

Agenda

- 1) **3 min** Appointment of chair for this meeting
    - i. Apologies for Absence – JC, JR
    - ii. Welcome to Peter Vos founder of the new Four Villages Cycle Forum
  - 2) **2 mins** Minutes of previous meeting 12.6.14
  - 3) **5 mins** Any Matters Arising not already covered below
  - 4) **5 mins** i. Proposal to formalise the appointment of the core officers of Chair, Secretary & Treasurer - **WM (for JR)**, if agreed this will :-
    - ii. Necessitate an amendment to the Constitution - **SE**
  - 5) **10 mins** Get Cycling / Bike Try-out Events Feedback – accounts & suggestion from JR that we consider purchasing a Gazebo and if so, do we want to use it with a WCF stall at the Rotary Carnival Day on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>. August ?- **SE**
  - 6) **5 mins** 20's Plenty Consultation – update **BM, DK, GR**
  - 7) **30 mins** Progress updates :-
    - i. Worthing CLC Community Infrastructure Funding (CIF) Application – **WM**
    - ii. Schools project - **GR**
    - iii. Harrison Way Restricted Byway – initial clearance working party **CA & SE**
    - iv. Seafront Cycle Path extension to Sea Place – see letter from JC to
    - v. A27 Action Group – see below
- Beer & Comfort Break 5 mins**
- 8) **10 mins** Possible future Projects :-
    - i. Safer cycling leaflets
    - ii. East Worthing to Brooklands cycle path – feedback from ADC councillor Lionel Parsons
  - 9) **10 mins** Cycling maps & mapping discussion group – testing **JP, AC**
  - 10) **15 mins** new Four Villages Cycle Forum based in East Preston
  - 11) **5 mins** WSCF Feedback if any
  - 12) **15 mins** AOB
    - i. SCATE
    - ii. WBC proposal to use S.106 monies to fund Montague Street repaving
    - iii.
  - 13) **2 mins** DVNM - Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August @ Beechwood Hall Hotel

**NB : Please print off this agenda – if you are able – and bring with you this previous meeting minutes and relevant emails should you wish to refer to them**

**Item 7.iv : JC's email to Bryan Curtis of WBC :** I need to follow up recent email exchanges between yourself and members of the Worthing Cycle Forum with a Sustrans perspective on extending the Promenade Cycle Route to Sea Place. In doing this I'm also representing the views of the Worthing Cycle Forum.

One reason for this email is to ask that we build on what WSCC has already done rather than start again from scratch. Brian Morgan and Richard Wells (copied in) have already had a role in talking to both cycling and residents' groups about designs drawn up by WSCC to extend the cycle route in this area. I think they still have a role to make sure that we get a joined-up approach from WBC and WSCC, and I hope will be able to shed some light on the situation with S106 money.

1. Strategic Significance. Although this is only a short stretch of cycle route, it is critical to completing National Cycle Network route 2 between Worthing and Littlehampton. This is a strategic objective not only for Sustrans, but it's also in the WSCC Strategic Transport Investment Plan and the Arun District Council Leisure Strategy. I hope this is reflected in your discussions with the new WBC senior management team and members. As well as getting the WBC processes right, it's essential that we get joined-up working between different levels of local government and neighbouring authorities. This is the only way we can deliver long distance (national) cycle routes in West Sussex.

2, Design. WSCC have produced a design to extend National Cycle Network route 2 with an off-road, shared-use path as far as Sea Lane, Goring. This was for the WSCC bid to the DfT's Local Sustainable Transport Fund. However, this design did not include widening the path between George V Avenue and Sea Place. WSCC have had feedback from myself and the Worthing Cycle Forum that a shared-use path needs to be a minimum of 4m wide if it is to avoid conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.

3. Consultation. There is an expectation that there will be public consultation on the detailed design. Brian and Richard facilitated a meeting last year with representatives from Sustrans, the Worthing Cycle Forum and residents' groups in the Goring area. Obviously it is essential that the design of shared use space works for both pedestrians and cyclists and that valid concerns are taken into account in the design. The feedback that Brian and Richard took from that meeting is still relevant and shouldn't go to waste.

