

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Monday 1st July 2024

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Smith, Roger;	RS	Forum rep
Taylor, Malcom;	MT	Forum rep
Gray, Cllr David;	DG	Member
Cody, Cllr Cate;	CC	Member
Bloxsom, Cllr John;	JB	Member
Willingham, Cllr David;	DW	Member
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Williams, Sarah;	SW	Officer
Chick, Danielle;	DC	Officer
Chick, Colin;	CCh	Officer

Apologies

Morris, Cllr Dominic;	DM	Member
Drew, Cllr David;	DD	Member
Humm, Jason;	JH	Officer
Marshall, Tracy	TM	Officer
Haworth, Kathryn;	KH	Officer
Senft-Hayward, Luisa;	LSH	Officer
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer
Ollie, Hazel;	OH	Officer
Davis, Nathan;	ND	Officer
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer
Haworth, Alex;	AH	Officer
Davies, Petula;	PD	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer
Ainslie, Imogen;	IA	Observer
Ward, Christopher;	CW	Observer

1.0 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read apologies.

2.0 Actions and minutes of 4th March 2024

Minutes agreed with one minor amendment to numbering and a correction to a roundabout name. Previous actions:

Action: SW to speak to Highways regarding lighting issue at Elmbridge.

- National Highways agreed they would look at funding to fix issues. DW raised that vegetation needs maintenance, bushes to be cut back and mud removed from the ground, particularly at the fire station in Churchdown. Dangerous drainage has not been resolved. DW to raise the issue again at the next CAG meeting.

Action: JG to write a report regarding maintenance project at the end of winter.

- A working group has been established and the maintenance report is to be discussed in October CAG meeting. Boundaries were raised as an issue, particularly Maisemore into Gloucester, which is very overgrown on Alney island.

- Post meeting note - SW to has emailed the nature reserve and Sustrans to ask about proposals on Alney Island and will contact TBC to cut the PROW back if necessary.

Action: JA to update the website with correct school street information.

- OH and JA to confirm.

Action: SW to speak to ND regarding Highway Improvement Projects updates going forward.

- ND has provided an update, included in the minutes.

Action: SW to send CC information on the Tewkesbury LCWIP.

- SW has provided this to CC.

Action: SW to set up site visits for Merrywalks and Dudbridge when work progresses.

- Site visits complete.

3.0 Summary of current projects

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
Major Projects	
B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Scheme	Design - Junction modelling has been undertaken on Estcourt Road Roundabout, which has informed the design. The preferred option is currently a Dutch Style Roundabout. Consultation - Contractor share event undertaken on Elmbridge Court and Oxstalls Lane, session was well attended and generally well received. Construction - Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Golf Course Access – Complete - Golf Completed Course Access to M5 Overbridge – Completed in late May/early June - Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Oxstalls Lane Junction - Works began early February 2024
Gloucester City Cycle Spine	- Preliminary design is substantially complete and public consultation was undertaken last summer. - Llanthony Road – Works completed in early Summer 2024 - Southgate Street – Works due to commence early 2025
Gloucester to Stroud	- Preliminary design underway - Standish Multi-User Path - Works expected to be delivered in Autumn/Late 2024
Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements	Project is to being delivered in multiple phases. 1. Cheltenham to Racecourse Roundabout – Construction started November 2023 2. GWSR Bridge to Bishops Cleeve – Currently out to tender with a view to works starting in August 2024 3. Racecourse Roundabout to GWSR Bridge. Preliminary Design to start Spring 2024 with works expected Summer 2025.
Cheltenham Cycle Spine	- Preliminary design is underway.
Highway Improvement Projects	

