installed at Abbey Medical Centre and the car-shaped cycle parking stand previously installed on Northumberland Avenue has been removed and replaced with bollard fixtures. The group were advised that a tender has been awarded to deliver schemes in East Reading, including widened and improved shared-use facilities and that works will commence from the end of February 2014.

AL suggested that Reading Cycle Campaign could deliver the volunteer programme currently coordinated by Sustrans.

**6. Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF)**

RL informed the group of guidance issued by the Department for Transport in relations to LSTF funding in 2015/16.

**a) Cycle Development Officer**

JS updated the group on the proposed Bike Buddy scheme, media clips of cycle routes and other initiatives being delivered as part of the CTC programme.

**7. AOB**

AL asked for clarity over the Challenge Fund deadline [post meeting note deadline confirmed as 28 February 2014].

The Forum requested that a Sustrans Officer attend the next meeting.

**ACTION:** Forum requested an update on works to Station Hill

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014, at 6pm, in Committee Room 5

Agenda Item	Action	Expected
2	Provide an update on proposals for Tilehurst Road/The Meadway.	Before next meeting
4	Include pinch-point schemes as a future agenda item.	November 2013
4	Circulate link to most recent reports on the pinch-point schemes and 20mph proposals.	Immediately
4	Check phasing of traffic signals at West Street and Greyfriars Road junctions with Friar Street	Immediately
5	Officers to circulate actions chart	Prior to next meeting
7	Forum requested an update on works to Station Hill	Early Summer 2014
7	Invite Sustrans Officers to meeting	Next Meeting

