

MINUTES OF MEETING

Title: Basingstoke Bicycle User Group

Held On: Tuesday 22 February 2011

Present:	Cllr Martin Biermann (MBie) Chair Peter Smith (PS) BDBC Tom Robison (TR) HCC James Gagg (JG) HCC	Malcolm MacInnes (MMI) BAAG Heather Rainbow (HR) CTC Simon Green (SG) QMC Andrew Lynn (AL)
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Apologies:	Ray Guyver Catriona Hamilton Ian Robertson	
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1. **Mbie** opened meeting at 19:10hrs and apologies for absence from Ian Robertson, Catriona Hamilton and Ray Guyver were taken.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

There were no challenges to the minutes of the last meeting (as circulated) and they were adopted as being a true record.

As JG was unable to stay for the whole meeting Mbie proposed that the meeting proceeded in a different order from that on the agenda

3. **TAP update**

JG explained that generally funding from central government was not very generous, but the situation in Basingstoke & Deane is more positive due to the level of contributions being received through section 106 agreements enabling more infrastructure improvements to take place.

It was noted that the comments made by HR at the TAP stakeholder consultation were made on behalf of CTC rather than BBUG as Mbie was representing this group. JG went through HR comments and confirmed her submissions covered the views of both groups. All comments from the consultation had been fed back to the TAP steering group in January. Next steps will be the formulation of a draft action plan pulling together issues identified. JG explained that many issues had been recognised through the process to date and consideration was being given to see what could be delivered in the short term (e.g. Top of Town access for cyclists through the

pedestrian zone would be problematic due to councillor opinion but cross town connectivity via Churchill Way West may be more possible) as it was recognised that not all options identified would be able to be delivered. In terms of access through the Top of Town HR asked if any accident statistics were available and MBie questioned if a TRO was in force. AL asked if it would be possible to introduce a cycle path along New Road but it was considered this may not be possible due to footway and carriageway widths. JG advised that the TAP was not a formal decision making body but a steering group appointed to guide and advise on the TAP process. The Stage 2 report from the TAP officer group is due to be presented to the Executive Member at HCC (Cllr Kendall) in April this year which will confirm agreement to hold a public consultation in June. This has provisionally been booked in Festival Place for 24th and 25th. This forum will provide an opportunity for any further representations from BBUG to be taken into consideration.

Mbie asked for a summary of comments collected at the stakeholder consultation to be provided. JG advised that he would prepare a document for presentation at the next BBUG meeting. Mbie questioned the involvement of the TAP group in the Malls refurbishment as he was concerned that the project is well underway and no improvements to the proposed cycle parking facilities seem to have been agreed (ref BBUG minutes 16/02/2010). Cycle parking currently by The Anvil is recognised as being under utilised and could be relocated. JG agreed that there may be scope to include cycle parking provision improvements within the TAP under the heading of 'short term deliverability'.

JG

MMI suggested looking at potential locations for cycle parking facilities. MMI to contact TR with potential dates for site visits to ascertain suitable on street locations.

MMI/TR

TR gave an update on works associated with the Eli Lilly application site in Kingsclere Road, stating that the developer would be undertaking improvements along the Kingsclere Road/Chapel Hill route and HCC would be dealing with improvements south of Winterthur Way which will include a shared use facility on the north side, at grade crossing and filling in of subway and associated ground works. However he advised caution as he envisaged works not starting for at least a year.

4. **Agenda item 2(a) Matters arising from minutes of last meeting**

2.1 Mbie reported that he has not heard anything more from Peter Gunner in respect of the cycle parking provision in The Malls and expects that the issue has not moved on: he will continue to liaise.

Mbie

Concerns ref the traffic light junction at Popley Way/Don Allen Drive continues. c/f to next meeting for possible inclusion on list of schemes for future improvement.

PS/TR to visit Faraday Rd cycle path to progress possible adoption

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<p>as a route link. HR requested they visit West Ham Leisure Park to investigate issue around dangerous kerb.</p>	TR/PS
<p>Mbie to update group on guidance on shrub pruning activities shared between HCC and BDBC following meeting with Peter Eade.</p>	Mbie
<p>Completed/Future work template update: - It was agreed that PS would produce this as a document that could be circulated at meetings as a paper copy or electronically as required.</p>	
<p>5 HR asked questions regarding the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) bid by HCC and advised that CTC is available to assist in contributing if required. JG explained that HCC are still in the early stages of putting something together and how contributors would be able to tap into the bid was still unclear. A meeting has only just been organised for interested parties next Thursday (3 March) where hopefully a programme of work would be agreed. HR asked for assurance that the scheme would deliver better cycle infrastructure / improvements and was concerned that the Local Economic Partnership would have a disproportionate input. JG reassured by explaining that as timescales were short to secure the bid, this could not happen as the LSTF is committed to directing funds towards local sustainable travel modes that will make a difference, and is primarily asking for engagement from community groups in particular to see in what capacity they are able to support the bid. He directed her to the DfT website if more details were required.</p>	
<p>6 (recorded as item 3 on agenda) <u>CTC submission to LDF/SHLAA consultation</u></p> <p>HR gave update on above submission which essentially stated that CTC '<i>objected strongly to the increase in housing because inadequate provision is given to infrastructure which enables cycling</i>'. She has written a draft cycle policy which has been circulated to the group and well received. The next steps will be to formulate this into a document which can be adopted. All to send tracked changes and comments to PS who will update into one document.</p> <p>Mbie thanked HR for her work on this document.</p>	All PS
<p>7 (recorded as item 6 on agenda) <u>BDB/73027 application update</u></p> <p>PS reported that this application has been refused and that Owen Pocock in Highways DC had commented on the unacceptable conflict this caused between non and motorised users. Mbie wished to pass on formal thanks from the group for Owen's comments</p>	PS
<p>8 (recorded as item 7 on agenda) <u>Audit of cycle routes</u></p> <p>PS confirmed that he had responses from HR and RG but was not expecting more until the Spring due to the inclement weather</p>	

9 (recorded as item 8 on agenda) **Cycle Counter information**

Now that a full year's data had been received, PS advised that he would use this information as a base-line for subsequent years' analysis.

10 (recorded as item 9 on agenda) **Proposal for regular agenda item**

This item was presented by PS in the absence of RG who proposed that a regular item on the agenda be a report on cycle route changes or new routes proposed. This item is carried forward to the next meeting when a volunteer will be asked for so that evidence can be gathered and a worksheet compiled.

C/F

11 (recorded as item 10 on agenda) **North Popley Cycle counter locations**

After a good deal of discussion it was agreed by the group that the most suitable location would be on Popley Way close to the Church and before the junction of Crockford Lane. TR to organise installation

TR

AOB

TR offered to present as a regular agenda item any updates to current schemes. He reported that Oakley cycleway is now close to approval and funding has been secured. Delivery is expected during spring 2011. Golden Lion improvements will start in April and will include shared use connections on the north side of Grove Road and pedestrian improvements on the north with an additional crossing at the roundabout.

SG asked for suggestions that might help him in the presentation of the QMC bike week. HR suggested the national bike week web site would be the best starting point.

MMI asked re the possibility of a route through Chineham Tesco → Sherfield-on-Loddon. MMI to give sketch of route to Mbie so he can see exactly what route he is proposing.

MMI

AL expressed concern re the visibility of the Basing Road Barrier at night. PS offered to speak with Stuart Piggott to see what can be done.

PS

HR requested an agenda item on maps for the next meeting.

PS

The meeting was closed at 22:15hrs

Date of next meeting 28 June 2011

19:00hrs Calleva Room