Minor Improvements	- Concept plans received for Cainscross Road and to be developed further by SW and AB as part of cycle spine. Have also been shared with JB as per request at previous meeting. - Cam and Dursley Greenway concept plans received – funding options available have been discussed with the highways development manager. Liaison with the C&D Greenway group continues to establish any other opportunities for funding and development of the scheme. - Safety scheme programme – speed limit reductions to help with walking and cycling in various locations in the County. The 24/25 road safety schemes programme is now at design stage. Locations where we can improve travel for cycling will be summarised at the next meeting. - S106 funding available for Longford and Kingsway cycle routes to provide better signage to link up to canal and existing routes – Kingsway route to be aligned with Cycle Spine. Contractor and GCC to agree construction cost estimate before works can commence. - SE and SW have put a bid in to CDC for a crossing along Spine Road in the Cotswolds to make sure NCN 45 has a full crossing. Concerns from CDC about levels of funding required. GCC are reviewing the cost estimates provided by Atkins. - Working closely with the Transport Planning team to look at smaller schemes that will link into the cycle spine such as Stroud Town Centre linkages and options to bid for smaller pots of money - Coleford Town Centre Review – highways input into redevelopment to ensure that walking and cycling are catered for in any revised layout - Berkeley Town Centre – Town centre regeneration project that will look at improved links for walking and cycling and improvements to the cycle provision in the town centre e.g. cycle storage
Signal Replacements	- TS-028 A4136/B4228, Staunton Rd, Robins Wood, Coleford – July 22 - PC-365 A48, High Street, Blakeney, Forest of Dean – Dec 22 - TS-003 A38/A438 Ashchurch Rd, (Tewkesbury Eastern Relief Rd), Tewkesbury - PC-313 A429, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh - TS-007 A429 Fosse Way/Tesco Store, Stow on the Wold - TS-018 A40/A436 Shipton Solers, by the Frogmill Inn, Cheltenham - TS-101 A429, Northleach Prison Crossroads - PC-361 St Oswalds Road, (Watts) Northbound, Gloucester - PC-362 St Oswalds Road, (Tesco's) Southbound, Gloucester - TS-143 B4008, Bristol Rd/Merlin Drive/Olympus Park, Quedgeley, Gloucester - TS-004 Dudbridge Hill/Dudbridge Road, Stroud - PC-358 A433 London Rd/Priory Way, Tetbury - TS-104 A40 London Road/Bath Road/Hales Road, Cheltenham - TS-193 A438, Ashchurch Rd/Morrisons Store, Tewkesbury - TS-228 Hucclecote Road/Churchdown Lane/Carisbrook Rd, Gloucester - PC-370 A46, Shurdington Rd/Church Lane, Cheltenham - PC-371 A419, Dr Newtons Way, Stroud - PC-426 Hatherley Road/Alma Road, Cheltenham - PC-488 Estcourt Road, Gloucester - TS-005 A46, Bath Rd/Dudbridge Hill/Walkley Hill, (Golden Cross), Stroud - TS-053 A430, Priory Road/ A417 St Oswalds Road, Gloucester
ThinkTravel	
Cycling/ Bikeability	- The school cycling hub project has now seen 56 children's bikes and 16 bike storage lockers delivered to 10 different schools in the county to boost

	participation numbers in Bikeability in an effort to reach the 80% participation in Level 2 Bikeability target set by Active Travel England. - Summer holiday Bikeability courses are running at Skillzone in Gloucester W/C 5th and W/C 12th August (please see attached flyer for this). - The e-bike for workplace scheme has now finished its initial 12 months and is to be continued for another 12 months. The scheme so far has allowed employees at 6 organizations including Cheltenham Borough Council, Gloucester Hospital and The University of Gloucestershire to try an e-bike for up to two weeks free of charge with the aim to reduce car use on the daily commute. Already lined up to have the e-bikes in the next 12 months are Tewkesbury Borough Council and GE Aviation. - The Community E-Bike hire scheme in Gloucester and Stroud is due to launch shortly (full details to follow at the next meeting).
Strategic Planning	
Local Plans Update	- SDC local plan is still in examination. An M5 Junction 12 feasibility report has been commissioned at the request of the Inspector. - CDC beginning process – waiting for their feasibility study to inform modelling requirements. - FDC Regulation 18 between July and September. A meeting was held to discuss their future local plan, and the former primary individual in charge has retired. - Cheltenham, Gloucester and Tewkesbury are working on a new Strategic and Local Plan. An early consultation (Regulation 18 : Spatial Options and Key Policy Areas) was carried out between January and March this year and it is currently anticipated that the next stage of consultation (Regulation 18 : Preferred Options) will take place in the first half of next year.
LCWIP development update	www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/lcwip - All LCWIPs have been published excluding Newent and this is to be published end of the financial year. - Next financial year – looking at reviewing Central Severn Vale plan. Primary corridors in plan have been delivered or in construction. - Internal groups formed to ensure vision for cycling is coordinated with vision for public transport. - LCWIP to be reviewed for Cheltenham and Gloucester. B4036 Cycle Spine . Additional development to be considered in the review.
Gloucester	- Glos to Hartpury – Collaborating with Sustrans on the design to create a bid ready scheme .
Cheltenham	- Shurdington Corridor – working with Atkins to develop design work for a Shurdington-Cheltenham cycle route, parallel to the A46.
Cotswold	- Spine Road crossing CIL bid. CDC confirmed £40k funding allocation from Contain Outbreak Management Fund to investigate potential work on the spine road. Sustrans have provided a proposal for the crossing and Atkins have undertaken a peer review and provided design costs at £85k. CIL will fund delivery. - Kemble to Cirencester CIL bid – CDC would like to focus on the Cirencester end of the proposals due to the Steadings development. Bid to be revised and resubmitted. Waiting to hear from the Steadings development whether they will trigger a S73 to amend the highway improvements.

