

# Warrington Cycle Forum

17<sup>th</sup> October 2007

## MINUTES

ITEM		ACTION
1.0	<p><b><u>Introductions:</u></b></p> <p>Alan Dickin            Jon Wood            Chris Mayes            Rod King</p> <p>Pete Owens            Neil Rowley            Ian Tierney            Sean Stringer</p> <p>Dave Mitchell            Lesley McAllister            Maurice Leslie            Meg Owens</p> <p>Cllr Brian Axcell            Michele Wilder</p> <p><b><u>Apologies:</u></b></p> <p>Mike Atkinson            Joyce Ireland            Tom Ireland</p>	
2.0	<p><b><u>Minutes of Previous meeting</u></b></p> <p>ML asked for a slight change to 3.3 – to remove the mention of cycling through the underpass.</p> <p>Minutes accepted.</p> <p><b><u>Matters Arising:</u></b></p> <p><b>Town Centre Cycling</b> AD provided a written response to ML's presentation on town centre cycling and discussion followed with disagreement on some of the key issues. The outcome was that several members were not satisfied with the response and AD offered a fuller presentation on proposals for the town centre inner circulatory route at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>Cycle Training</b> AD provided a written report on the progress of the child cycle training scheme. After discussion of different funding options it was agreed that the Cycle Forum would support a bid to the Council's revenue budget for full revenue funding of training for every Y6 pupil.</p> <p><b>20mph update</b> AD provided update from Mark Tune, Accident and Road Safety Manager, on progress of the 20mph debate. Three areas – Park Road, Oakwood and Smith Drive areas – be trialled for 18 months. This produced a heated discussion on the merits of trialling such a scheme in local areas against rolling it out borough-wide. BA has been invited to Portsmouth to see how their scheme works and will report back. RK, CM &amp; PO expressed disappointment that Council does not</p>	<p><b><u>AD</u></b></p> <p><b><u>LM</u></b></p>

seem to be progressing seriously with this issue. AD apologised for the delay in a structured debate – was expecting there to be a wider stakeholder consultation but hasn't happened - offered to invite key decision makers to debate the issue at the next meeting. ML suggested a letter of concern from Cycle Forum to both Warrington MPs and BA added this should also go to Transport minister.

JW

### **Cycle Map**

AD informed the Forum that the map has now gone to print for the first 10,000 copies. A distribution list has been compiled by TJ including all the main public facilities, schools and bike shops. The major print run is planned for March, so a list of final amendments will be started and a sub-group meeting will be held before March to agree final changes.

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RK announced that he had shown the guide to CCN members who had thought it takes cycle mapping a step further than before.

Cllr Axcell said that the Draft Guide had been viewed by assessors as part of the CPA Assessment. Only comment being the lack of advertising.

General agreement that a job well done by all and contributors thanked for their efforts.

## **3.0 Report on Health on Wheels projects**

Ian Tierney from Cycling Projects introduced the Health on Wheels project and updated the group on recent developments. Health on Wheels projects have recently been set up in Warrington – in Ryefields Retirement Village and Victoria Park, encouraging mobility for the elderly and those with physical and mental disabilities. A Natural England grant has also enabled a regional project in partnership with Warrington, Salford and Wirral PCTs and Councils.

Ian's presentation will be uploaded to the Cycle Forum website.

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## **4.0 Cycle Parking in New Developments**

Michelle Wilder, who works as a Planner in WBC's Planning Dept, introduced the draft planning advice note she has produced giving developers guidelines on amount and style of cycle parking required for new developments, particularly residential developments. Michelle asked for comments, suggestions and photos to be emailed to her on [mwilder@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:mwilder@warrington.gov.uk)

## **5.0 New Yorker Festival**

The Cycle Campaign had been invited to New York to present at the New Yorker Festival. Jon Wood gave a presentation on his time in New York, beginning with a comparison between the cycleability of Warrington's roads and those of New York. He felt it much easier to cycle in New York and to demonstrate this showed a slide of the new design of the junction of Gainsborough Road/Wilderspool Causeway. This provoked discussion of the benefits of Cycle Audit and designing for all road users instead of primarily motorised traffic. AD agreed that a Cycle Audit had not been carried out as this was a S278 scheme designed and built by a developer. JW concluded that WBC needs to re-evaluate attitude that

congestion can be solved by providing more roadspace for cars.

## **6.0 Annual re-election of Chair**

The Cycle Forum's constitution cites that the Chair will be up for election after every four quarterly meetings. All agreed Jon Wood had done a good job as chair person. However, it was felt necessary to allow all members to put themselves forward for the position if they wished and to allow the current chair to consider re-standing.

Therefore, please set out your nominations on the pro-forma provided and send to [ltf@warrington.gov.uk](mailto:ltf@warrington.gov.uk) by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2007. Forum members will be notified of any nominations in advance of the next meeting in January.

## **7.0 Any Other Business**

Meeting had again run over time. MO suggested more frequent but shorter meetings might be solution. AD disagreed as could not offer additional WBC staff support.

PO asked that signs on bus lane outside Tesco be changed to include cyclists. AD informed that the entire junction was currently being reviewed.

### **Future Meeting Date**

**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> January 2008**

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