

Warrington Cycle Forum

11th July 2007

MINUTES

| ITEM | | ACTION |
|------|---|---|
| 1.0 | <p><u>Present:</u></p> <p>Alan Dickin Jon Wood Chris Mayes Rod King</p> <p>Tom Ireland Alison Felstead Dave Mitchell Maurice Leslie</p> <p>Cllr Brian Axcell Lesley McAllister Tim Jordan Bruce Gillibrand</p> <p><u>Apologies:</u></p> <p>Pete Owens Meg Owens Mike Atkinson Sean Stringer</p> <p>Joyce Ireland</p> | |
| 2.0 | <p><u>Minutes of Previous meeting</u></p> <p>In response to RK's protest that his presentation at last meeting had not been more fully covered in the minutes LM suggested minutes from meetings should be kept short and any lengthy presentations should be forwarded to be put on the web page in their entirety.</p> <p>Minutes accepted.</p> <p><u>Matters Arising:</u></p> <p>AD updated group on status of Cycle England grant for cycle training, and promised a fuller update on WBC's cycle training scheme for next meeting.</p> <p>RK asked for the introduction to be amended on the webpage to highlight the role of the cycle forum to develop on previous cycling policies, and also requested it be moved to the correct section of the website.</p> <p>LM reported on procedure for repairing potholes. Each road in Warrington is inspected on a regular basis for potholes, this being monthly, 3 monthly, 6 monthly or annually depending on the road's usage. Potholes 40mm deep or over are repaired immediately, less than 40mm are noted and programmed for review or repair depending on the inspection cycle of that particular road. Currently the inspection programme does not differentiate between the road position of motor vehicles and cyclists but this can be reviewed and included in the future. Forum requested that the Highways Maintenance manager attend a future meeting.</p> | <p><u>RK</u> <u>DM</u></p> <p><u>LM</u></p> <p><u>AD</u></p> <p><u>LM</u></p> |

3.0 Report on cycling in the town centre

Maurice Leslie gave a review of town centre cycling. Main points:

1. Cycling should be permitted within the pedestrian zone (as a minimum) out of peak shopping hours. This was recommended by CTC/ERCDDT after their initial audit of the town.
2. A contraflow cycle lane should be built on Bold Street to allow easier access from the south.
3. Cyclists should be permitted to use the bus interchange apron to avoid the design flaw in the adjacent off-road route.
4. WBC planners should give higher consideration of cyclists needs at pre-design stage, not as an afterthought.
5. Cycle parking in the town centre should be given a higher profile with signage and lighting.
6. Routes to the town centre should be improved to avoid the need to negotiate busy junctions/roundabouts. E.g. crossing of Fennel St and through Orford St car park, crossing of Mersey St/Academy St.

After some discussion around the above points AD agreed to supply a written response to the next meeting. The Forum also agreed to invite the council's Network Development Control manager to a future meeting to respond to planning queries.

AD

4.0 Update on 20mph debate

AD reported that following the Congestion Summit held in June the scope of the debate has now become wider than a stand-alone cycling issue, and an internal council officer's meeting is planned to decide how to take the subject forward. It is envisaged that an informed stakeholder debate will take place later in the year to which Cycle Forum representatives will be invited.

5.0 Review of Cycle Map

AD described the circulation list and discussion ensued about the timescale and amendments required. Main points were:

- Is the deadline of September possible? Agreed to wait until the next sub-group meeting to decide whether the current programme is achievable. The suggested date for the map sub-group is **Wed 22nd August** (6pm at the Gateway) – will people interested in attending please advise on their availability. The sub-group will have to take an executive decision on the map if it is to be published to timescale, as that will be before the next full meeting of the Forum.
- AD thanked everyone who had responded so far – in particular Pete Owens for his time and level of detail.
- The priorities for the amendments to the draft should be firstly correcting inaccuracies, then adding valuable links, and finally resolving any disagreements over route classification.
- Agreed to change the wording on the key from '*difficulty*' to '*experience*'.
- Under the heading 'How to use this guide', 4th paragraph, second

ALL

sentence, agreed to remove the word 'Only'.

- On the key, agreed to change from 'traffic-free' to 'car-free'.
- To be added to 'Signs and Symbols' diagram showing ASL and red triangle 'be-aware cyclists' sign.
- Bruce Gillibrand (PCT) offered to amend the Cycling for Health text to give a more positive tone.
- Agreed to change the heading 'Cycle Parking and Security' to 'Cycle Parking'.
- Consider moving text panels around to give more emphasis to positive promotion.
- Add average speed of journeys by mode in town centre conditions.
- Photos – no utility cycling pictures – invitation for members to forward photos, but Cycle City Guides need high resolution images.
- Add scale bar on insert maps.
- Map base not recent enough to show Chapelford and Sankey Bridges – will add manually.

6.0

Any Other Business

AD – do we want a Cycle Forum logo? Discussion revealed no strong feeling either way so will not take any further.

Future Meeting Dates

Wed 17th October 2007

Wed 16th January 2008

**6pm for 6.30pm start – 8.30pm finish
The Gateway, Sankey Street, Warrington**