

## Cycling Forum

29 September 2011, 6pm, CR1

### Minutes from Meeting

#### 1. Introductions/Apologies

##### Attendees:

Cllr Paul Gittings (Chair)  
Cllr Tony Page  
Cllr Ricky Duveen  
Ruth Leuillette (RBC)  
Emma Baker (RBC)  
Paul Harper (GREN)  
Richard Pearson (RCC)  
Adrian Lawson (RCC)  
Keith Elliott (RCC)  
Greg Payne (Reading CTC)

##### Apologies:

Cllr Rachel Eden  
Mark Tancock (RBC/CTC)

#### 2. Minutes from 8<sup>th</sup> March 2011

- Forum members to send suggested agenda items to Emma four weeks before the scheduled meeting.
- Cllr Page advised forum members that he would like to see more project meetings set up in line with the Council's review of the engagement process with members of the public.
- Forum members questioned transport's involvement in the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP). RL informed the group that the three LSP themes (people, place and prosperity) formed the basis of the third Local Transport Plan and that the DfT would not have allocated funding if they were not satisfied with the named partnerships as part of the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) process.

#### 3. Issues raised by Forum members (standard item)

- a. Town Centre Changes
  - Officers to set up workshop for the Cycle Forum prior to TMAP
  - Circulate Town Centre Safety Audit report along with the minutes
  - Workshop could potentially consider future changes to Station Hill
- b. Oxford Road Study
  - Study ongoing, but also dovetails into Reading Station scheme
  - Group advised that Cow Lane will be closed in December for bridge works. **Post Meeting Note: the bridges will be closed from 6am on 19<sup>th</sup> December to 6am on 30<sup>th</sup> January.**
  - Forum would like to see more road markings along Oxford Road as part of LSTF and increased engagement in corridor studies
- c. Thames Towpath & Reading Bridge
  - AL to collect more evidence in regards to cyclists using the path and support for a Cycle Track Order.
  - Forum advised to liaise with Cllr Page over new submission of evidence

- Thames Towpath should be included in LSTF workshop and developed in parallel if necessary
- d. **Maintenance & Winter Service Plan**  
 A document was taken to TMAP in September and can be found here: [http://ww2.reading.gov.uk/documents/Committee\\_Services/Traffic\\_Management\\_Advisory\\_Panel/2011-2012/110908/Item12%20Winter%20Service%20Plan.pdf](http://ww2.reading.gov.uk/documents/Committee_Services/Traffic_Management_Advisory_Panel/2011-2012/110908/Item12%20Winter%20Service%20Plan.pdf)
- e. **20mph Speed Limits**  
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- Forum members were advised that the Council is still awaiting guidance from the DfT, which was expected to be published in the summer
- 4. Updated cycle strategy actions chart (standard item)**
- Actions chart to be circulated to the group prior to forum meetings
  - Add additional column labelled 'priority' so the group can input into prioritising proposed actions.
  - The forum asked for cycle parking at a number of locations including outside the Cooperative on Briants Ave and shops along Basingstoke Road
- 5. Local Sustainable Transport Fund**
- a. **Small bid - Tranche 1**
- £4.9 million secured in Tranche 1 bid making it the largest successful bid in the south-east.
  - Bid includes: pilot cycle hire scheme concentrating on the University, alongside, auditing and improvements to cycle routes, fees and partnership working, extension of the existing personalised travel planning (PTP) project and active travel interventions (for example including low carbon lighting).
- b. **Large bid - Tranche 2**
- £20 million bid in partnership with Wokingham and West Berkshire.
  - Reading is one of eight LAs invited to submit a full-business case by December 2011
  - Bid includes pedestrian/cycle bridge over the Thames connecting the Northern Interchange and Christchurch Meadows, expansion of the cycle hire scheme and PTP project delivered in partnership with PCT.
  - RCC would welcome a bike buddy scheme, which could be offered to PTP participants
  - Arrange workshop with Cycle Forum to feed into the cycling work package
- 6. North Area Route Map**
- Draft Caversham route map circulated to the group for comments post meeting and appropriate changes have been made.
- 7. Events**
- Discussed the costs associated with Sky Ride.

- RCC keen on mass participation ride but on smaller scale and lower cost than Sky Ride

#### 8. AOB

- Forum advised that Streetcare were unable to sweep Gravel Hill as a result of vandalism to the bollards. This has now been resolved and will be swept shortly
- The Forum asked if Thames Valley Police and the Primary Care Trust can be invited to the next meeting and future LSTF sub-group meetings

#### 9. Date of Next Meeting

- The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, 6pm, in CR5.

Agenda Item	Action	Expected
3	Forum members to propose agenda items four weeks prior to a Cycle Forum meeting	Ongoing
3	Include table of actions at the end of minutes	Ongoing
3a	Circulate Town Centre Safety Audit	Circulated 12/10/11
3a	Set up workshop to discuss town centre changes (including Station Hill)	Late Oct
3d	Officers to establish if cycle route can be prioritised in the resurfacing programme	January
4	Circulate action plan to Forum members before the meeting and add 'priority' column	Ongoing
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5	Set up LSTF workshop to cover small and large bids and Thames Towpath	In process
5	Circulate link to LSTF bid	Included in email
6	Circulate draft Caversham route map for comments	Complete
7	Officers to consider setting up a mass participation event	March/April
AOB	Invite Thames Valley Police and PCT to next meeting	January