When Splash Point was renovated, the consultants presented design options to a meeting of the Worthing Cycle Forum. That approach would be welcomed again because it led to a productive discussion of the issues and a design that the Cycle Forum fully supported.

4. Costs. WSCC have made public in a letter to WBC (attached) that £166,000 of S106 money from the Eirene Road development (planning application WBJ1121/06) is allocated to cycle schemes. According to that letter only £21,000 is allocated to "improvements along NCN route 2". This doesn't appear to be enough to deliver a safe shared-use path, even for such a short stretch. The two other schemes mentioned in the letter – Shaftesbury Avenue and Sea Lane – would presumably be delivered by WSCC, although I'm not aware of any plans or designs for these schemes.

It would be helpful if WBC and WSCC could provide clarity about the basis for these estimates. How much of the £166,000 S106 money is held by WBC and WSCC respectively? How much money is available for the Sea Place scheme? It is the view of Sustrans and the Worthing Cycle Forum that the Sea Place scheme is the priority. This is the first step to delivering the off-road NCN cycle route to Sea Lane as envisaged in the LSTF bid and thence on to Littlehampton. It must be properly funded.

5. Signing. As part of the National Cycle Network, the new stretch of cycle path should be signed as such. Effective signing is a vital part of promoting the NCN, so I am getting in very early to ask if I can see the signing schedule before it's implemented! I would like to avoid recent instances where cycle schemes have neglected the importance of accurate and consistent signing.

6. Timescale. It would help me to manage expectations within in the cycle community if we could have an outline plan with key dates for when things can be expected to happen. Because this scheme has been so long in the pipeline, there will inevitably be frustration if it appears that scheme is not now being pushed forward as a priority.

As ever, if there's anything I can do to help progress the scheme, please let me know. If it's easier to meet to get these issues clear, rather than exchange emails, I'm happy to come to Worthing. I'm also happy to liaise between WBC / WSCC and the Worthing Cycle Forum if that helps avoid multiple email exchanges.

**Item 7.v A27 Action Group** The Worthing Cycle Forum (WCF) notes with interest from the A27 Action website the following statement :-

"Alongside A27 improvement, A27 Action will call for essential complementary transport strategies on the local highway network to manage traffic and encourage use of sustainable modes of transport, particularly for short journeys. This will reduce the impact of local traffic on the A27."

Accordingly, WCF would greatly appreciate further details and your responses to the following questions :-

1) What these complementary transport strategies might be?

2) If cycling is considered as useful sustainable mode of transport, whether the Worthing Cycle Forum would be consulted on the most cost-effective and beneficial ways to achieve modal change from motor vehicles to bicycles?

3) Whether WSCC might now allocate some of its budget for local sustainable transport in and around Worthing, or at least push hard to spend existing S.106 monies on sustainable transport in the town? Especially since Worthing did not receive a penny of the £2.46 million awarded to WSCC for their last LSTF bid, which included transport schemes in Worthing ! We await with interest your response Regards Stuart Elms, Secretary

### **Item 8.iii East Worthing to Brooklands Cycle Path**

Thank you for your support in this matter. The project is in its infancy at the moment. We are our next task is to meet with officer from Worthing Borough Council and obtain authority to use land owned by them to facilitate the pathway.

When we have all the necessary permissions to make a start I will get back to you. This project will be a community led project. Although I will be engaged there is a working group now set up led by Ian Richardson, a Selden resident. Roger Oakley ; member for Worthing East

Hi Anthony. I have no idea how and when this will be pulled together, a number of County councillors are in step with the idea and at present this is being floated with Worthing Borough as they are the principal land holders along with perhaps Network rail so it has the potential of the typical long haul, but that is not to say it won't happen, but please don't hold your breath. as I have said, I am keen for this to happen as my previous email, I was almost run over by a truck in Western road at the junction of Winston Road.

If I hear or become further involved I will try to keep you updated. Yours sincerely Lionel

