

HARROGATE & DISTRICT CYCLE ACTION
Campaigning for cyclists in Harrogate & District

MEETING ON THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2020 7PM AT VELOHEADS

MINUTES

PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

1. Kevin Douglas, Martin Weeks, Carl Nelson, Martin Weeks, John Rowe, David Mitchell, Sue Threadgold, Eric Wright, Gia and Malcolm Margolis, Chris Petch, Yvonne Skelton.
APOLOGIES: Ian Kendall, Anne & Terry Smith, Vicky Wild. Vicky Wild resigned from the membership, due to other commitments.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GENERAL MEETING AND AGM - approved and signed.

2. **MATTERS ARISING** (not covered under separate headings below) Andrew Norman has now passed Brian Deegan's contact details to John Rowe.

CAMPAIGN FOR CYCLING - Project Group: KD/MM/JR/DM and Ian Hallett.

3. **Website** - DM set up harrogatecycleaction.org.uk/forums/forum/harrogate. Supporters sign up to get mailing lists, home-in on individual wards to raise issues in particular locations, invite supporters to events, there's a forum for questions and answers and blog posts. This is also a site which promotes sustainable transport. We must build up a group of supporters. HDCA members to sign up and start using the site. **ACTION ALL.**

4. Issues which come up at the meeting can be put on the website. **ACTION ALL.**

5. **Launch of Website - 28th February 2020 agreed** - KD will draft a Press Release, including input from IK for all to comment on. Mention in the Press Release could be £35k from the RHS not being spent and lost as a consequence. **ACTION KD/IK.**

6. **Social Media Policy** - IH. This was agreed. DM to put it on the website. **ACTION IH-**
Facebook: Does Ian if he needs help with other people putting things on. **ACTION IH.**

7. **Manifesto Approval** - JR. This was agreed. It has target dates which need addressing.

8. **Constitutional Changes** - KD Main change is "Associate Member" to "Supporter Group" and including the objectives set out in the new Manifesto. This to be agreed at an EGM before the start of our next meeting. **ACTION YS.**

CYCLE FORUM MEETING

9. No Minutes from the last meeting or Agenda have been produced for the next meeting on 24th February. Generally not functioning as a consultative group. Cyclists on the Forum will challenge this. **ACTION KD**

10. The Otley Road scheme has been split up into 3 phrases: Harlow Moor Road to the Grammar School - end of July, Harrogate Grammar School to Beech Grove - no date set, Harlow Park to Harlow Moor Road - no date set. The funding which they were given which runs to March 2020 but they have been told will be extended.

- 11.**RIPON UPDATE - IK** - See Ian's report below. He has been very active and will put something on the new website.
 - 12.**HARROGATE CYCLE HIGHWAY ROUTE 1** - There has been no progress other than Otley Road. We have been informally advised that the Transforming Cities Fund application includes this Route 1, and also a cycleway along Beech Grove to lead to/from the Otley Road Scheme.
- PROJECT UPDATES** - Cycle Forum Priority List (see attached)
- 13.**Cycling Lanes on Hookstone Drive** - original cycle lanes are to be reinstated. They could be wider. JR to make comment on the new website. **ACTION JR.** There remains the problem that this cycle lane has no links at either end.
 - 14.**Follifoot Underpass** - No progress. This could be included in the press release for the publicity launch of the website. **ACTION KD.**
 - 15.**Yorkshire Showground and Access Paths** - Yorkshire Showground is ready and willing to go ahead once they receive the funding.
 - 16.**Wetherby Road/Sainsbury's** - This is a dangerous cycle crossing. Chris will put this on the website. **ACTION CP**
 - 17.**Greenway Extension** - Progressing (frustratingly) slowly.
 - 18.**Improvement to Bridleway - Wetherby to Spofforth.** Now dependent on the planning application and the on-going appeal.
 - 19.**Green Hammerton** - Waiting for the S106 moneys to be finalised. Construction can't start until the Autumn because of the nesting season.
 - 20.**PLANNING ISSUES** - Lots of developments on Kingsley Drive, but where is the S106 money? This could be asked at the next Cycle Forum Meeting under AOB? Or John's brother post this on the HDCA website? **ACTION JR.**
 - 21.**FINANCE** - ST produced report. Donation to H&RCVS included. Balance £378.74
 - 22.**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - MM: Killinghall to Nidderdale Greenway link absence of. Rebecca said she would see what S106 was available. But despite chasing nothing heard.
 - 23.**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 21st May 2020. Next meetings after that in August and November. Apologies from Eric for next meeting.

