

Minutes

South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

Location: Badminton Road Council Offices, Yate

Time & Date: 6pm on Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Attending:

Lee Lodder (SGC)

Jon Fairhurst (Sustrans)

Andrew Gough

Bob Keen

Nigel Sloan

Annette Quantly

Updates from last meeting

Cycle network maps – As stocks of the old map were low, a limited run with a new front cover, and no map updates have been produced, but there are plans to produce fully updated maps in a revised format for SGC and the other West of England authorities soon. The map updates cycle forum members provided late last year will be incorporated into the update, but if anyone has any further updates they think should be included, there is still time to add them.

The Bromley Heath Viaduct shared stage 3 safety audit report is now complete, this will be sent out to forum members with the minutes of this meeting within a week, along with information on how its recommendations are being implemented.

Highways England/ Sustrans Portside Project

Jon Fairhurst from Sustrans attended the meeting to provide information on work they are doing on Highways England's behalf to improve walking and cycling routes in the Avonmouth and Severnside areas, linked to the new M49 junction. Improvements planned in South Gloucestershire are focused on the NCN 4 route between Cribbs Causeway and Severn Beach, as well as an on-road route through Hallen. SGC is working closely with Sustrans on this project, and it is planned that the Councils StreetCare team will deliver

the detailed design and construction phases of the project. Public consultation on the proposed improvements are planned for later this year.

AG asked about a possible route over the new Severn bridge, JF replied that that was outside the scope of this scheme, but it is something he would like to look at in future.

Open Forum

NS asked why the traffic signals on the M5 Junction 17 (Cribbs Causeway) did not automatically go green for pedestrians and cyclists when they were red for the traffic. **LL will seek a response from the Traffic Signals Team.**

NS noted that it often takes a long time for minutes of these meetings to be published, and asked that they be made available sooner, to give those present confidence that issues raised will be followed up. **LL acknowledged this, and will endeavour to issue minutes within a week of the meeting in future.**

BK asked if signage is still planned to be installed on the Yate spur between the ring road path, and Westerleigh Village. LL replied that it was, signs have been ordered, and were due to be installed by the end of September. **LL will ask the project team for an update on this.**

AG asked whether the A38 cycle feasibility study mentioned in item 2 of the issues list, was publicly available. LL replied that it was available on the council website as part of the Airbus to Concorde Way public consultation, see link below:

https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/consult.ti/A38_Cycle_Improvements/consultationHome

AG noted that recent amendments to and refreshing of the road markings at The Abbey Wood retail park exit of Abbey wood roundabout do not appear to have improved conditions for cyclists crossing the junction to follow Concorde way. **LL will feed this back to the scheme engineer.**

LGF Sustainable Transport Package bid update

A bid for £2.795m funding for 2018-2021 has been submitted to the West of England Local Enterprise Partnership for consideration. This bid includes the following schemes:

1) A38 Active Travel package – 3 walking and cycling schemes, two cycle route upgrade schemes that have come out of the A38 cycle feasibility study, The Grove to Sandhurst (on A38 near Patchway) and an upgraded toucan crossing on the A4174 Station road (part of the Airbus to Concorde Way route), both of which have recently been through public consultation. The third scheme is to provide two new signalised crossings on the A38 southbound at M5 Junction 16, providing a safe and convenient crossing of this busy junction and creating a more attractive environment for cycling and walking on this corridor, and will be delivered jointly with Highways England.

2) Active travel Schools package - Funding will deliver a wide range of walking, cycling and safety improvements in close proximity to schools across the South Gloucestershire local authority area. This will help to create a more attractive environment for walking and cycling, and reduce localised congestion. The package will benefit 15+ schools with a combined 'number on roll' of 10,000 pupils; plus parents, school staff and local residents.

3) Community Transport Fleet Replacement - Funding will provide 12 new Community Transport fleet vehicles enabling access to a range of facilities, services and opportunities for all residents in South Gloucestershire. New vehicles will be fitted with Euro 6 standard engines, reducing fuel consumption and harmful emissions. The new vehicles will replace the oldest, most polluting, of the existing fleet vehicles.

A decision on this bid is expected at the end of November.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan update

LL provided a brief update on progress with the West of England Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. Draft cycling and walking network maps have been produced for each town and city covered by the LCWIP (within SGC this is the North and East fringes of Bristol, as well as Thornbury and Yate/Chipping Sodbury). These maps are to be shared with cycle forum members for comment later this month, after the SGC Executive members have been updated on the project.

Proposed Dates for next meetings:

Wednesday 9th January 2019
Tuesday 23rd April 2019
Thursday 11th July 2019
Wednesday 9th October 2019

Meeting closed at 7.45pm