

SEVENOAKS CYCLING STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

Tuesday 15 November 2016 at 10:00am

Present:

Cllr. Edwards-Winser
 Cllr. Eyre
 John Morrison (JM)
 Reg Oakley (RO)
 Simon Taylor (ST)
 Katie Cullen (KC)
 Adrian Berendt (AB)

Chairman (SDC)
 Sevenoaks Town Council
 Sevenoaks Cycle Forum
 Sevenoaks Cycle Forum
 SDC Planning Officer (Policy)
 KCC Cycling Transport Planner
 Tunbridge Wells Bicycle User Group
 (TWBUG)

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32.	<p>Apologies for absence</p> <p>None received.</p>	
33.	<p>Notes from previous meeting</p> <p>Notes of the Sevenoaks Cycling Strategy Working Group on 16 August 2016 were received.</p>	
34.	<p>Matters arising/update (including actions from previous meetings)</p> <p>KCC and Cllr. Eyre have made progress on “Bikeability Training Level 3” in organising a venue. Due to a lack of funding in the present cycle, it is anticipated that the scheme could be brought forward early next year.</p> <p>The discussions about partnership working between OPC and STC to facilitate the delivery of cycling infrastructure is still ongoing.</p> <p>JM queried the use of residual S106 funds at Bat & Ball. KC would look into the amount left, noting that a Deed of Variation would be required in the money was to be spent elsewhere (as specified in the original agreement).</p>	
35.	<p>Kent Spa & Castle Ride Circular Route with Adrian Berendt (TWBUG)</p> <p>The Group welcomed AB to discuss a proposal for a new leisure route which would cross 3 local authority areas; Tonbridge and Malling, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. The circular route is being considered in partnership with KCC.</p> <p>The route will require a number of improvements to roads (in part) as well as additional signage (Appendix A & B). AB and</p>	

	<p>KC confirmed that discussions were taking place across the 3 local authority areas, as well as key landowners and stakeholders to gauge support.</p> <p>The Penshurst to Poundsbridge Lane section of the route will need to be planned, as there are a number of potential options, including a walking/cycling bridge over the River Medway, road crossing improvements and widening footpaths/bridleways to accommodate cycling use.</p> <p>The Group thanked AB for providing an overview of the scheme and discussions on how this could progress would continue following further discussions with the other local authority areas involved.</p>	
36.	<p>Cycling Strategy Route 1: East/West Cycle Route (Update)</p> <p>KC reiterated that the cost of a feasibility study for the route would cost £15,000 (2015). A revised quote for 2016 will be provided.</p> <p>It must be noted that this is the cost of feasibility for the route, not the designing of the route.</p>	
37.	<p>Cycling Strategy Route 5: Off-road Route between Oakdene Road and Otford Road via Wildfowl Reserve (Update)</p> <p>No further update was provided on this route at the meeting.</p>	
38.	<p>Cycling Strategy Route 6: Otford to Bat & Ball Cycle Route (Update)</p> <p>Revised costing for a feasibility study of the route is currently being prepared and should be provided at the JTB.</p>	
39.	<p>Sevenoaks District Cycling Strategy Review 2017 - Initial Discussions</p> <p>Initial discussions took place for the review of the Cycling Strategy including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How the progress of the Strategy will be measured; • The role of technology in cycling has evolved (i.e. e-bikes); and • How the Cycling Strategy will be updated. <p>A paper will be prepared for the JTB in March 2017 which will set out the progress to date, the process of review and outcomes. KC stated that she will include a note for the December JTB on the kinds of working that would be required for the eventual review (Appendix C).</p>	

40.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Brief discussion on the Propensity to Cycle Tool - a model that shows the potential benefits of cycling from investing at certain. The project is funded by the Department for Transport and has included more detailed modelling for Tunbridge Wells, to help TWBC with its cycling infrastructure delivery. The Tool is available at http://www.pct.bike/.</p> <p>KCC Crash data for 2016 is currently being finalised.</p>	
41.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>With the next JTB meeting on the 8th March 2017, the next meeting of the Working Group will be held provisionally on Tuesday 14th February 2017 at 10am. JM and RO advised that new representatives from the Sevenoaks Cycle Forum may attend future meetings. ST will liaise with new representatives from the Forum, and confirm the date and time of the next meeting.</p> <p>Topics for the meeting will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Routes 1 (East/West Route) • Update on Route 5 (Off road route between Oakdene Road and Otford Road via Wildfowl Reserve) and 6 (Otford to Bat & Ball) • Discussion paper on the 5 year review of the Cycling Strategy 	