	- Working with Cirencester to link the town centre with the Steadings development Corridor (part of the Kemble to Cirencester link) to secure CIL funding for implementation.
Forest of Dean	- GCC supporting with the cycle strategy. Funding available to develop more local cycling corridors in the area to link with identified strategic corridors. - Hartpury to Gloucester section of Newent cycle corridor - concept design work progressing.
Stroud	- Merrywalks Interchange Hub proposals engagement will run July-September 2024. - Dudbridge steps feasibility almost complete. Awaiting report from Atkins to include high level costings for proposals. - Additional CIL funding: Standish into Stonehouse section of the cycle spine and Berkeley town master plan. - Wotton Charfield Greenway – Collaborating with the Greenway group and developers to progress design work and deliver sections of the corridor. - Atkins, on behalf of Stroud Town Council, is working on the Stroud to Thrupp corridor project.
Tewkesbury	- Priors Park – design work for wayfinding and informal crossings has been completed and should be shared with stakeholders soon. - LCWIP has been reviewed to include garden communities development.
ATE	- ATE representative to visit Gloucestershire cycle spine. Discussions for future funding to be included in the visit.

MT raised that the section at Pirton Lane is rough and untouched. The Parton section is complete, but work is still required on Pirton Lane. AB noted that one landowner intends to pursue action. However, GCC is now integrating this section's delivery into another contract.

DW raised concerns regarding the safety audit of the Cycle Spine. There are definite issues at Hayden Lane, evidenced by skid marks from bike collisions. The junction at Pirton Lane into Gloucester lacks clear priority, and the zebra crossing into the new development is poorly designed. Additionally, there is incorrect signage near the bus stop and incomplete sections. It was noted that the traffic lights do not detect cyclists properly, suggesting the need for loops to be added. AB stated that detection does not work for all bikes. CCh mentioned that LCN 1/20 is appropriate for less confident cyclists and leisure routes but not suitable for speed commuting, presenting a difficult issue. AB mentioned that efforts have been made to optimise those cycles to a certain extent; however, they need to ensure they are safe for all users. CCh stated that new laws have not helped this issue. MT mentioned that pedestrians and cyclists will proceed on red lights if it's safe to do so. Safety on that corridor is affected by other cyclists.

DW raised changes in priorities at Vale Road along Gotherington Lane have led to a near miss. These alterations were initiated by a developer. The new bike lane lacks clear instructions for joining, and the cycle lane on the east side has drainage issues and insufficient signage.

DW suggested that improving the Badgeworth Lane link to the cycle spine could potentially calm traffic and enhance the railway bridge. SW emphasised the need to update the review of the Central Severn Vale LCWIP, to ensure that areas on both sides of the cycle spine are included.

4.0 Tewkesbury Cycle Initiatives

The M5 J9/A46 transport working groups have funded the LCWIP review. The review has integrated feedback from the Garden Communities in Tewkesbury, incorporating their concept plan and charter into the LCWIP moving forward. An updated plan including draft cycling network map has been circulated for key stakeholder comments, featuring the proposed new routes. This includes additional corridors into proposed development sites.

An updated priority assessment has informed more detailed feasibility work on 3 of the new proposed corridors, this feasibility work can then be presented to developers for design and delivery.

CCh asked for plans to be included in discussions at CAG.

Action: SW to provide updates when available

Action: SW to ask someone from Atkins to join next CAG meeting.

5.0 AOB

Date of next meeting: Monday 7th October 3-5pm

Date of next forum: Monday 18th November 3-5pm

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Estcourt Road update
- Revised LCWIP/Garden Communities Presentation
- Updates on Operation Close Pass
- Maintenance responsibility issues.

RS noted that detection equipment generally works well. Are smart detection systems installed on most signals? Black box or PIR? RS also mentioned Estcourt Road and the Dutch-style roundabout. What education initiatives are in place for motorists? AB responded that a strong communications campaign is needed. Cambridgeshire has used videos to educate users; we should consider a similar approach. CC added that there isn't yet a critical mass of cyclists in our area.

Post meeting note RS noted that the cycle spine section near Tesco's in Churchdown has now been swept by the community maintenance gang. SW responded that discussions are ongoing with Districts about maintaining the spine. They are not keen at present, and Highway's work continues on the hand over from delivery to maintenance.

Action: SW to organise cycle ride from Gloucester to Cheltenham September 23rd at 1pm.
SW to book bikes and discuss seat adjustments with OH.