

# Minutes

## South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

Location: Filton 20, New Filton House, BS34 7QS

**Time & Date:** 6pm Tuesday 28th November 2017

**Date:**

Attending:

Lee Lodder (SGC)

Andrew Gough

Terry Miller

Bob Keen

Tony Barrett

Dan Chandra

Lynette Hutchins

Ben von Bertelle

### Updates from last meeting

LL thanked the forum for the suggested updates they provided for the SGC cycle network map. Whilst it was hoped that the updated map would be available before Christmas, this has been delayed due to discussions with the other West of England authorities over amendments to the style and format of the maps, it's now hoped the new maps will be available by March 2018.

LL noted that the planned bike bus GWR were proposing to use during the recent upgrade work at Parkway didn't happen as they were unable to get the vehicle modified and on the road in time.

### Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP)

LL presented on the DfT's LCWIP proposals (see accompanying slides), confirming that a joint West of England bid for consultancy support in preparing an LCWIP was successful. The aim at present is prepare the plans in time for public consultation next summer (in line with the planned Joint Local Transport Plan consultation), but this is currently subject to

the availability of consultants to undertake the work. Stake holders, including the cycle forum, will be engaged as part of the process of preparing the LCWIP.

## WECA early investment Cycle schemes

LL confirmed that the West of England Combined Authority (WECA) have awarded South Gloucestershire funding of £200k for the feasibility and development of a package of Cycle schemes in the vicinity of the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood development area. The funding will allow for the design, consultation, and full business case preparation for a package of schemes to provide new (and improve existing) cycle routes around the CPNN site, the intention being that once prepared, the business case is submitted to WECA for funding to construct a package of schemes of up to £2m.

## Open Forum

BK raised that when in Chipping Sodbury Police station recently he spotted signs warning of on the spot fines for cyclists using footpaths, as part of a joint police and SGC campaign. He asked for further information on the reasons for, and focus of this campaign, as it seemed at odds with Home office guidance that officers should use discretion in enforcing this rule. **LL will investigate with colleagues and respond.**

LH asked whether the Council currently receives near miss statistics from the Police, and if so what it does with them, as members of the Rolls Royce Bike user group, have been encouraged to report near misses to the police, and are keen to know that information is being used. **LL will raise this with the road safety team.**

It was also mentioned that there are a lot of fallen leaves on the cycle route near Bromley Heath Viaduct at present, which as causing cyclists to slip. LL will raise this directly with StreetCare, but noted that in future the quickest way to resolve maintenance issues is to raise them directly with StreetCare using their email address: [Streetcare@southglos.gov.uk](mailto:Streetcare@southglos.gov.uk).

AG and TM mentioned that a number of the low level cycle lights on the Bristol section of Concorde Way have been damaged recently, and asked whether SGC had encountered similar issues. LL responded that he was not aware of any.

AG asked that the recently undertaken A38 cycle corridor feasibility study be shared with the Cycle Forum. **LL to look into this.**

Dates for next meetings:

Wednesday 14th March 2018

Thursday 14th June 2018

Tuesday 11th September 2018

Wednesday 28th November 2018

Meeting closed at 7.20pm