Signed

Dated

**HARROGATE CYCLE FORUM
CYCLING PRIORITY LIST FOR 2020**

Narrow Cycle Lanes on Hookstone Drive - Lead JR/DM/MM/MW

Follifoot Underpass - Lead HBC

Cycle path High Bridge Knaresborough to Golf Club cycle lane A59 - Lead HBC/NYCC

Wetherby Road pegasus crossing & Oatlands Drive Cycle Crossing - Lead HBC/NYCC

Killinghall Moor Footpath Upgrade to Cycleway - Lead HBC

Harrogate Cycle Highway Route 1 (Otley Road Section) - Lead NYCC

Harlow Moor Road to Cardale Park /linked to Otley Road - Lead NYCC

Community Grant Schemes- to facilitate local schemes - Lead HBC

Yorkshire Showground Access points - Lead YSG/ Community

Design and completion of Nidderdale Greenway, Clint Bank to Pateley Bridge and extension to Scar House Reservoir. Lead: Sustrans/Community/Nidderdale Plus

Fountains Abbey to Ripon Cyclepath - Lead NT/Community/Sustrans

Green Hammerton Greenway - Lead Community/Parish Council

Note: Excluded from this is the policy work related to Approval for a Cycle Infrastructure Plan for the Harrogate District.

**REPORT FROM IAN KENDALL ON RIPON
Ripon Sustainable Connectivity Project Meeting 10 January 2020**

Present : James Hutchinson Steven Smith David Duthie Rupert Douglas Helen Firth

Apologies: Jonathon Leadley

Introductions and apologies. Jonathon Leadley couldn't make the meeting due to pressures of work. Attendees introduced themselves and their interests in the project. IK gave an overview to the history of the project and explained that the project has the support of Ripon Together, a Community Interest Company.

IK presented the planned outcomes of the meeting. Starting with outcome 1., all agreed that there is scope within the vicinity of the canal, racecourse and Littlethorpe to create a pathway suitable for cyclists and those using wheeled disability aids that would be of benefit to Ripon residents and visitors.

General opinion in agreement that a smaller project in this area could be a catalyst to develop further routes across Ripon in the future. Further thoughts around the 'narrative'

Various potential routes were discussed with associated challenges and benefits. For the purpose of these minutes they can be summarised with the help of the attached map, plus:

Potential route from canal car park to the east of the marina joining the canal at the southern point of the marina, though this requires access to a short section of land owned by the Nicholson family. Any works on the existing track within the racecourse land cannot hinder access during event days.

Canal path to the west of the marina is too narrow for a shared pathway with no solution for widening.

There is access from the B6265, over navigation Bridge, through Littlethorpe, joining the canal via a current footpath at the motor boat club at Nicholson's bridge.

Canal footpath south from Nicholson's Bridge is wide, but currently not surfaced. North to the southern point of the marina is surfaced and sufficiently wide for shared access.

Green Lane serves Rentons Bridge to Littlethorpe Road and is a public right of way as footpath. Canal path is paved from Rentons Bridge south to Ox Close Lock.

A more direct route to Newby Hall would be over Hewick Bridge and south on Skelton Lane, however the pinch-point on Hewick Bridge is a danger.

Routes south from Ox Close Lock to Newby Hall have potential for future expansion of a route.

IK relayed the view of Jonathon Leadley: The YWT would not like to see the pathway through the wetlands area used as a “cut through” instead wishing to restrict to “pedestrian access only, to create a quieter, more relaxed environment, with less disturbance to wild-life”.

JH also expressed reservations about creating a circular route through the wetlands area. IK wished to keep the idea open due to the attractiveness of a circular route for visitors and suggested this be addressed at a later date when YWT can be represented.

HF agreed to investigate what scope there would be for Highways Area 6 to embark on a feasibility exercise assessing improvements for improved cycle safety. The stretch of road would be the B6265 Boroughbridge Road parallel to the canal, east of the canal basin, to the junction with Skelton Lane, including the Hewick Bridge.

Before closing the meeting it was agreed that outcomes had been broadly met and the invitees should continue to be the core team to drive the ideas forward.

