

# Minutes

## South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

Location: Kipling Suite, Bradley Stoke Leisure Centre

**Time & Date:** 6pm on Wednesday 9 January 2019

Attending:

Lee Lodder (SGC)

Richard Lewis (SGS Design & Operations)

Andrew Gough

Bob Keen

Nigel Sloan

Terry Miller

### Updates from last meeting

Regarding the cycle/pedestrian crossing signals at M5 Jn17 raised by NS, these signals are not part of the Councils network as they are Highways England's responsibility. However it is believed that having the ped/cycle signal automatically go green (without someone pressing the button) when they are red for traffic, would add time to the overall signal cycle, NS advised to contact highways England.

The Yate Spur directional signage, that was programmed to be installed in early December, had to be postponed as the allocated team were called on to deal with a large number of localised flooding issues in the area, it is due to be rescheduled, but no date has been confirmed as yet.

### Portside NCN4 consultation

Richard Lewis, Principle engineer from the Design and Operations team attended the meeting to give those present an early chance to comment on proposed improvements to the NCN4 route from Severn Beach to Cribbs Causeway. This project is being funded by Highways England, and early design work undertaken by Sustrans. The proposals are due to go out to consultation towards the end of February, with drop in sessions in Severn

Beach planned during the consultation. **LL will circulate further details on these events via the cycle forum mailing list once times and dates are confirmed.**

The plans shared were produced by Sustrans, there will be some minor amendments to them by the design and Ops team before the consultation goes live, but they will largely be as presented.

Those present were positive about the proposals which included implementing a 20mph zone across Severn Beach. It was noted though that the advisory cycle lanes on Hollywood lane we deemed un-necessary.

TM requested that when cycle symbols were placed on shared crossings, the symbols should not be head on to each other.

AG asked for contact details of someone at Highways England, so that he can raise the idea of a cycle route across the new Severn Bridge with them. **LL will send these after the meeting.**

## LGF Sustainable Transport Package 2018/19 to 20/21

South Gloucestershire Council are able to bid for Local Growth Fund funding to implement sustainable transport measures aimed at promoting economic growth.

A bid was submitted to the West of England Combined Authority in September, and has now been approved (with conditions of the provision of detailed scheme designs and match funding commitments). The bid includes proposals for improvements to the A38 for cyclists, schools walking and cycling schemes and improvements to the community transport fleet.

The A38 schemes include the delivery of part of the cycling package to enhance connectivity to the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood, improving access from Filton and Patchway and improved crossing facilities for cyclists on M5 J16. The schools schemes include a range of walking, cycling and safety schemes to encourage more children to travel to school by sustainable modes and the Community Transport element will enable the purchase of 12 new vehicles, representing a major commitment and investment to helping our community transport operators to better meet the needs of South Gloucestershire residents.

## Open Forum

AG asked whether a cycle bypass could be installed for westbound cyclists at the mini roundabout opposite Rolls Royce on Gypsy Patch Lane. RL replied that the roundabout was due to be replaced by a signalised junction, which will be delivered as part of the MetroBus Extension scheme to widen and replace the rail overbridge east of the roundabout. This work is due to commence in February 2020.

AG asked whether the bridge north of Patchway Station could be used as a cycle route during the Gypsy Patch Lane Closure. LL replied that providing this link was one of the schemes planned as part of the CPNN Cycle Links package, and whilst funding has not yet been secured for the work, negotiations with landowners were progressing well, and it

was hoped that this route might be in place in time to be used as a diversion route during the closure.

AG mentioned that the north/east bound on carriageway cycle lane on the B4057 bridge over the A38 at Patchway was faded so badly that motorists do not expect cyclists to continue east over the bridge. **LL will report this to the StreetCare maintenance team.**

BK mentioned that the Joint Parishes Cycleways Group had received some funding from Waitrose, and was hoping to use it to promote the Cycle Champions scheme in the Yate/Sodbury area. **LL will pass on contact details for the Access West Business Engagement team, who may be able to assist with this.**

BK requested that John Parkin from UWE be invited to speak at a cycle forum meeting. **LL will look to arrange this.**

## Diversions and Closures

RL mentioned that as part of work to install a new junction on the A403, there will be a closure to the shared path along the A403, the work is due to commence on 4th February and last for 20 weeks, however the footway will not be closed for the entirety of the work. The signed diversion route for pedestrians is via the Severn Way Sea wall route towards Severn Beach, but sections of that are not suitable for cycling. Alternative routes for cyclists are available via Central avenue and connecting roads through Western Approach business park, however as they are not yet adopted highway, there will not be an official diversion.

## Proposed Dates for next meetings:

Tuesday 30th April 2019 (note revised date to avoid Easter holiday week)

Thursday 11th July 2019

Wednesday 9th October 2019

Meeting closed at 8.15pm