

Cycling Steering Group 28th January 2009

The Guildhall Cambridge

Minutes

Attendees:

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

Apologies:

Councillor Al Bander
Councillor Smith

1. Minutes of Last meeting and matters arising

Minutes agreed as an accurate record.

2. Cycle Town update

CR updated the group on progression of the Cycle Town project. The County will begin with 'review and improve' of the existing cycle network, which will focus mainly on re-surfacing the cycle lanes and advanced stop lanes. This is in line with Cycling England comments that the existing infrastructure looked a 'bit tired'. Members were asked to submit any suggestions for 'review and improve and minor works which will be undertaken by a small works crew. It was proposed that Area Committees also be asked for suggestions.

Cllr Reid wanted more clarity on how the Cycle Steering Group relates to the CT project and, as there is no equivalent group in South Cambridgeshire DC or the County Council, suggested inviting a member from both councils to join the group.

CR has been seconded to the County Council for 12 hours per week to work on the CT project and will bring any issues from the CT project to the cycle steering group. Mike Davies has been appointed as the CT project manager and will be asked to attend the next cycle steering group meeting.

There was a discussion about the Adult Cycle Training (ACT) in Cambridge and how it could be expanded through the CT initiative and Cllr Nimmo-Smith

offered his support, as cycling champion, for increasing ACT. Cambridge City Council already funds ACT via the County Council Road Safety Team but clarity is needed on how ACT will develop in relation to the CT project and appointment of bikeability officers as part of the project.

Action: CR & DB to invite a SCDC member, County member and the CT programme manager to the next steering group meeting.

Action: DB to arrange meeting with Cambridgeshire Road Safety team about present funding and progress of ACT and possible future development of ACT

3. Cycling Accident Stats related to schemes

CR outlined a summary of Cambridge cycling accident stats for 2003 – 2007, which are produced by Cambridgeshire County Council and available on their internet site.

The group asked for clarity on how the County Council relates the accident stats to implementing new cycling schemes.

Cllr Reid noted The Fen Causeway and Trumpington Street junction as having a high accident rate and expressed a wish to re-visit the previously rejected proposal to signalize the junction.

Action: CR to clarify how the County Council relates accident stats to cycling and traffic management schemes

4. Work of Cycling Officers

CR and DB presented a list of their duties to the group to clarify the work that the Cambridge City Council Cycling and Walking officers undertake.

The County Council will fund, from the Cycle Town monies, 5 extra hours for CR and 7 extra hours for DB. CR will be seconded to the County Council for 12 hours to work on CT initiatives. However, with the increased hours for DB a total of 52 hours per week will still be covered by Cycling Officers within the City Council. This commenced on 9th February 2009.

CR explained that a New Residential Cycle Parking guide is presently being produced which will act as additional guidance for Developers and Development Control officers.

Cllr Walker asked if the Waitrose Trailer Scheme, whereby customers can borrow a free cycle trailer for shopping, will be implemented by other supermarkets. DB explained that it is planned to approach Tesco to investigate if a similar scheme could be introduced in their City Supermarkets

Action: DB & CR to present the latest draft of the New Residential Cycle Parking guide at a future meeting

5. Any Other Business

The subject of how to report maintenance issues on cycle routes was raised which is as follows:

Potholes, overhanging vegetation, etc should be reported to Cambridgeshire County Council Highway Maintenance. Tel: 0845 0455212 or email streetscene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk who usually reply with an incident number.

Removal of abandoned bikes and clearance of broken glass, etc should be reported to Cambridge City Council City Rangers. Tel: 01223 458282 or email streetscene@cambridge.gov.uk

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 23rd March, 1630 – 1800, Committee Room 2, Guildhall.