

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting

Monday 17th January 2022

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Smith, Cllr Vernon;	Cllr VS	Member
Gray, Cllr David;	Cllr DG	Member
Drew, Cllr David – representing Bloxsom, Cllr John;	Cllr DD	Member's sub
Cody, Cllr Cate;	Cllr CC	Member
Willingham, Cllr David;	Cllr DW	Member
Ainslie, Imogen;	IA	Observer
Radford-Hancock, Stephen;	SRH	Observer
Chick, Colin;	CC	Officer
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer
Senft-Hayward, Luisa;	LSH	Officer
Williams, Sarah;	SW	Officer

Apologies:

Bloxsom, Cllr John;	Cllr JB	Member
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer
Haworth, Kathryn;	KH	Officer
Shibli, Emma;	ES	Officer

1.0 Introductions

Nigel Moor welcomed the group and stated that impressive steps forward have been taken in the recent year for cycling in Gloucestershire. CAG will act as a critical friend to support Gloucestershire in its journey to increase numbers of cycling further.

The agenda items were outlined.

2.0 Draft Terms of Reference (ToR)

Cllr CC expressed a lack of representation for Tewkesbury. Tewkesbury Comprehensive will be invited to share a representative at the group with other education providers. Tewkesbury and Cheltenham Cycle campaign will also be asked to propose a Tewkesbury representative.

Some concern was expressed that the ToR wording did not allow for constructive opposition under section 5, Roles and Responsibilities. While the ToR was directed at attendees as opposed to Cllrs, the following amendment will be made:

- *publicly supporting new cycling schemes, **barring constructive political opposition***
- *~~publicly~~ supporting improvements to cycling schemes **as a critical friend***

3.0 CAG membership

It was generally agreed that numbers should be kept down to ensure efficient decision making. Each district authority will be invited to send one officer representative. Cycling clubs will be approached to determine the possibility of collective representatives, to keep numbers down but inclusion high. E.g. one representative per district.

ACTION: SW to write to proposed attendees

Cllr DW suggested that specific projects might warrant one off invitations to a relevant meeting.

4.0 Summary of current projects (and future agenda items)

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
B4063 implementation update	Design - Design complete for section from M5 overbridge to Arle Court. - Detailed design being currently progressed between M5 overbridge to Elmbridge through Churchdown. - Outline plans being reviewed for section from Elmbridge into Gloucester, including Estcourt Road Roundabout. Consultation - Consultation for section from Elmbridge to Arle Court completed March 2021. Feedback being incorporated into detailed designs. Updated plans to be shown on website shortly. - Next phase of consultation for Elmbridge to Estcourt Road Roundabout later this year, once preferred solution for Estcourt Road Roundabout identified. Construction - Works are currently on site on the first phase between M5 overbridge to Pheasant Lane. - Next phase between Pheasant Lane to Arle Court roundabout linking first section to the WCTIS scheme due to start on site in Spring 2022. - Phasing work underway to programme the construction of the remaining phases in line with programme and funding constraints.
Successful LUF bid	The County Council have successfully secured £12.822 million of funding to support the levelling up agenda to encourage development and support active travel within the County, as a result the following parts of the bid are now fully funded: The first part of the bid is the Gloucester Cycle Spine which will build on extending the already secured B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Improvements Scheme extending the route from the hospital through Gloucester City Centre and connecting with the Gloucester to Sharpness Canal Towpath and providing links to Gloucester College, Gloucester Train Station and Gloucester Transport Hub alongside major employment centres. The second part of the bid at Llanthony Road Gloucester South West Bypass will upgrade cycle provision along the bypass as well as moving traffic from the City Centre onto the bypass and therefore free up space for sustainable transport modes along the Gloucester Cycle Spine.
Cycle infrastructure schemes in development	Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements – This scheme is awaiting a funding decision as part of the DfT Tranche 3 Active Travel Fund Bid. The scheme was developed to concept design as part of the bid and further funds are now available to develop the scheme further. Some elements of the scheme are currently being delivered as part of the A435 Junction Improvements at Hyde Lane/Sotham Lane junction. West Cheltenham Walking and Cycling Improvements – The first phase of the walking and cycling improvements are currently being delivered between Arle Court and Lansdown Rail bridge with this phase of works expected to be completed in Spring 2022. Further phases of works are currently being finalised including Hubble Road and enhancements on the quietways route, with this phase of works expected to start in Spring 2022. A419 Highway Improvements – Scheme substantially completed, but with further cycleway enhancements completed in November 2021 at Downton Road Junction

