

## Gloucestershire Cycling Forum Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

### Attendees

Nigel Moor	Chair
Superintendent Paul Keasey	Gloucestershire Constabulary
David Holland	Gloucestershire Constabulary
Alban Luffman	Sustrans
Neil Hopwood	Gfirst LEP
Cllr Cody	
Cllr Bloxsom	
Cllr Gray	
David Ingleby	Gloucester City Council
Nick Murray	Forest of Dean District Council
Simon Maher	Stroud District Council
Kath Haworth	GCC
Alan Bullock	GCC
Alex Haworth	GCC
Simon Excell	GCC
Colin Chick	GCC
Philip Williams	GCC
Imogen Ainslie	Political research assistant
James Jackson	Atkins

- Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Cycle Campaign
- Newent Cycle Group
- Gloucester City Cycle Club
- Gloucestershire Climate Action Network
- Access Bike
- Members of the public

### Apologies

Cllr Willingham  
Hannah Fountain – Cotswold District Council  
Ollie Hazel - GCC  
Jo Atkins - GCC

#### **1 Welcome & Introductions**

Nigel Moor introduced himself as Chair, recognised Gloucestershire's recent success in securing just over £0.5m from the Capability and Ambition Fund, and welcomed attendees.

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#### **2 Voting nominees onto CAG**

- Attendees were asked to vote for 2 of the 4 candidates by email, to [sarah.williams3@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.williams3@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Post forum note - An email was sent requesting 2 votes per organisation, with a reminder asking that all votes be sent by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

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### 3 Gloucestershire Constabulary

- Superintendent Paul Keasey introduced himself.
- Moving forward, Gloucestershire Constabulary and partners will be reinstating a Road Safety Partnership in Gloucestershire.
- An operational delivery board will meet quarterly.
- The partnership will improve operational effectiveness to improve safety by developing a strategic approach.
- A draft approach has been written and a lead officer is being sought to take things forward. Initial objectives for consideration are:
  - Governance
  - Cyclist vulnerability
  - The public as a partner
  - Technology
  - Casualty reduction
  - Highway code promotion
- The board will complement the cycling forum.

There followed some discussion over a perceived reluctance of the constabulary to agree to speed reductions. Supt. Keasey committed to ensure this was not the case.

Cllr Cody stressed the importance of reporting near misses so that data exists to inform future solutions to cyclist vulnerability.

It was agreed that the Constabulary and County council need to work collaboratively to reduce speeds and improve safety on our highways.

Supt. Keasey can be contacted at [Paul.Keasey@gloucestershire.police.uk](mailto:Paul.Keasey@gloucestershire.police.uk)

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### 4 The role of cycling in our economy

- Neil Hopwood introduced himself and talked about the role of the LEP
- The presentation 'The role of cycling in our economy' can be viewed at [www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CAG](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/CAG)
- The LEP confirmed that they see high quality cycling infrastructure and good active travel options as an important factor in making Gloucestershire a 'magnet' county both for talent and inward investment.

The importance of retaining younger people in the county was discussed by ensuring travel choices and flexibility to make Gloucestershire 'relevant'.

Cllr Gray emphasised the importance of GCC's ambition to draw green business into the county to attract and retain talent through the lifestyle Gloucestershire wants to offer.

Some discussion was held on the distance of many residents from existing schemes. Finite resources were highlighted. In addition, the cycle spine is just

the beginning of Gloucestershire's ambitions for cycling and active travel across the county.

Better intermodal connectivity was also discussed as well as the low number of Gen Z licence holders.

GCC and the LEP have just started a review of the Gloucestershire Economic Plan, which will now also encompass the Local Industrial strategy, (previously a separate document). Access will be one of a number of key drivers in the plan, emphasising cycling as a key economic driver.

## **5 Funding updates**

Alan Bullock confirmed that Gloucestershire were successful in securing £462,000 from the Capability and Ambition Fund, as well as being awarded a further 10% at the discretion of Active Travel England.

Maintenance was questioned. It was confirmed that a lot of detailed discussion has taken place and a strategy is developing.

Active Travel Fund 3 Change Control and Active Travel Fund 4 decision is under embargo and an announcement is expected to be announced later in May regarding allocations, Colin Chick commented that he was highly encouraged by the outcome from a Gloucestershire perspective.

## **6 Topics for discussion at the next forum**

- Pop up stands to update on projects.
- Present and go through data on young people leaving the county.
- Cycling policy (once LTP guidance received).
- Promotion of the highway Code.
- Casualty data plots.
- Sustrans quietways.
- 20 mph case study (what does success look like?).

## **7 Date of next meeting & AOB**

Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2-4, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester