

Cycle Steering Group, 22nd September 2008

The Guildhall, Cambridge.

MINUTES

Attendees:

Councillor Reid (Chair)
Councillor Nimmo-Smith
Councillor Smith
Councillor Taylor
Councillor Walker
Councillor Bick
David Roberts (Head Policy and Projects)
David Bradford (Cycling and Walking Officer)
Clare Rankin (Cycling and Walking Officer)

Apologies:

Councillor Al Bander
Councillor Todd-Jones

Appointment of Chair

Cllr Sian Reid appointed as chair of the Cycle Steering Group.

Terms of Reference

The Steering Group Terms of Reference were agreed at the Environment Scrutiny Committee, July 08.

Following the Environment Scrutiny, the Cycling Champion ToR were amended. The cycling steering group members agreed to consider and suggest further amendments.

Action: Members to feed back to officers any proposed amendments to the Cycling Champion ToR

Action: CR to include the amended Cycling Champion ToR in the forward plan and report to November Environment Scrutiny Committee as a 'B' item.

Cycling Town status

The Cambridge area has been awarded 'Cycling Town' status and will be receiving £3.6m (to be matched funded) from Cycling England over the next 3 years to implement cycling infrastructure and promotional initiatives. Cambridgeshire County Council is the lead authority but is keen to work in close partnership with the City Council. A final proposal has to be submitted to Cycling England in October.

A long wish list of infrastructure schemes has been produced by the County and was presented to the group. The group requested that these schemes be incorporated within a list to include other infrastructure schemes that the City Council would like to see implemented including existing schemes funded via the Capital Cycleways Budget. This list would then be matched against a set of criteria to enable the group to understand the schemes in more detail and to enable them to prioritise the schemes. Criteria could include:

- Desirability
- Deliverability
- Status (Blockage in existing network, new scheme etc)

Members were keen to understand which routes were to be proposed, where technical improvements could be made at junctions that would require Government / County permission and what promotional work was to be undertaken.

Action: CR/DB to produce a written brief for members on these issues for the next meeting.

Invitation to Cycling Campaign

The group decided that it would be useful for the Cambridge Cycle Campaign to make a presentation at the next meeting to highlight the campaign's work and aspirations.

Action: DB to invite the Cycling Campaign to make a presentation at the next Cycle steering group meeting

Any Other Business

Members discussed what they want the group to achieve. They recognized the importance of having objectives and a vision and agreed that these should be clarified and set down over time.

The issue of travel plans for developments and how these are monitored was raised.

Action: DB to invite John Summers (Head of Development Services) to a future steering group meeting to discuss developers' travel plans

Members agreed that a written briefing on the work done by the Cycling officers should be presented to a future meeting (TBA).

Action : CR/DB to prepare a written note.

Future meetings

The next meeting will be in the Guildhall, Committee Room 2, 5.30pm – 7pm, 7th October 2008

