

SEVENOAKS CYCLING STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

Monday 20 February 2017 at 7:00pm

Conference Room, Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks

Present:

Cllr. J. Edwards-Winser
John Morrison (JM)
Andrew Michaelides (AM)
Simon Taylor (ST)
Katie Cullen (KC)

Group Chairman (SDC)
Sevenoaks Cycle Forum
Sevenoaks Cycle Forum
SDC Planning Officer (Policy)
KCC Cycling Transport Planner

Apologies:

Cllr. A. Eyre
Neil Proudfoot
Reg Oakley

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42.	Apologies for absence See above.	
43.	Notes from previous meeting Notes of the Sevenoaks Cycling Strategy Working Group on 15 November 2016 were received.	
44.	Matters arising/update (including actions from previous meetings) Since the last meeting of the Working Group, there have been some changes in the Sevenoaks Cycling Forum membership. Following their annual meeting, Reg Oakley and John Morrison will faze themselves out as representatives for the Working Group; Andrew Michaelides and Neil Proudfoot will now attend on behalf of the Sevenoaks Cycling Forum. The Group welcomed AM to the meeting. KCC Bikeability training - £1.4m has been awarded to KCC and some of it has been allocated for improving cycling training and education by KCC Transport Innovations. Further details will be announced later in the year. ST to contact and get some details about the project. JM asked if there was any further money available from the Bat & Ball contributions to help deliver more cycling infrastructure (i.e. Route 6 Otford to the Vine). KC confirmed that the full contribution for Bat & Ball junction has now been	ST to send previous meeting notes to AM, as well as any additional information.

	<p>fully spent.</p> <p>ST updated the Group on the developments of the KCC Active Travel Strategy, following the public consultation held last year. The Strategy intends to help links relating to walking and cycling between points of interest, encouraging walking/cycling for short journeys, as well as encouraging better integration in planning future developments. It is intended that a report will be presented to the KCC Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee later this year.</p>	<p>ST to circulate the KCC papers to the Group for information (once available).</p>
45.	<p>Cycling Strategy Route 1: East/West Cycle Route (Update)</p> <p>KC informed the Group that a bid has been put in for LGF funding to get the route feasibility study up and running. Following the feasibility study, then design work can begin. The feasibility study is still expected to cost in excess of £15,000 (2015 price). Cllr. Edwards-Winsor requested further clarification on the cost for the feasibility study.</p> <p>RM suggests that the District Council contributes some money towards the feasibility work.</p> <p>In principle, the route is mainly a school route for Knole, Trinity and the grammar annex which could encourage more people to cycle to school. This part of the route would be a preferred priority over western half of the route (Riverhead to Knole Academy).</p>	<p>KC to circulate the document that was prepared by Amey.</p> <p>Cllr. Edwards-Winsor agreed to raise this at the next JTB in March.</p>
46.	<p>Cycling Strategy Route 5: Off-road Route between Oakdene Road and Otford Road via Wildfowl Reserve (Update)</p> <p>Nothing further to add from the last meeting.</p> <p>Cllr. Edwards-Winsor mentioned the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan and the potential connections for cycling and making use of the wildfowl reserve/Greatness quarry.</p>	<p>Cllr Eyre to update the Group of progress of the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan.</p>
47.	<p>Cycling Strategy Route 6: Otford to Bat & Ball Cycle Route (Update)</p> <p>KC has found money to conduct the feasibility study and the route split into two parts (Otford/Bat & Ball and Bat & Ball/The Vine). The feasibility study is now under way and should be completed by the end of March 2017.</p>	

	<p>KC discussed this proposal with colleagues at KCC Transport and Highways. Delivery and construction of the project could come through the Local Transport Plan 4, as well as any CIL from Otford Parish Council and Sevenoaks Town Council. It was noted that discussions would have to take place between the parish/town councils and KCC before anything was agreed. This could follow on from the feasibility study, and having a clearer picture of costs for route design.</p> <p>Cllr. Edwards-Winsor asked whether the route will be on the footpath between Bubblestone Road to Sainsburys. KC confirmed that it would but it was dependent on potentially moving street lights on that part of the highway as well as raising the motorway bridge parapets to improve safety. The study cannot recommend reducing speed limits and will assume the speed limits remain the same here when designed.</p> <p>JM requested a site meeting to discuss the technicalities of the route on the scheme. KC to try and arrange some contact with the Forum and Otford Parish Council to discuss the proposals.</p> <p>CIL funding was discussed and the role of the CIL Spending Board. ST updated the position of CIL Governance and how the bidding process will likely look.</p> <p>Recognition that St John's Hill will most likely be an issue as a result of this feasibility study.</p>	
48.	<p>Sevenoaks District Cycling Strategy Review 2017 - Initial Discussions</p> <p>Due to Officer time pressures and workload, a paper was not prepared for the March JTB. The Group agreed that the paper can be pushed back to a JTB later in the year. The Group agreed that the review should not be rushed but should be considered properly.</p> <p>There was a suggestion from the Sevenoaks Cycling Forum that the review of the Cycling Strategy should be handled by KCC and SDC Councillors and Officers, rather than the JTB.</p> <p>AM recalled the JTB endorsing of the Strategy in 2012. AM noted that he liked the principle but noted that there was no clear implementation of the Strategy as well as clear responsibility for delivery. These issues would need to be addressed in any future review of the Strategy.</p>	
49.	<p>AOB</p> <p>KC updated the Group on the Spa & Castle leisure route. It was recognised that a feasibility study would be required for the Penshurst to Poundsbridge section of the route. KC has</p>	<p>KC to circulate a summary of the designs/drawings</p>

	<p>made a further bid for LGF funding to facilitate this work. KC also updated the Group on work for roundabout at Marrant Court at the foot of Polhill for safety improvements. The Group requested to see the designs for the scheme for information.</p> <p>School Travel Plans -the Group could write to schools within the area to discuss producing and implementing Travel Plans.</p> <p>JM noted that work on cycling is moving quickly in Tunbridge Wells. JM suggested that a West Kent Cycling workshop could be set up to discuss cycling issues across the area and share ideas. This could include a number of Cllrs/Officers attending from Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council and Sevenoaks District Council. Representation from KCC would also be welcomed.</p>	<p>to the Group</p> <p>The Group to explore the possibility of setting up a workshop in the future.</p>
50.	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next meeting of the JTB will be held on Wednesday 14th June 2017. ST suggested that the next meeting of the Working Group should be held at the end of April. Discussions took place whether the next meeting should be held during the day or the evening. It was suggested that evening meetings could be better for Group members. • It was agreed that ST will discuss potential dates with District Cllrs. and town/parish councils to ensure that there are no clashes with other meetings. 	<p>ST to circulate potential details once a discussion with District Cllrs. and town/parish councils has taken place.</p>