

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 17th January 2023

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Morris, Cllr Dominic;	DM	Member
Gray, Cllr David;	DG	Member
Bloxsom, Cllr John;	JB	Member
Cody, Cllr Cate;	CC	Member
Willingham, Cllr David;	DW	Member
Ainslie, Imogen;	IA	Observer
Chick, Colin;	CCh	Officer
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer
Senft-Hayward, Luisa;	LSH	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

1.0 Minutes of 11 October 2022

Chair summarised the minutes. Query over wording for FOI requests to CAG 'Members are broadly supportive of CAG minutes being made publicly available' and why 'broadly supportive' was used. SW explained that this was as the minutes were in draft format.

Minutes agreed.

2.0 Feedback from Cycling Forum

SW Little awareness of step change taking place nationally or that GCC have risen to the challenge and through the ranks of Active Travel Authorities. Carbon reduction - carbon management plans will be required going forward. Driver behaviour - culture change needed. Inclusion, Engagement in the design, E bikes and their impact on design will be a prominent issue moving forward.

JA Asked if others could be added to the forum

DW Questioned whether forum informed actions

DG Felt if forum were too often it will not have the impact so should be only one per year and not 3 per year. CC felt it gives more opportunity for engagement.

CCh suggested 2 forums and 2 CAG and one joint meeting per year allowing a feeling of more impact. JA felt that collaboration would be helpful.

PW Nature and size of forum may be seen as doing more presenting and not a discussion. Need for formatted meetings. EngagementHQ would allow residents to comment/engage and not just specialist groups.

JA Have themes for workshops to allow more specific ideas. SW didn't want to be dictatorial and was hoping that it would look at engagement for consultative aims.

CC Does forum need to be longer. SW Possibly

AB On road safety issues that arose in form and suggested that police were invited to attend and perhaps do a presentation.

CCh Felt it would be a visible sign that we are listening and taking on views

DM Wanted to consider if we have too many consultations – interest groups have their own interests at heart

AB Engagement needs to be proportionate - discuss if other groups can engage at once therefore creating extra work for Officers

CC Consultation can be daunting for public – perhaps give easy to read rather than large documents

DW Should be easy read but not be loaded questions

CC Language and use of jargon should be considered

3.0 Draft webpage for published minutes of previous meetings

SW Went through a draft webpage for published minutes of previous meetings
www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/cag

SW Showed CAG webpage which included dates of future meetings and links to further information

NM Requested that comments come back by Monday so that webpage can be published

Action: SW to publish webpage

4.0 Digital cycle map

SW Went through access to digital cycle maps [MapThat Login \(gloucestershire.gov.uk\)](http://MapThat.Login(gloucestershire.gov.uk)(https://maps.gloucestershire.gov.uk/MapThatPublic/login.html#/step1))
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SW Showed digital cycle map including layers.

JH Questioned what the public would use this for and that he couldn't see the value in it

PW Historically there was no previous understanding of connectivity so enabling policy decisions – i.e., what is the number of households/accessibility to cycle route and population access to service centres

NM Felt it did give the public access to information

DM Wondered whether it would create more comment from the public

JA Shows improving consultations and work within community and open communication – wider impact

DM Constant engagement does it create work for teams but without much impact

JA Excited that there would be input and felt more input/opinions will help to create more resources. Clarity on what teams deal with – we have a lot on road safety – open channel of communications

5.0 Overarching Cycle Infrastructure Plan (OCIP) prioritised corridors

NM Have road safety on agenda for March meeting

JH Differentiate between high-speed incidents compared to general incidents

CCh Road safety & general incidents with active travel

DW Monmouth, Ledbury, Chepstow, Evesham, Cricklade, 2 paths on Severn bridges etc are not within our boundary but need to make some connection

SW These connections are part of the emerging OCIP. GCC also respond to surrounding counties Local Plans and are in discussions on multiple sites as well as developing work with Sustrans

JH Circular Severn Bridge routes are not used by many cyclists

DW These roads are linking routes

JH Merit in a discussion about which routes are shown and refine offline

PW Carbonisation work – climate change/ carbon reduction – be more useful to tie into districts for urban centres/services. Unlikely to get funding for long distance routes. Longer routes are more about supporting rural economy

LSH DfT guidance note – will be looking at quiet routes – assessment criteria is not more than 10km from service centres

DM need to understand which stage routes are at and what status they have

SW either improvements are required, have plans or are funded. The status remains required until funding is secured but often unsure what funding may become available we are set criteria on what we can bid for

NM Felt we needed to support from Parishes too

SE Amount of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) being returned to districts – only Stroud have given some – we have 91% of CIL for last year but is still a small amount.

CCh will be writing to districts about retaining CIL

SW Hoping to share OCIP report for Nov meeting – will update in July

6.0 Summary of current projects and future agenda items

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
Major Projects	
B4063 Gloucester to	Design

