

# Gloucestershire Cycling Forum

## Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Attendees

Nigel Moor – Chair  
 Cllr Willingham  
 Cllr McFarling  
 David Ingleby – Gloucester City Council  
 Marcus Perrin – Forest of Dean District Council  
 Simon Maher – Stroud District Council  
 Alan Bullock - GCC  
 Ollie Hazel - GCC  
 Jo Atkins - GCC  
 Alex Haworth - GCC  
 Simon Excell - GCC  
 Luisa Senft-Hayward - GCC  
 Colin Chick - GCC  
 Philip Williams - GCC  
 Imogen Ainslie – political research assistant  
 Atkins  
 Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Cycle Campaign  
 Newent Cycle Group  
 Gloucester City Cycle Club  
 Gloucestershire Climate Action Network  
 Members of the public

### Apologies

- Cllr Gray
- Cllr Cody
- Cllr Bloxsom
- Hannah Fountain – Cotswold District Council

|   | Agenda Item                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| 1 | <p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b></p> <p>Nigel Moor introduced himself as Chair and invited attendees to introduce themselves.</p> <p>Attendees consisted of several officers, councillors and representatives.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 2 | <p><b>The purpose of the cycling forum and CAG and how to sign up to GCC consultations</b></p> <p>The purpose of the CAG is to provide strategic direction and support to GCC cycling projects/schemes. To act as a Critical Friend, providing feedback and commentary on schemes, and strategic cycle ambitions and policies. To support and cooperate to improve the quality of provision for cyclists, and to encourage more people to ride more often.</p> |

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|   | <p>The aim of the Forum is to ensure the voices of all parts of society are being recognised to share a vision for cycling in Gloucestershire and to encourage more people to ride more often. The forum is an evolving group that will be reviewed annually.</p> <p>Terms of reference are available along with minutes of the CAG meetings at <a href="https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/gloucestershires-local-transport-plan-2020-2041/cycling-advisory-group/">https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/gloucestershires-local-transport-plan-2020-2041/cycling-advisory-group/</a></p> <p>Three possible groups of cyclists were posed, in an attempt to categorise the various different need of cyclists in our communities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Community</li> <li>2) Accessibility</li> <li>3) Commuting</li> </ol> <p>It was proposed that members of the Forum could identify the categories and those protected characteristics that they able to represent and put themselves forward as Forum representative to attend CAG. These individuals could then ensure issues raised at the Forum and being addressed at CAG.</p> <p>Cllr McFarling felt the climate crisis should be added to priorities of the Forum. This was dealt with further in the presentation under item 3.</p> <p>Anyone can sign up to GCC consultations at <a href="https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/">https://haveyoursaygloucestershire.uk.engagementhq.com/</a></p>                                                                                                                                  |
| 3 | <p><b>GCC Cycling Strategy and ambitions for the county</b></p> <p>The attached presentation was shared.</p> <p>Discussion followed on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The use of quiet lanes; these are being considered for rural connectivity.</li> <li>• Cyclist feedback; the forum would hope to feed into the CAG with open discussions of issues and advance matters on a user basis.</li> <li>• Categories; it may be that cyclists fit more than one of the categories identified under item 3.</li> <li>• Intent; it was proposed that cyclists think differently depending on whether they are alone or with children. This was accepted as a useful insight.</li> <li>• Governance; the forum will be governed in line with the terms of reference available at <a href="https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/gloucestershires-local-transport-plan-2020-2041/cycling-advisory-group/">https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transport/gloucestershires-local-transport-plan-2020-2041/cycling-advisory-group/</a></li> <li>• Law; on the continent, some countries have a law that makes a driver responsible for collisions with cyclists no matter the circumstances. This was received with interest.</li> <li>• Emissions; is it possible to measure changes in high carbon emissions areas and focus cycling schemes in these areas supporting the reduction of emissions and effectiveness? A study into achieving carbon zero has identified that rural communities generate a high level of transport related carbon and are indeed being looked at to identify what measures will help to reduce this.</li> </ul> |

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|   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public transport; there is a need to enable bikes and e-bikes on public transport, for example, bike racks on buses.</li> <li>• Training; Bikeability trains over 5,000 children a year in Gloucestershire and is available to adults and families. Cycling confidence training is also available.</li> <li>• PW – explained the intent to encourage more cyclists that do not currently cycle and support those from protected groups.</li> <li>• Driver aggression towards cyclists; this was cited as a growing issue that need to be addressed in order to change the culture of road users in the UK. (An example given was aggression when cyclists do not use parallel infrastructure)</li> <li>• Police; several people mentioned that Glos police are not responding to evidence from cyclists regarding accidents or incidents and it was stated by many that there are incidents they have been personally involved in i.e. car/van scrapping past and knocking should that they did not report and didn't feel anything would be done if they did. This is another issue that need to be considered more proactively.</li> <li>• Roundabouts; it was widely felt that this is an important issue to be tackled for cycling in Gloucestershire.</li> <li>• A representative from Newent Cycling Campaign expressed the view that there were better ways to increase cycling by improving the roads than by spending on big cycle schemes. However, as explained by officers, GCC can only bid for the funding opportunities that are available and have to compete against the rest of the country for these funds. GCC follows the latest best practice guidance such as LTN 1/20 and do not have the option to bid for money outside the criteria set by central government.</li> </ul> |
| 7 | <p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><b>Post Forum note:</b></p> <p>Those who would like to attend the CAG on behalf of the Forum should write to <a href="mailto:sarah.williams3@gloucestershire.gov.uk">sarah.williams3@gloucestershire.gov.uk</a> stating their name, interests and who they are able to represent e.g.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Community cyclists – those cycling for leisure, whether with family or as sports cyclists.</li> <li>2) Accessibility cyclists - those cycling to access shops, health care, leisure facilities etc.</li> <li>3) Commuting cyclists – those cycling to work, training or education as part of a commute.</li> </ol> <p><b>Dates of future Forums:</b></p> <p>Tuesday April 25<sup>th</sup> 2-4<br/>Tuesday November 28<sup>th</sup> 2-4</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

