

Notes of meeting of the Test Valley Bicycle User Group Council Offices Romsey at 3.00pm on 4th July 2012

Present:

Eric Reed	Eastleigh Borough Council
Angela Rackham	CTC
Mike Bunce	CTC
Lindsay Bluemel	CTC
Eleanor Wilde	CTC
Jim Probert	Cycling solutions CIC
Vivien Messenger	TVBC

Apologies:

Edith Lux	Transition Town Andover
Paul Hamilton	Sustrans
Sarah Walker	Cycling Development Officer HCC
Dale Bostock	Southampton City Council
Nick Farthing	Sustrans
John Heath	CTC

		Action
1	<p>Welcome and introductions</p> <p>VM welcomed everyone to meeting and introductions were given. Paul Hamilton had sent apologies and explained that he was moving to cover the Winchester area in future. VM expressed thanks for his previous involvement with the group</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of previous meeting</p> <p>Minutes of the previous meeting held on 12th May 2011 and November 2011 were discussed. These have been posted on Test Valley Website. VM explained the role of the Cycling Development officer Sarah Walker whose post is funded by the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) covering northern Hampshire, including Andover. Although not directly covering the southern part of Test Valley, will learn from the experience and if possible extend more successful elements of the scheme.</p>	
3	<p>Progress report on cycle routes and cycling promotion</p> <p><u>Lee Lane</u> A new informal crossing point near the junction of Lee Lane with A27 south of Romsey was built whilst the road was closed for the bridge upgrade earlier this year.</p> <p>There was approval of the new crossing from the group but some concerns were raised that cyclists would not wish to use the footpath and so could not easily access the crossing from the north. VM said that the rest of route between there and the Rapids would follow once funding is available.</p> <p><u>NCN 246</u> The new route has been signposted by Sustrans</p>	

	<p>Provision of an off road section at Stockbridge to link the two parts of the Test Way started in January 2012 and was completed in early June. It was opened by the Mayor on 23rd June 2012. The route was primarily funded by Sustrans using Connect2 heritage lottery grant money.</p> <p>Another new link by Fullerton enabling cyclists to cross without using the bridge on the busy A3057 will be provided as part of the scheme at the end of this year. There will also be some improvements to the surfacing along the bridleway between Stockbridge and Fullerton with some funding from Sustrans.</p> <p>A portrait bench is due to be provided by March next year as part of the scheme with the local community involved in selecting the figures for it. There will then be an official opening event of it as a Connect 2 scheme.</p> <p><u>Abbotswood</u> There will be further improvements to walking and cycling routes in Romsey as part of the Abbotswood development including improving the walking and cycling links to Cupernham schools.</p> <p>A manned public exhibition on traffic calming measures in Woodley Lane, School Road and Braishfield Road will be held on 17th July at Woodley Hall and later be on display on the Council's website and in the Council reception at Duttons Road until 3rd August 2012 with comments on the schemes welcomed by that date.</p> <p>MB expressed concern that any traffic calming measures should provide adequately for cyclists.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>Cycle maps</p> <p>The walking and Cycling maps for the main urban areas within the Borough have been very popular and there are very few left for Andover and Romsey. Some funding has been identified to reprint the Andover maps and work is now being undertaken to update these. When funding becomes available the other maps will also be reprinted and in the meantime all of the maps will be revised on the web this summer.</p> <p>Request that any comments on updates for the maps be sent to vmessenger@testvalley.gov.uk</p>	<p>VM</p> <p>All</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Feedback on implemented routes and possible new routes</p> <p>JP raised concerns about access for cyclists by the B&Q roundabout and suggested a link between Lee Lane and Test Way enabling them to avoid the roundabout. ER said in time it is hoped the NCN246 could be extended to Eling using this route.</p> <p>MB pointed out there were two areas on the cycle route between Lee Lane and Nursling Street where dropped kerbs would be of benefit to cyclists, one at Nursling Street by the pub and the other linking into the industrial estate on Oriana Way.</p>	

	<p>LB felt that signage for cyclists on the route into Andover from the Clatfords could be improved.</p> <p>MB considered it would be advantageous to cyclists if the stile at Nursling Mill could be replaced to let the route be accessible to cyclists. It is one of the few routes linking towards the New Forest.</p> <p>AR would like to see implementation of a route at Pauncefoot Hill to assist cyclists potentially using part of the dual carriageway to provide a cycle route. This is an important link to Wellow and the New Forest.</p> <p>EW felt that there was a need for the link between North Baddesley and Chilworth to be provided to give a safe off road route for cyclists. VM said that there was some feasibility work carried out in relation to NCN24 between Firgrove Road and Castle Lane in North Baddesley and there may be more work undertaken to extend this further to Chilworth Golf Course. This could then enable cyclists to use the back road to Chilworth until funding becomes available for the rest of the route.</p> <p>EW would like to see the route provided connecting the sports centre in Southampton with Chilworth since this would be a valuable link for cyclists. The potential use of the private road opposite Hoe Lane by cyclists was also seen as a valuable link.</p> <p>ER reported that Eastleigh Borough Council had put in the route on Templars Way and were hoping in future to link to Fred Woolley House from Bracken Place. It was also hoped to extend the cycle route from Flexford Bridge to Millers dale although it could be challenging to find an economic scheme. Eastleigh and Southampton destination patches are to be added on NCN routes.</p>	
6	<p>Update on Access Plans</p> <p>The Andover Town Access Plan and Test Valley Access Plan have recently been revised and adopted as Supplementary Planning documents. The documents can be viewed on the Test Valley website at www.testvalley.gov.uk (planning, planning policy and transport using the following links:</p> <p>http://www.testvalley.gov.uk/resident/planningandbuildingcontrol/planningpolicy/local-development-framework/supplementary-planning-documents/</p>	
7	<p>Any other business</p> <p>Pot holes on the route south east of Broughton have been reported to Hampshire County Council. There is a form for reporting issues such as this on their website.</p>	
8	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>The next meeting will be held in Andover at Beech Hurst at 3.00pm on Thursday 11th October 2012. The date, time and venue of the next meeting for Romsey to be confirmed later. VM to arrange.</p>	VM