Cheltenham Cycle Scheme	- Detailed design drawings are being produced for the section from Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Oxstalls Lane Gloucester. - Concept proposals for Estcourt Roundabout are being finalised.. Consultation - Consultation for section from Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Arle Court was completed March 2021 and feedback incorporated into detailed designs. Updated plans are on the website. - Consultation for section from Oxstalls Lane to Elmbridge Court completed October 2022. Consultation report is being finalised. - Consultation will be planned for Estcourt Road Roundabout once the concept proposals have been finalised. Construction - M5 overbridge to Pheasant Lane is complete - Pheasant Lane to Arle Court roundabout linking first section to the WCTIS scheme construction is complete. - M5 Overbridge to Golf Course Access is currently under construction. - Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Golf Course Access is currently under construction.
Gloucester Cycle Spine	The scheme will extend the B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Scheme through the City Centre to Gloucester Docks. Funding has been secured from the DfT Levelling Up Fund bid and a DfT Active Travel Fund bid. The scheme was developed to a pre-concept design as part of the bid and the feasibility design stage completed in November 2022. Preliminary design is planned to start early 2023.
Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements	The scheme was developed to concept design as part of the Active Travel Tranche 3 bid and funding secured from this bid. Work has now been commissioned to develop the scheme to Feasibility/Preliminary stage. The Concept design drawings were shared and discussed with Sustrans. Some elements of the scheme have been delivered as part of the A435 Junction Capacity Improvements at Hyde Lane/Southam Lane junction. These improvement works were completed in Spring 2022.
Cheltenham Mini Hollands Scheme	Gloucestershire County Council has secured funding from the DfT to undertake a feasibility study for a Mini Hollands scheme in West Cheltenham providing modal filters to encourage cycling and access to the Honeybourne Cycle link. This work is currently out to tender.
West Cheltenham Walking and Cycling Improvements	The first phase of the £1.6 million investment in walking and cycling improvements are now complete between Arle Court and Lansdown Rail bridge. The next phase of works have also been recently completed on Hubble Road and Telstar Way to deliver a segregated footway/cycleway provision that links the A40 with Princess Elizabeth Way. Further enhancements are planned for the quietways route including Libertus Road, Princess Elizabeth Way, Queens Road/Gloucester Road. These will be included within the upcoming ATF4 bid. Design – all due to complete early 2023: - Quiet Ways (Libertus Road) Princess Elizabeth Way: Active Travel team is inputting into proposed segregated facilities on the southern path of the route. - Queens Road/Gloucester Road: GCC are managing issues around land ownership.

	- Detailed design has also been completed for improvements to junctions at; Miserden, Benhall and Campden
A419 Highway Improvements	Scheme substantially completed, with further cycleway enhancements completed in November 2021 through remedial works at Downton Road Junction. Formal consultation on a proposed 30mph limit on Horsetrough Roundabout is nearing completion with a decision due later this month. Additional refinements to the Downton Road traffic merge are also expected to be delivered in the next couple of months. Proposals to revise Horsetrough Roundabout have now been put on hold due the the upcoming wider cycle spine scheme (part of ATF4 bid) and the additional funding required to impliment a more suitable solution in this location.
Highway Improvement Projects	
Cycle Initiatives Paper • Upgrade to existing route at Longford – detailed design in progress • Upgrade to existing route in Quedgeley – design in progress, possible links to cycle spine and further funding may be available • Options assessment for a new section of cycle way on Up Hatherley Way, Cheltenham with consideration of full segregation – preliminary design and assessment due by end of March, currently no funding for delivery • CIL funded schemes - Cam and Dursley Greenway – concept designs for the on road sections due by end of March - Cainscross Road – fully assessed concept designs and future costings due by end of March, ties in with the cycle spine works • Spine Road East - working with Cotswold District Council and Sustrans to determine if a suitable option for a crossing on the Spine Road can be achieved to improve NCN 45. Linked to proposals in the LCWIP	
Transport Planning	
LCWIP development update	www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/lcwip • Bishops Cleeve - Engagement to begin during January/February • Churchdown - Engagement postponed due to cycle spine construction • Newent - Possible commission to link to Hartpury College and cycle spine • Overarching/countywide cycleways - Prioritisation is being finalised for on site audit and improvement proposals..
A417 – Cycle Feasibility Study	Designated Funds Cycle Feasibility Study Economic assessment complete. Feasibility application to be submitted to National Highways this month.
Mini Holland	Feasibility work is largely complete. GCC await guidance on how to submit a bid for the next round of funding.
ThinkTravel	
Cycling/ Bikeability	- Bikeability continuing to run a full programme to schools - Instructor recruitment ongoing

Capability & Ambition fund	- Funding secured for 2023-24 - Access to Bikes - Love To Ride - Staff and Resources - Promotional communications
Safer Schools Programme	- Advanced cycle training - Balanceability/Scootability - Active Travel Challenges/Events - Active Travel Grants - Highways solutions
Highways Development	Continue to work with Highways Development management as a consultee

DG Do we understand impact of bike storage installation whether it is for schools, bus stop – info available – value for money

OH Consideration needs to be given to positioning of bike racks

DG Visible bike racks can encourage cyclists in urban environments and also slow traffic

CC Difference between types of bike racks and secure bike parking – many with e-bikes won't use them

DW Same issues & unable to make secure. Should not just be in large areas Gloucester, Cheltenham etc. bike racks are required in smaller areas – right type of rack – look at design and able to secure wheels etc.

PW Well done team – are now reaching more people & have staff joining the team. Bike racks – work with police in Cheltenham a few years ago – rule where people want to go as to where they are placed

JA Looking at monitoring mode shifts and will be starting to work with NHS

DW – B4063 road signs for connecting side roads might be good to have triangle signs giving cyclists priority i.e., Hayden Lane

AB Road safety feedback will share – signs are under review

AJ Ones on PE Way are old and may not have been updated

PW Not prevented from updating signage – not a great cost would advisory signs improve safety – should proportionate – discretion on signage for new schemes

8.0 AOB

Date of next meeting:

14:00-16:00 Tuesday 14th March 2023