

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 14th March 2023

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Bloxsom, Cllr John;	JB	Member
Cody, Cllr Cate;	CC	Member
Willingham, Cllr David;	DW	Member
Chick, Colin;	CCh	Officer
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer
Williams, Sarah;	SW	Officer
Ellicott, Priti	PE	Officer
Johns, Anne	AJ	Officer
Humm, Jason	JH	Officer
Ollie, Hazel	OH	Officer

Apologies

Bace, Stephen;	SB	Officer
Cobbett, Tom;	TC	Observer
Haworth, Kathryn;	KH	Officer
Marshall, Tracy	TM	Officer
Ainslie, Imogen;	IA	Observer
Senft-Hayward, Luisa;	LSH	Officer
Morris, Cllr Dominic;	DM	Member
Gray, Cllr David;	DG	Member
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer

1.0 Welcome and apologies

A minutes silence was help in memory of Cllrs Theodoulou and Awford who both passed recently.

2.0 Minutes of 17 January 2022

Minutes agreed.

3.0 April Cycling Forum

To date, 4 people have submitted an application to represent the Cycling Forum on CAG. These will be anonymised and shared with Forum attendees so that they can vote for representatives at the April forum.

Cheltenham & Tewkesbury Cycle Campaign (C&TCC) requested a place on CAG by right. The unique perspective of some members of the C&TCC was recognised but the group but it was felt that anyone representing the forum must be held to the same standard or democratic election as any other representatives from the forum.

PW clarified that C&TCC want to be involved with formative discussions.

SW advised that CAG do not have these discussions and are probably not the right group as they are not a decision making body.

Discussion was held on the lack on underrepresented groups at the forum.

CC advised contact with Bex Mountford, a vocal and recognised advocate of cycling.

Action: SW to share summary of Forum attendee applications to represent the group at CAG

Action: SW to contact Bex Mountford to try and secure the voice of more under represented groups at the forum

Post meeting note: email sent to Bex Mountford 16/3/23

4.0 Funding opportunities update

GCC have submitted a bid to Active Travel Fund 4, which focuses on the cycle spine. An announcement is expected next week.

Officers continue to seek other funding opportunities to progress Mini Holland and Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans.

The impending budget announcement is rumoured to likely cut active travel spending. In a statement written by secretary of state for transport Mark Harper last week, it was announced that £100M would be spent on active travel in the next two years. With £230M already having been spent so far, the amount for active travel has more than halved from the Spending Review in 2021, which set out the £710M spending plans.

GCC have submitted a bid to National highways designated funds for new and improved infrastructure between Shurdington-Brockworth-Gloucester via the A46 and Abbeymead/Metz Way.

Cotswold District Council have announced a mechanism to bid into their CIL contributions. District Cllr Trotter will be bidding for funding to progress the Lechlade-Fairford corridor. GCC will bid to progress the Kemble-Cirencester corridor.

PW and DW advised that Cheltenham now have a CIL bidding process. *Post meeting note:* The Cheltenham CIL bidding opportunity is for Parish Councils, not large strategic schemes.

DW requested discussions regarding Rowanfield School ambitions to improve active travel.

Action: SW to arrange meeting with Cllr Willingham and Local Highway Manager, Danny Taylor re Rowanfield.

Post meeting note: meeting arranged for 28th March

5.0 Summary of current projects and future agenda items

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
Major Projects	
B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Scheme	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junction modelling has been undertaken on Estcourt Road Roundabout, which has informed the design. The preferred option is currently a Dutch Style Roundabout. <p>Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultation between Elmbridge Court and Oxstalls Lane has been completed and GCC will share the feedback on the project website soon. - Consultation will be planned for Estcourt Road Roundabout once the concept proposals have been finalised. <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Golf Course Access is currently under construction. - Construction between Elmbridge Court and Oxstalls Lane will start later this year.
Gloucester Cycle Spine	Preliminary design is currently underway with consultation expected later this year ahead of delivery commencing at the end of 2023/24
Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements	Preliminary design is currently underway with consultation expected later this year ahead of delivery commencing at the end of 2023/24
Cheltenham Mini Hollands Scheme	A DfT Active Travel Fund bid was submitted to progress design work. Officers continue to seek funding opportunities.
West Cheltenham Walking and Cycling Improvements	A DfT Active Travel Fund bid was submitted to progress the Quiet Ways proposal on Queen's Road/Gloucester Road, Shelburne Road and between Gloucester Road and P.E Way.
A419 Highway Improvements	Speed limit reduction has been advertised and will be installed on Horsetrough Roundabout this Spring/Summer.
Highway Improvement Projects	
Minor Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CIL funded scheme: Cam and Dursley Greenway – concept designs for the on road sections due by end of April - CIL funded scheme: Cainscross Road – fully assessed concept designs and future costings due by end of April, ties in with the cycle spine works. - Next year's programme includes a number of road safety schemes which are proposing to reduce speed limits with a view to making it safer for areas which currently have a higher proportion of vulnerable road users including cyclists.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work continues to progress developer funded schemes which will make improvements along the Longford to Gloucester cycle route corridor and the on road section of the cycle route between the canal route and Kingsway - We will work with Transport Planning to assess whether we make a bid to CDC for CIL funding for NCN45 for the proposed crossing of the Spine Road
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Transport Planning

LCWIP development update	www.goucestershire.gov.uk/lcip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LCWIP and OCIP development continue as per January update. - A Newent LCWIP, including the Hartpury University-Gloucester corridor is proposed for 2023/24
A417 – Cycle Feasibility Study	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Feasibility application submitted.
Mini Holland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bid submitted to AFT4 - Continue to seek other funding opportunities
CIL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kemble-Cirencester bid proposed. - Possible bid for spine road crossing.

ThinkTravel

Cycling/ Bikeability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bikeability continuing to run a full programme to schools - Recent led rides were held in Kingsway and Nailsworth - Instructor recruitment ongoing
Capability & Ambition fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding for 2023-24 to be commissioned in the new f/y - Love to Ride has been funded for a further 12 months
Safer Schools Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scheduled programme delivery continues. - Scooting, skateboarding and balance-ability confidence courses
Highways Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to work with Highways Development management as a consultee
Promotions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Big Walk and Wheel (Sustrans campaign) will take place 20-31 March 2023

PW Gloucestershire Bikeability delivery numbers continue to significantly exceed expected levels and reach a far broader spectrum and diversity of trainees than most schemes, nationally.

PW a 20mph corridor is being consulted upon in Cheltenham. This will serve Lakeside and Benhall schools, locations without adequate width to accommodate fully LTN 1/20 compliant cycling infrastructure.

CC ThinkTravel remains a very positive delivery programme, personified by children who were overheard celebrating the opportunity to walk home.

NM A link to Hartpury and the university has been a long term ambition for GCC, it is positive to hear that this remains a focus.

6.0 AOB

CC A bike marking event will be taking place in the Wheatpieces, Tewkesbury on Saturday 25th March.

CC A secure cycle parking working group is being established to allocated funding to secure bike parking facilities.

Action: SW to arrange meeting with Cllr Cody to discuss the Secure Cycle Storage budget.

Post meeting note: meeting arranged for 31st March

Date of next forum:

14:00-16:00 Tuesday 25th April 2023

Date of next meeting:

14:00-16:00 Tuesday 11th July 2023