

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting
Monday 25th April 2022

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Bloxsom, Cllr John;	Cllr JB	Member
Gray, Cllr David;	Cllr DG	Member
Cody, Cllr Cate;	Cllr CC	Member
Willingham, Cllr David;	Cllr DW	Member
Ainslie, Imogen;	IA	Observer
Radford-Hancock, Stephen;	SRH	Observer
Humm, Jason	JH	Officer
Haworth, Kathryn;	KH	Officer
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Shibli, Emma;	ES	Officer
Senft-Hayward, Luisa;	LSH	Officer
Williams, Sarah;	SW	Officer
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer
Anne Johns	AJ	Officer

Apologies:

Smith, Cllr Vernon;	Cllr VS	Member
Chick, Colin;	CC	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer

1.0 Minutes

Nigel Moor summarised the minutes. The meeting notes were agreed. The agenda items were outlined.

2.0 Terms of Reference (ToR)

We now have a set of agreed Terms of Reference

3.0 CAG membership meeting and forum proposal

Following the previous meeting, it is agreed no groups should be excluded. However, there are concerns about the size of the meeting and its management. Therefore propose to create:

1. The strategic CAG meeting (as per current attendees)
2. An annual cycle forum which invites representatives, wider stakeholders and topic-specific experts

The consensus is that this is sensible and practical; and will include from time to time,

- schemes discussion;
- practical site visits by cycle;

- care over inclusivity, including broad consultation

4.0 Summary of current projects (and future agenda items)

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
B4063 implementation update	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 compliant. Work is ongoing to minimise impact on other road users, specifically bus users. Next phase of consultation for Elmbridge to Estcourt Road Roundabout later this year, once preferred solution for Estcourt Road Roundabout identified. Works are on site on first phase between M5 overbridge to Pheasant Lane. Next phase [Pheasant Lane to Arle Court roundabout] linking first section to the WCTIS scheme due to start on site in Spring 2022. Phasing workplan underway to construct the remaining phases in line with programme and funding constraints. Average speed cameras are being introduced on the Eastern-most extent of the scheme to enforce a speed limit reduction 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 at pinchpoints (including large roundabouts). AB advised that GCC are aiming to create a continuous cycle route further south and are considering best possible options. Cllr. Cody: requested sight of the plans for Estcourt to Elmbridge. AB advised that we will deliver one section at a time. Consultation is anticipated on the west part of the route in 2022. We will make sure the information is shared as soon as it is available. Consultation has 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/
Successful LUF bid	<i>The County Council successfully secured £12.822 million of funding to support the levelling up agenda to encourage development and support active travel within the County.</i> 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 motorised traffic and through the bridge ahead as a priority. It is not straightforward; it will require traffic engineering and possible re-routing of traffic. 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. Optioneering work at early stages for schemes to be included in the 2022 Stroud District Council LUF bid. GCC/SDC meeting 26 April and MP meeting on 27 April re. putting Stroud cycle/ LCWIP infrastructure improvements forward to LUF.
Cycle infrastructure schemes in development	Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements – This scheme has secured significant funding the details of which will follow. It was submitted as part of the DfT Tranche 3 Active Travel Fund Bid. Some elements of the scheme are currently being delivered as part of the A435 Junction Improvements at Hyde Lane/Southam Lane junction. West Cheltenham Walking and Cycling Improvements – The first phase of the walking and cycling improvements are 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 being finalised including Hubble Road and enhancements on the quietways route. This will be officially opened with the LEP in June 2022. B4062 Pheasant lane cycle diversion route: Need to consider potholes/ gravel. Debris on track can put cyclists at significant risk. Poor lighting at Elmbridge underpass has been discussed with National Highways. SW to report back on discussion outcome. A419 Highway Improvements – Scheme substantially completed, with further cycleway enhancements added in November 2021 at Downton Road Junction and more planned later in 2022 for Horsetrough Roundabout. These additional measures have been incorporated following concerns from cycle groups. ACTION: AB and SW to share plans with these minutes (see attachment) ACTION: AB to update group re. timescales PW said the quality of the cycle infrastructure as part of WCTIS, and starting on the B4063, is of the same quality as in London or other Major cities in the UK. A huge achievement by the team and Alan Bullock. Mini-Holland Scheme - is being developed for areas in Cheltenham in vicinity of Honeybourne Line. AJ gave an update on smaller scale improvement projects including signage and some design to LTN 1/20 standard JA updated on capability fund implementation, including data collection and workplace/school travel plans.
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>Overarching Cycling Infrastructure Plan</u> Sustrans were commissioned to look at in excess of 20 corridors countywide. Propose now to develop 10 of them to feasibility and detailed design. The Overarching Cycle Infrastructure Plan will also help to develop a Gloucestershire interpretation of LTN 1/20 for rural areas.

	<u>Stroud</u> Corridor between Stroud and Gloucester is highlighted as an LCWIP study area, to be addressed as part of our countywide cycle infrastructure plan. Phase 1 identify alignment of this and other inter-urban corridors. We will do this following the DfT guidance on LCWIP development, including consultation. Concern that the route along the canal is more multi-use leisure route than a cycle spine. Cainscross Rd corridor is included in Stroud LCWIP and will be supplemented by CIL funded feasibility study ACTION: SW and AB to update on underpass at Dr. Newton Way in Stroud as well as the 'missing link' between the town centre and the cycle route to Nailsworth. There is a proposal to re-locate bollards to slow cyclists down. Sarah to speak to Local Highways Manager and provide update <u>Tewkesbury</u> Tewkesbury LCWIP will be published shortly. Delay to publication is due to having to review them in line with LTN 1/20 <u>Cirencester and Cam & Dursley</u> 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 submissions were received to a request for quotations and are being considered. This commission will seek to identify preferred routes for assessment and prioritisation, produce a technical document with recommendations and a costed programme of works over the coming year. Stakeholder workshop planned for June to discuss LTN 1/20 interpretation for rural Gloucestershire <u>CSV LCWIP</u> Secured significant funding. DfT made it clear that LCWIPs are a pre-condition for successful funding bids.
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5.0 AOB

Tour of Britain:

Cllr Codie asked What are we doing to promote the tour? Can we bring something to all Districts for this? JA explained the engagement initiatives are underway via the ThinkTravel Team – with schools, businesses and individuals. JH said route inspections and repairs are being carried out on the Tour Route in recognition of its national profile.

The consensus was that planning and delivery is underway; links will be made to events such as Queen's Jubilee in June; support for Women's Race – CC advised attention over promotional literature and images in terms of positive inclusivity.

Timescales are very tight. Project manager to start this week. JH to put new project manager in touch with Cllr. Codie

Active Travel England

PW explained that ATE was established this month will formally start work later this week. Aim: 50% of all trips to be made by walking and cycling and will be statutory consultee in development process.

Cross boundary working There is work being done for a cross boundary cycle infrastructure plan through the Western Gateway. – make this a regular agenda item from hereon.

We also talk to neighbouring authorities e.g. through LTP consultations

Items for next meeting:

- Funding bids
- LCWIP
- Feedback from tour of Britain
- Active Travel England update
- Cross boundary work
- Update on Wallbridge proposals (Cllr Bloxsom requested)
- Update on road safety policy from PW (Cllr Bloxsom requested)

Date of next meeting: 18 July 2022 2-4 pm

