

Cycle Steering Group, 3rd December 2008
The Guildhall, Cambridge.

MINUTES

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Al Bander
Councillor Todd-Jones
Councillor Smith

1. Minutes of Last meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed as an accurate record.

2. Cycle scheme programme update

CR explained that the Cycling Town provisional programme of both the softer measures and infrastructure projects had been taken to County Cabinet on 4/11/08 and it was resolved at Cabinet to:

- Note the progress of the project.
- Approve the provisional programme of both the softer measures and infrastructure projects.
- Delegate to the Cabinet Member for Growth and Environment in consultation with the Deputy Chief Executive, Environment and Community Services approval regarding the final decisions on the programme.

DR outlined the proposal for Phase 1 of the Riverside Environmental Improvement that will include benefits for cyclists and requires funding from the Joint-funded Capital Cycle Budget. Subject to the Group's support, a Project Appraisal will be prepared for the implementation of the scheme which would then inform the report to the East Area Committee on 15 January 2009. The group expressed its support in-principle for the Riverside Scheme.

Cllr Taylor asked the group to note that she has concerns about Brooklands Avenue cycle route, which ends once it reaches Hills Road without adequate provision for cyclists to negotiate this Junction.

Regarding improvement to the cycle route along Cherry Hinton Road, Cllr Taylor asked about an audit being undertaken of the local traders at the western end of Cherry Hinton Road regarding their views about removal of car parking spaces. CR and Cllr Reid expressed concern regarding the reaction of traders and opposition to such schemes elsewhere. Cllr Reid advised not to have an early approach until the full benefits of the scheme had been thought through.

Action: Details of cycling accident statistics to be related to proposed schemes and discussed at next meeting.

3. Cycle hire schemes

Cllr Taylor and Cllr Bick outlined information gained from attending the Transport for London workshop regarding Cycle Hire Schemes, principally in Europe.

Action: CR and DB to inform group of any developments in Cycle Hire Schemes as and when they arise.

Action: CR and DB to investigate the possibility of the Cycle Town cycle parking audit to include listing potential locations of Cycle Stations for a possible hire scheme.

4. Work of Cycling Officers

Deferred to next meeting.

5. Any Other Business

None

6. Date of next meeting

Wednesday, January 28th. 1730 – 1930, Committee Room 1, Guildhall.