

# Minutes

## South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

Location: UWE Frenchay Campus, Northavon House, Room10, 2nd Floor

**Time & Date:** 6 pm on Tuesday 14 March 2017

### Attending:

Lee Lodder (SGC)

Alice Jennings (SGC)

James Morvan (UWE)

Andrew Gough (Bristol Cycle Campaign)

Bob Keen (U3A Cyclists)

David Smith (Cyclist)

Alan Williams (Cyclist)

Anthony Barratt (Cycle Champion - Boeing)

Michael Dixon (SGC Challenge Fund Programme manager)

Mike Johnson (SGC Structures manager)

Helen Harrison (SGC New Developments)

### Updates from last meeting

#### *Yate Spur*

There were a large number of responses to the recent consultation on Nibley Lane Junction and Westerleigh Road cycle improvements, including a good turnout at the consultation event in Shire Way community Centre. Responses are currently being considered and a feedback statement expected by the end of the month. Subject to the results of consultation, construction of these sections, plus the Kidney Hill link into Westerleigh Village is expected to take place over the summer.

#### *Holiday Inn Access road*

The public consultation on this scheme has also now closed, and there was some very useful feedback. Following consultation a Road Safety Audit has been undertaken, on the proposals, which indicated that with further modifications Cycle priority could be provided.

We are still awaiting a funding decision, but if it does get approval, a design that provides cyclists with priority over a raised table will be progressed.

### *Active Travel forum*

Regarding the question of whether the Cycle Forum could be replaced by a more formal Active Travel Forum, Cllr Hunt has responded as follows:

“The Council is confident that the current, informal Cycle forum arrangement is working well, and sees no reason to seek to change it at this time. Local cycle campaigners, and members of the South Glos Cycle Forum, are doing an effective job of ensuring the views of cyclists are being heard and considered by the Council.”

## Bromley Heath Viaduct

Mike and Michael presented an update on the works to strengthen the southern Bromley Heath viaduct, and construct a wider shared use path alongside it. Overnight works to build the crossovers are currently underway, with the main works and viaduct closure due to start in June/July 2017. The work is currently anticipated to take 52 weeks, but the Council is seeking additional funding to accelerate the works and reduce the timescale to around 30 weeks. More information, including the video presentation shown at the meeting can be found here:

[www.southglos.gov.uk/bhviaduct](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/bhviaduct)

It was confirmed that cyclists and pedestrians will be diverted onto an existing footpath on the Northern viaduct, and it was anticipated that the contractor would ask for cyclists to dismount whilst on the diverted path.

## New Developments work

Helen provided an update on the work being done to encourage those who move into new housing developments to travel more sustainably. The work is being funded both by the Sustainable Transport Transition Year programme, and by section 106 funding contributions from housing developers. Work being undertaken as part of this project includes:

- 3 X cycle powered cinema engagement events for residents moving into new developments
- Provided a summer bikeability course
- Dr Bike sessions at engagement events
- A range of free on the doorstep cycle offers: route planning, loan bikes, cycle confidence training, accompanied rides and a family cycle package.
- Planning cycle maintenance workshops for young people aged 10-14 yrs

## Access Fund

Alice Jennings presented an overview of the Access Fund. The West of England have been successful in acquiring £6.9m (£1.65 for South Glos) for initiatives to encourage sustainable transport from April 2017 to March 2020. The objectives of the Programme are to support access to new and existing employment, education and training and actively promote increased levels of physical activity through walking and cycling. Many of the cycling services offered through STTY will continue.

Bob Keen asked whether it would be possible for the roadshow team to attend the Sodbury Sportive event in August and it was confirmed that this will be possible.

## Open Forum

It was requested that a member of the Councils Transport Development Control team attend the next cycle forum meeting to talk about the process for determining what Sustainable transport measures developers are asked to provide. **LL to approach the team to request this.**

DS raised two concerns over recent MetroBus works on Bradley Stoke Way:

1. The new south-bound on carriageway cycle lanes on Bradley Stoke Way between Aldi and the Leisure centre, appear to be only 1.5m wide, when DfT guidance says that cycle lanes on 40mph or busy roads should be a minimum of 2m wide.
2. There is an approximate 2m long section of cycle path with a cycle symbol and END painted on it connecting the on carriageway route with a footpath, that doesn't appear to be shared use, very close to the Aldi on Bradley Stoke Way, its unclear what the purpose of this small section is.

**LL will pass these queries on to the MetroBus Team to investigate and respond to.**

It was reported that there is currently a lot of mud, dead leaves and other debris on the section of Concorde Way between Abbey Wood roundabout and our border with Bristol, this is reducing the effective width of the path, and causing cyclists to slip. **LL will pass this onto the StreetCare team to investigate**

Dates for next meetings:

There was a discussion over how to get more cyclists involved in cycle forum meetings, earlier start times were suggested. LL is attending next week's Cycle Champions launch event so will discuss this with them as well. Current provisional dates:

Wednesday 24th May 2017  
Thursday 7th September 2017  
Tuesday 28th November 2017

Meeting closed at 8.15pm