

Minutes

South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

Location: Bristol and Bath Science Park, Emerson's Green, BS16 7FR

Time & Date: 6pm on Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Attending:

Lee Lodder (SGC)
Helen Harrison (SGC)
Andrew Gough
Terry Miller
John Leah

Updates from last meeting

Work to install a new junction on the A403 west of Ableton Lane, resulting in the closure of the shared use path are progressing well, it is hoped that the shared path will be reopened by the end of May.

Travel Planning work through Access West and S106

Helen Harrison from the Residential Travel Planning team attended the meeting to talk through the work their team does to promote the use of Active travel modes, and support access to employment, education and training, in Businesses, Schools and Communities. Much of this work is currently funded by the DfT through the Access West project (a successor to the previous Local Sustainable Transport Fund), but funding is also received from developers through Section 106 funding.

Key Business related activities undertaken by the team include:

- The Annual travel to work survey
- Supporting the work of SusCom
- The Annual TravelWest Awards
- Business Grants
- The Join My Journey car share website
- Active Travel Champions

- The Wheels to Work Scheme
- Public engagement during infrastructure schemes such as Bromley Heath Viaduct

Within Schools the team's work involves 2 major elements:

1. **Behaviour change** - working with Living Streets to encourage active travel through Rewards, promotional campaigns and school route audits
2. **Developing skills** - Cycle, Scooter, and pedestrian Training, Dr Bike checks, route planning and Be Safe Be Seen assemblies.

The work within local communities is focused on new developments locations, as targeting people who have just moved house provides the best opportunity to encourage residents to make a sustainable travel change. The team are currently working in the Lyde Green, Cheswick Village, Thornbury Fields and The Orchards developments, and also monitor the travel planning work undertaken by developers at other sites.

The key activities in their Communities work include:

- Neighbourhood specific Travel information guides
- Personalised travel advice, through door knocking, events and newsletters
- Free travel offers to try cycling, car clubs or public transport
- Smarter Travel vouchers to enable the purchase of clothing or equipment
- setting up a Bicycle user group (only in Lyde Green to date)

Those present asked whether the results of this year's travel to work survey could be fed back to cycle forum members once available. **LL and HH will arrange this.** It was also asked whether the Join my Journey website was well used, **HH will find usage information and feed back to the forum.** More information on what the team do is given in the presentation attached to these minutes.

Open Forum

TM mentioned that the signals on the West bound A4174 ring road, at the new junction with the Stoke Gifford Transport Link, and very slow to respond to cycle/pedestrian demand, he asked why this would be the case with a newly installed set of signals, and whether anything could be done to improve their responsiveness. **LL will feed this back to the Traffic Signals team.**

JL raised that the surface condition of a well-used local cycle route in Old Sodbury, was deteriorating badly, and asked whether there was any re-surfacing planned in the area. The roads affected were Commonmead Lane, Portway Lane, Doddington Lane, and Chapel Lane. **LL will feed this back to the Maintenance team, and respond to JL.**

It was also asked whether the Maintenance team could attend a future cycle forum to talk thorough their procedure for prioritising resurfacing (and other maintenance) of cycle routes (both on and off carriageway). **LL will raise this with them.**

AG asked whether the short public right of way route between the A4175 Keynsham Road and the A431 in Willsbridge, could be upgraded to a cycle route, as this would allow cyclists to avoid the Willsbridge hill roundabout. **LL will discuss this with the PROW team and provide a response.**

Funding Bid Update

LL mentioned that a Full Business Case document had been submitted to WECA to seek funding for the construction of 5 schemes as part of the CPNN Cycle Links project, a decision on this bid will be made in June.

Diversions and Closures

Ahead of the meeting a letter was circulated to cycle forum members regarding the forthcoming closure of Gipsy Patch Lane Bridge, for BT to undertake preparation work ahead of the main closure to replace the bridge. The bridge is planned to be closed to all users for approximately 4 weeks during June, and signed diversion routes will be in place.

A series of public drop-in events are being held in coming weeks to provide more information about these works, details of which are as follows:

Wednesday 8 May 5pm to 7pm - Little Stoke Primary School, Little Stoke, BS34 6HY

Monday 13 May 3pm to 6pm - Patchway Community Centre, Rodway Road, Patchway, BS34 5PF

Tuesday 14 May 3pm to 5pm - Cherry Room, Baileys Court Activity Centre, Baileys Court Road, Bradley Stoke, BS32 8BH

Monday 20 May 3.30pm to 6.30pm - Stoke Gifford Parish Council, Community Hall, Little Stoke Lane, Little Stoke, BS34 6HR

Tuesday 21 May 4pm to 7pm - St Michael's Centre, The Green, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PD

Wednesday 22 May 3pm to 6pm - BAWA Centre, 589 Southmead Rd, BS34 7RG

Those present asked whether anything could be done to improve the route across the railway line north of Patchway station ahead of the closure, LL responded that whilst the proposed new sealed surface cycle route will not be in place in time for the June closure, it is planned to have it completed ahead of the longer term closure to replace the bridge, and the project team were currently investigating whether anything could be done ahead of the June closure to improve the current route.

It was also asked whether the BT works required the footway/cycle way to be closed for the full 4 week duration. **LL will pass this query on to the project team and will provide a response to the forum via email.**

Proposed Dates for next meetings:

Thursday 11th July 2019
Wednesday 9th October 2019

Meeting closed at 8.15pm