

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 11th July 2023

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Bloxsom, Cllr John;	JB	Member
Turner, Cllr Chloe;	CT	Sub for CC
Willingham, Cllr David;	DW	Member
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer
Williams, Sarah;	SW	Officer
Johns, Anne;	AJ	Officer
Humm, Jason;	JH	Officer
Ollie, Hazel;	OH	Officer
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer
Chick, Danielle;	DC	Officer
Chiswell, Christopher;	CC	Forum rep
Smith, Roger;	RC	Forum rep

Apologies

Cody, Cllr Cate;	CC	Member
Cobbett, Tim;	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
Chick, Colin;	CCh	Officer

1.0 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read apologies.

SW advised that Anne and Alan had sent apologies and would be arriving slightly late.

2.0 Minutes of 14 March 2023

Minutes agreed.

3.0 Gloucestershire Active Travel Advice Note (GATAN)

Local authorities are encouraged to build upon principles in LTN 1/20 and provide their own local guidance.

GCC are one of the first authorities to produce an emerging guidance, which aims to bridge the gap between national guidance and local delivery of design/ construction works, and to speed up design process with a high level of consistency.

The GATAN will support designers and project managers, creating a robust audit trail of design decision based on published standards.

The document will be put in the public domain soon, after engaging with local cycling groups. There has already been some interest from key stakeholders.

Questions were raised regarding cumulative impact: GATAN is not going to fix all issues; it is about setting the tone that we are catering for walking and cycling above cars etc. Concerns were raised that cumulative impact is not considered enough.

SE commented on the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Limited funding has been secured from development through Section 106 contributions. Funding towards highways has reduced from £20 million to £2-3 million since CIL was instated. Only Stroud and the Cotswolds have set up a bidding process for CIL, despite this the most growth is in Gloucester, Cheltenham and Tewkesbury but GCC have received no funding from CIL from these districts.

4.0 10 year pipeline of schemes

In 2022, active travel England asked authorities to complete a self-assessment. The assessment included a request for a 10 year pipeline of schemes. Officers have reviewed and updated last year's pipeline and presented this to the group.

Questions were raised over the ambition of the pipeline, in relation to cuts in Active travel England budgets. SW explained that both GCC budgets and District and CIL funding have also been used to develop and deliver schemes, in addition to funding through Active Travel England. Moving forward, the funding approach may also change nationally and GCC require a broad spectrum of opportunities to bid for across the county, in order to remain competitive.

Cllr Turner noted that the Cainscross and Stroud to Chalford corridors were not included in the 10 year pipeline. SW advised that Cainscross is part of the cycle spine.

Action: SW to review the pipeline and feedback to Cllr Turner regarding the Stroud-Chalford corridor.

Action: SW Update 10 year pipeline to identify whether scheme and costs are for design or delivery.

5.0 Secure cycle storage budget

Budget for delivery for secure cycle storage will be overseen by the new Engineering Team Manager, Nathan Davis. WSP are helping to develop a strategy to allocate the funding.

There are challenges with choosing locations for the cycle storage. PW advised that the strategy will avoid residential locations. Comments regarding security led to suggestions that storage may be appropriate and more secure in hubs.

Suggestion of removal of car parking spaces for cycle storage.

GCC tried working with GWR on this. Clashes with timescales, rent and terms and conditions of stations. Issues raised with lack of ticket offices at stations and the security element of this.

Suggestion of a pilot scheme to gather data for future schemes.

Action: All to email SW with location suggestions.