	and further cycleway enhancements planned later in 2022 for Horsetrough Roundabout.
LCWIP development update	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs) - provide a strategic approach to identifying cycling and walking improvements required at the local level. They enable a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks, ideally over a 10-year period, and form a vital part of the Government's strategy to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle. <u>Stroud and Tewkesbury</u> Plans were developed in 2020/21 with a view to publish by the end of the year. However, Sustrans were unable to review the plans as previously agreed due to other commitments. Walking proposals are being sense checked by Streets Reimagined. Atkins will check cycling proposals are compliant with national design guidance; LTN 1/20. <u>Cirencester and Cam & Dursley</u> Using a data led approach, Atkins have developed draft networks in each of the locations and shared these with CDC and SDC officers for comment. The revised draft will be consulted upon with stakeholders shortly. <u>County wide cycleways</u> Gloucestershire want to develop a county wide network of strategic corridors that scale up the LCWIP process and link the county's settlements and more rural districts with cycling infrastructure. 3 x submissions were received to a request for quotations. There are being reviewed to identify a successful provider to identify preferred routes for assessment and prioritisation, produce a technical document with recommendations and a costed programme of works over the coming year.
Thinktravel	<u>Bikeability Cycle Training</u> So far in this financial year we have delivered Level 1 & 2 Bikeability training to 3699 children in Primary Schools and Level 3 Bikeability training to 315 young people in secondary schools. We have increased our team size over the last 6 months and now have 30 instructors currently delivering Bikeability in schools across the county. This is allowing us to increase the number of schools we deliver Bikeability training at. To encourage more secondary school pupils to cycle to school, we are running L3 Bikeability Courses during February half Term at Severn Vale School in Gloucester and Cheltenham Bournside School. These courses are available to pupils in Year 6, 7 and 8 at all schools in the local area. <u>Other Cycling Projects</u> We are working with Goals Beyond Grass to deliver inclusive cycling days at special provision schools in Cirencester, the Forest of Dean, Gloucester and Cheltenham in May and June. In partnership with District councils, we are planning to put on events in Cirencester, Cheltenham, Gloucester and Stroud to promote making journeys by bike in June and July. To increase awareness of the new B4063 Cheltenham to Gloucester cycle path and to embolden more people to commute by bike we are offering adult cycle training to staff at business along the route. We are continuing to support the School Streets initiative through Bikeability cycling training for pupils and also planned Friday morning cycling training

	sessions for parents at Warden Hill Primary School. For more information on school streets follow this link https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/road-safety/school-streets-scheme-trial/ . We are finalizing plans to run Dr Bike Fix sessions at schools in Cheltenham and Gloucester this spring. During a Dr Bike fix, a fully qualified bike mechanic services pupils bikes free of charge making sure they are road worthy and ready to ride. The Think Travel website is currently being upgraded and improved with a new website being launched shortly.
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B4063: AB shared a plan showing the route in its entirety. Consultation on the eastern part of the route was completed in spring last year. As a result, a number of design changes were made and critical friends invited to ensure we are fully LTN1/20 compliant¹. Work is ongoing to minimise impact on other road users, specifically bus users.

Average speed cameras are in the process of being introduced on the Eastern-most extent of the scheme to enforce a reduction in speed limits as existing policy does not support speed reductions unless they are enforced.

Cllr DW asked if there was any work to make the old A38 safer (mostly good, but has some pinch points, e.g. at large roundabouts). AB advised that GCC are attempting to create a continuous cycle route and are considering best possible options to take it further south.

Cllr. Cody: requested sight of the plans for Escourt to Elmbridge. AB advised that we need to tackle one section at a time and consultation is anticipated on the West part of the route later in 2022. We will make sure the information is shared as soon as it is available. Consultation has been completed on the eastern part of the route and plans are available on the project website: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/major-projects-list/b4063-gloucester-to-cheltenham-cycle-improvements-scheme/>

LUF: Cllr. D.W asked what is proposed under the railway bridge and at the traffic lights at the western extent of London Road approaching Black Dog Way. CC advised that signals may be required at Great Western Road Junction to get cyclists ahead of the cars and get them through the bridge ahead of motorised vehicles. It is not going to be easy and will require traffic engineering.

LCWIP: Cllr CC asked about links to the Forest of Dean and rural Tewkesbury. The county cycleways will address this are. LCWIPS have also looked at cycle connectivity to rail and bus transport hubs.

5.0 AOB

Items for next meeting:

- Cllr DW: quick wins? E.g. making drivers more aware that they should expect cyclists, e.g. through advanced stop lines? What can be done at traffic lights to give cyclists more leeway?
- Cllr DW: better signage at road closures - need to try to keep a link open for cyclists and pedestrians. CC asked AB and PW to take this action to their teams.
- Cllr CC: promotion of new highway code changes: Dutch grip and road user hierarchy.

Date of next meeting:

- Monday 25th April 2022 @ 14:00

¹ Local Transport Note 1/20 Cycle Infrastructure Design:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/cycle-infrastructure-design-ltn-120>