

Notes on Meeting of Winchester Cycle Working Group (CycleWin)

Date: Tuesday 26th March 2019: Winchester

Present:

Andy Key (AK) Phil Gagg (PG), Sue Coles (SC), Max Priesemann (MP) Rob Jordan (RJ), Janet Roberts (JR), John Arthur (JA)

1. The notes of the last meeting had been circulated and were agreed. AK agreed to chair the meeting and SC to take the minutes.
2. Apologies: Kelsie Learney, Martin Wilson, Emma Street, Rory O'Sullivan. Jeremy Mortimer, David Hyde
3. Matters arising
 - a) **Minutes on website** Re-minute: **Action SC/RJ**
 - b) **Open invite to meetings:** See below
 - c) **Mapping** – See below
 - d) **Market Stalls/anti-terrorism barriers** – Dealt with below under Central Winchester Regeneration Area

4. Funding of Cycle Winchester

The group currently had no reliable source of income and its current balance is £34.80. It was only in credit because of the generous donation by John Edwards of £100. There was a wide-ranging discussion on the possible options, including whether to go with a subscription option and to ask the original donors (Win CTC, WinACC, Bespoke Biking, FOE, CWT) for a further contribution. Winchester CTC has already indicated that it would provide a further £50 if the original donors also contributed a further amount. It was agreed that we needed a payment system other than the personal PayPal account of SC.

The following were agreed:

- a) Investigate payment options for regular/one-off payments and into which account monies could be paid: **Action RJ**
- b) Ask for donations at Mass ride **Action Mass Ride sub-group**
- c) Compile impact report: **Action: MP**
- d) Write to original donors enclosing impact report and asking them to consider a further donation: **Action: SC**
- e) Obtain name of WinACC treasurer: **Action: PG**
- f) Obtain name of FOE treasurer **Action: SC**

5. Mass Ride – Saturday 27th April 2019 10 am

Following a meeting of the Mass Ride sub-group and SC and AK, it had been decided to hold a 3rd Mass Ride and this was endorsed by the core group. JA updated the group on the ethos of the Mass Rides and that it was crucial that the rides remained fun. It was the intention to organise one more in September and then review whether the rides could be self-sustaining. There was a discussion on whether the rides should have an overt campaigning element, e.g. coincide with Car Free day. The Mass Ride team were clear that they don't want to link the ride to any local campaign – their vision is to organise something that is simply a celebration of the positive aspects of cycling which can support any local protests indirectly. However, several members of the steering group felt that a link to national events/campaigns such as Car Free day might be appropriate in certain cases. No consensus was reached on this issue. The cost of Mass Ride No. 3 would be about £100 but it was hoped to recoup most of that through donations. Donations could also be sought at the Open Invite meeting (see below).

The following actions were agreed

- a) Circulate date of Mass Ride to supporters **Action: RJ**

- b) Arrange an open invite meeting that would also be a meeting of the core group on Monday 3rd June, possibly at the Bike Hub in Middle Brook Street.

Action: AK

6. Mapping

AK reported that the map was now at a point where we could move to the next stage, i.e. a layer for where routes should go. We need a small group of volunteers to progress this. The open-invite meeting would be one way to recruit them. The map is at <http://cyclewinchester.org.uk/map/> **Action: AK**

7. Current issues

• **City of Winchester Movement Strategy**

The strategy has now been published and can be viewed at <https://democracy.winchester.gov.uk/documents/g1845/Agenda%20frontsheet%2025th-Mar-2019%2013.00%20Cabinet.pdf?T=0>. WCC had endorsed it at its Cabinet meeting on Monday 25th March. PG reported on this meeting. The Strategy would be signed off at the HCC decision day on 23.4.2019 with the ETE Scrutiny Committee discussing it prior to that meeting. An important element was the undertaking to produce a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) and it was agreed that we needed to have direct input into its preparation.

The following actions were agreed:

- a) Summarise contents of Movement Strategy **Action SC**
- b) Send summary to supporters and ask them to consider raising associated issues with candidates in the May local elections **Action RJ**
- c) Contact Frank Baxter about the preparation of the LCWIP **Action SC**
- d) Consider deputation to ETE Scrutiny Committee or Decision Day

• **Station Approach**

SC reported that the proposed plans offered little improvement to cycle access except a short stretch of contraflow cycle lane on Station Road to allow access to St Paul's Railway Bridge. There was no cycle route through the development. The planning application was expected shortly and a response would be made.

• **St. Maurice's Covert**

WCC had still not committed to a location other than Colebrook Street car park and was still opposed to any cycle parking in the Covert. SC had written to Simon Finch of WCC asking for an update but had yet to receive a reply. This would be monitored and followed up as necessary. **Action: SC**

• **Central Winchester Regeneration Area**

WCC was developing the entire area on a piecemeal basis. PG had attended 2 meetings of a group consisting primarily of councillors and officers looking at the Broadway. There was a concern that cyclists would not be allowed to cycle in the Broadway, so making access to/from/through the City even more difficult. There was likely to be a more open stakeholder workshop shortly. The City Councillor responsible for the project is Cllr Ashton and the officer Veryan Lyons.

The following was agreed:

- a) Obtain update from Veryan Lyons and secure invites to workshop **Action: SC**

• **Winchester Sport and Leisure Park**

Planning consent had been granted and work started on construction. PG referred to a planning condition imposed by HCC as the highway authority relating to the cycleway in Barfield Close. The following was agreed:

a) Investigate planning condition **Action: SC**

- **Cycle route South Wonston to Winchester**

JR reported on the unexpected progress with regard to a safe cycle route from South Wonston to Winchester. The route, to be developed by HCC Countryside Services, would follow the line of the existing footpath to Andover Road, subject to completion of the necessary legal work to permit cycling. It was likely to be a soft surface and the South Wonston Safe Cycling Group felt that this should be accepted, although not ideal. The route from the sewage works road (including the issues of the steps) to Wellhouse Lane and into Kings Barton (KB) was as yet unknown although it did appear that there was a proposal for the route to link with routes being developed in KB.

- **J9 M3/A34**

Highways England (HE) had convened a non-motorised user (NMU) meeting for walkers, cyclists and equestrians. The cycle route through J9 was confirmed and the only issue was its width. 3m had been offered but we were seeking a minimum of 4m and if possible 5m. Funding for part of the cycle route from J9 to Kings Worthy (as far as the River Itchen bridge) was available and additional funding is being sought to cover the section to the Cart and Horses junction. The Ramblers were seeking a route on the west side of the M3 but it was far from clear how feasible this would be, given the environmental constraints and the need for a river bridge. HE had also offered to fund a bridleway route on the east side of the M3 that would provide a linkage to the existing restricted byway to Easton.

8. AOB

A Google Group had been set up for the core members of Cycle Winchester and this would be used in future for routine communications between the group.

RJ had been approached by someone from Christian Aid involved in the organisation of the Bike to Brekkie Ride in May and finishing at the Cathedral. He may attend as a private individual but not as Cycle Winchester. Winchester CTC had also been approached but SC had advised them that it could not participate as a group.

As there were further items, the meeting was closed.

The meeting would be on Monday 3rd June, hopefully as an open-invite meeting

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