

# MINUTES OF MEETING

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| <b>Title:</b>     | <b>Basingstoke Bicycle User Group</b>   |  |
| <b>Held On:</b>   | Tuesday 09 November 2010 - Calleva Room, Civic Offices  |  |
| <b>Present:</b>   | Cllr Martin Biermann (MBie)-<br>Chair<br>Tom Robison (TR)-HCC<br>Simon Green (SG)-QMC<br>Andrew Lynn (AL)-Guest of HR | Peter Smith (PS)-BDBC<br>Heather Rainbow (HR)-CTC<br>Ray Guyver (RG) |
| <b>Apologies:</b> | Ian Robertson (BDBC)<br>Martin Butler (Sustrans)  | Malcolm MacInnes (BAAG)  |

1. **MBie** opened meeting at 19:30hrs: apologies for absence as above were received and duly recorded.

## Minutes of the last meeting

2. There were no challenges to the minutes of the last meeting (as circulated) and they were duly adopted as being a true record
- 2.1 Matters arising

**MBie** advised that following his recent conversations with Peter Gunner (PG), the cycle parking provision within The Malls refurbishment scheme is being looked at post application approval. PG is looking at configurations for county to respond. MBie will update BBUG on progress.

TR updated the group on the TAP stakeholder consultation event which took place on 04 November. A good response to the invitations was recorded with some 40 people attending, many of whom made useful comments to inform further work.

Both HR (partly) and RG have submitted their section of the cycle route audit. PS to give MBie paper copies of the area previously agreed to be audited. PS highlighted that now Alan Vallis has left the group he was hoping that SG would be able to audit that area. He would discuss this separately outside of the meeting.

Top of Town permeability is still an issue for the group, in terms of pedestrian area restrictions and the lack of a suitable cycle link from Victory Roundabout to Eastrop Park. Following discussions at the last meeting it was agreed that

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**MBie**

**PS**

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| <p>a statement from this group to the TAP chair was required in an effort to resolve the situation, as using the Town Access Plan process was considered to be the most appropriate mechanism for moving the matter forward. It was agreed that HR will formally write on behalf of CTC (cc TR &amp; James Gagg [JG] at HCC) and MBie on behalf of BBUG (to TR and JG).</p> | <b>MBie/HR</b> |
| <p>Concerns regarding the design of the traffic light junction at Popley Way/Sherborne Road expressed by MBie at the last meeting to be c/f</p>   | <b>PS/IR</b>   |
| <p>RG brought further information to the meeting regarding the Faraday Road cycle route severance. PS to send GIS map and details for TR to investigate further.</p>  | <b>PS/TR</b>   |
| <p>PS presented GIS mapping of borough in response to RG request at the last meeting for a map to be provided for orientation purposes.</p>   |                |
| <p>Following a meeting with Peter Eade of HCC concerning bushes and vegetation overlapping into the Highway, MBie advised that bush pruning and other like services were shared between BDBC &amp; HCC and would update further at the next meeting with details of any associated guidance.</p>  | <b>MBie</b>    |
| <p><b>3. <u>BBUG completed/future work template development</u></b></p>   |                |
| <p>PS presented a template based on that presented by RG at the last meeting linking work in progress and completed to specific actions within the minutes. This will be circulated to group members for comment &amp; feedback at the next meeting.</p>  | <b>PS</b>      |
| <p><b>4. <u>Audit of signage on routes</u></b></p>  |                |
| <p>HR passed on comprehensive details of the work completed thus far to PS adding that it was not yet complete. She will update PS when finalised.</p>  | <b>HR</b>      |
| <p>As Alan Vallis (AV) has now resigned from the group PS hoped that SG would be able to complete the audit in the area previously agreed by AV. He would speak separately to discuss details.</p>  | <b>PS</b>      |
| <p>MBie to receive audit area details in hard copy from PS</p>  |                |
| <p><b>5. <u>Cycle thefts in Church and Cross Street areas</u></b></p>   |                |
| <p>Following representations from local councillors, Police have identified an increase in cycle theft in and around the above parking locations; however CCTV images have been obscured by the covers protecting the stands. They have asked for the covers to be removed to enable better</p>   |                |

identification of offenders. Issues surrounding the removal of the covers were discussed and the group was unanimous in their view that they should remain in place. As this is the only covered location close to Festival Place and the Town Centre: if made open would be seen as a deterrent to cyclists rather than an 'attractive' parking location. Alternative solutions were: more visible policing at these locations or the moving of the camera to a more suitable position. PS to feed this view back to Richard Wareham.

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## 6. Popley cycle counter locations

PS presented information on suggested locations for two new cycle counters in Popley (two potential locations had been identified on Carpenters Down and one on Popley Way). It was agreed that the site on Popley Way would be suitable but a decision could not be reached on a second site on Carpenters Down and it was agreed that this matter be re examined at the next meeting.

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## 7. Cycle Counter data

PS presented the latest cycle counter information agreeing to include the previous months ranking table within future presentations for comparison.

PS

It was felt that the Beggarwood Lane (low counts) and Eastrop Park (at the wrong location) Cycle counters should be considered for re-location.

## 8. AOB

HR advised that she had had many complaints regarding the visibility of road names on the cycle map. PS explained that due to licence issues the web version was deliberately displayed this way which is why a (clearer) printed version was available. However when the map goes to print again a different solution would be considered.

HR questioned why the footway improvements on the Winchester Road (east of Hill View Road to the roundabout) had not provided cycle route signage. PS advised that this was not a cycle route but would check the status of this part of the footway.

PS raised the issue of an agreed footway/cycle route at Park Prewett Barn being diverted through a new development car park and across a road junction (BDB/73027) as highlighted to him by Senior Highways Engineer Owen Pocock (OP). He asked for the groups view on this, which was unanimous in its objection. PS to advise OP of the groups view and include on agenda for next meeting to report back on the situation.

PS

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**The meeting was closed at 21:50hrs**

**Date of next meeting TBA – 19:00hrs Calleva Room**