Action: OH send CBC contact to PW re cycle storage

6.0 Summary of current projects

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
Major Projects	
B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Scheme	Design - Estcourt Road Roundabout currently having a full modelling assessment of a Dutch style roundabout solution. Consultation - Consultation between Elmbridge Court and Oxstalls Lane has been completed and a 'you said we did' feedback page provided on the project website. - Elmbridge Court to Oxstalls Lane out to tender with works commencing in autumn 2023. Construction - Golf Course to M5 under construction due to be complete by end of 2023. - Elmbridge Court to Golf Course due to be complete spring 2024.
Gloucester Cycle Spine	SW sent around details of consultation prior to meeting. Public share events 11 th and 13 th July in the Guildhall, Gloucester. Works on the route are due to start in late 2023/ early 2024.
Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements	Public engagement undertaken and a section on the GCC website will be updated highlighting changes incorporated into the design. Due to start the first phase of scheme shortly. Phase 1 – Honeybourne Line to Racecourse Roundabout has work starting late this financial year and tender to be out in autumn 2023. Phase 2 – Racecourse to Bishops Cleeve at the preliminary design stage with an aim to get to public consultation autumn/ winter 2023/24 with construction starting 2024 onwards.
Cheltenham Centre Cycle Spine	Consultation later this financial year.

Gloucester to Stroud Cycle Link	Concept stage design currently with preliminary design commencing soon. Progression on Standish Multi-user Path and Kings Cross Road section.
West Cheltenham Walking and Cycling Improvements	Three locations on southern A40 corridor are underway with the remainder undertaken autumn 23.
A419 Highway Improvements	A419 speed limit reduction on Horsetrough Roundabout will be undertaken in coming few months.
Highway Improvement Projects	
Minor Improvements	- Concept plans received for Cainscross Road and to be developed further by SW and AB. - Cam and Dursley Greeyway concept plans received – funding options available have been discussed with the highways development manager. - Safety scheme programme – speed limit reductions to help with walking and cycling in key areas including Bath Road in Cheltenham and Bristol Road in Gloucester. - Use of S106 funding for Longford and Kingsway cycle routes to provide better signage to link up to canal and existing routes - SE and SW to put in bid to put in crossing along Spine Road in the Cotswolds to make sure NCN 45 has a full crossing.
ThinkTravel	
Cycling/ Bikeability	- Funding received to launch an e-bike cycle scheme aimed at local businesses and organisations. 10 e-bikes purchased. Idea is that employer will have the bikes for up to 3 months to trial an e-bike. Also provided with secure locks. Gathering data and businesses required to complete survey. GPS installed from a security point of view. The organisation is required to have somewhere secure to store the bike. Scheme to last 12 months in total. Organisation asked to log rides on Love to Ride Gloucestershire. - GCC funded Love to Ride Gloucestershire website. Behaviour change website. Challenges throughout the year. Log rides on the website. Ability to set goals and challenges and share stories. Success story from Bike Month May - 10 schools have taken part in a Get Cycling Initiative. Bikeability has found issues with older children unable to ride bikes. Initiative is to train teachers and school staff to teach children to ride bikes.
Capability & Ambition fund	- Love to Ride funding level the same as last year. - Extra funding provided for the Big Walk and Wheel transition rides, interactive walks etc. 33 schools took part.
Strategic Planning	
LCWIP development update	www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/lcwip - Bishop's Cleeve LCWIP and the Countywide Cycle Infrastructure Plan are both in draft and should be published in the autumn.

	- A Newent LCWIP, including the Hartpury University-Gloucester corridor is underway and community engagement will begin in early August until late September.
A417 – Cycle Feasibility Study	- The application was unsuccessful for Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) funding. GCC have requested early discussions with National Highways to discuss potential opportunities under RIS3.
Mini Holland	- AFT4 did not award any funding to the Mini Holland proposal. - GCC will continue to seek other funding opportunities to deliver elements of the Mini Holland proposal on a smaller scale.
CIL	- Kemble-Cirencester bid proposed. - Possible bid for spine road crossing.

Action: AB & PW to ensure contractor dissuades motorists from close passing of cyclists and aggressive behaviours on the B4063 and investigate a communications/campaign with strategic communications

7.0 AOB

Items for next meeting

SW Add maintenance as an agenda item at the next meeting.

SW include 'Reinstatement of non-compliant cycle lanes while resurfacing' at a future Cycling Forum

Date of next meeting: Tuesday October 17th 2-4

Date of next forum: Tuesday November 28th 2-4