With the exception of HF, all went on a walk of the canal area to gain a feel for the area and the potential, particularly with regard to surface and path widths. Points to note from this walk:

There may be scope to link the canal car park area with the marina towpath bridge via the marina car park.

The canal underpass (below A61) could certainly offer an alternative to the A61 crossing on the National Cycle Network route 688, considered “dangerous”.

There are attractive routes linking the canal and Ripon City centre via Firs Avenue and Priest Lane, with additional routes from Fishergreen back to the Racecourse entrance.

Further investigation required as to the feasibility of widening sections for the canal path that run adjacent to the B6265.

Next Steps

HF to investigate possibilities regarding a feasibility study for safer cycling on B6265 in the vicinity of the project area.

For all to digest the discussions today for future meeting.

IK to prepare notes and propose next meeting.

Manifesto for Cycling

Harrogate District Cycle Action (HDCA) aims to represent the interests of every day cyclists across the Harrogate District. It has agreed the following Aims and Objectives and Actions below

Our Aim

The encouragement of cycling as a healthy, safe and enjoyable activity for all ages and as an alternative mode of transport

Our Objectives

1. Actively engage with the local public to identify cyclists needs and priorities and draw in local knowledge to contribute to design of effective solutions
2. To work with all Agencies for the provision of better facilities for cyclists in the Harrogate District to enable local journeys to school, work, shops to be possible by bike with a benchmark level of safety suitable for a 12 year old child
3. To work with all Agencies to create safe cycling links to the National Cycle Network
4. Work with all organizations (local, regional and national) interested in promoting cycling and the well-being of cyclists.
5. To be the voice of current and potential cyclists to the Local Authorities and other public agencies on cycling related issues in Harrogate District.

How will we do this?

Over the next 2 years we will seek to:-

- A** Establish a base of supporters from the local public and businesses who can represent cycling needs and potential solutions from the main residential areas of the District
- B** Develop a community led, prioritised list of projects which support Objective 2, consistent with the NYCC CIP document
- C** Develop a prioritised list of additional projects supporting links to the wider National Cycle Network (NCN)
- D** Ensure that the community-identified priority projects are taken forward by means of working with all public agencies and interested parties
- E** Promote good cycling practices and encourage training whenever possible

Actions

A1. Establish a new HDCA website which can:

- Act as a repository for key cycling reference materials of interest to the public regarding case studies, best practice, HDCA constitution and developed priorities
- Facilitate engagement with the public through membership, mailing lists, blogs to capture area specific needs and ideas
- Link to other related agencies and cycling bodies

Target Q1 2020

A2. Establish social media presence via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram to draw members of the public and local businesses into dialog to assist identifying local cycling needs and ideas

Target Q1 2020

A3 To raise awareness within the cycling community of our role and seek additional volunteer support to undertake the tasks identified

Ongoing.

B1. To facilitate sharing of successful initiatives from other towns/cities with Agencies, public and local businesses to develop understanding of possible solutions within Harrogate

Target Q2 2020

B2. To organise consultation with the public (online and face to face) to identify their priorities for cycling in the District

Target Q3 2020

B3. To document the list of community-identified projects required to deliver Objective 2 with prioritisation based on impact and potential speed of delivery

Target Q4 2020

B4 To develop an Engagement Strategy that will take forward those priorities with the relevant Agencies and that they are incorporated within any future Development/Funding Plans for the area.

C1. To promote the extension of NCN 67 (Harrogate-Spofforth) to link Harrogate to the south

Ongoing

C2. To promote the development of the Nidderdale Greenway extension to Pateley Bridge and beyond.

Ongoing

D1. To comment/respond on all cycling related policy/planning issues to ensure the 'case for cycling' is made.

Ongoing,

D2. To ensure that the Agencies are aware and make use of the social capital/ expertise that is available within the cycling community to assist in taking the cycling agenda forward.

Ongoing.

D3. To support the Local Sustainable Transport Fund proposals and engage with Councils and Agencies to see them implemented.

Ongoing.

E1. To promote the British Cycling Code of Conduct as good practice for all cyclists to ensure a positive image for cycling and cyclists in the District.

Ongoing.

E2. To promote and encourage appropriate cycle training for new cyclists and to ensure an appropriate pathway for anyone interested in taking up cycling from beginner to competitor.

Ongoing

E3. To link with existing Council school cycle trainer resources and develop additional capacity to be able to serve the wider needs of cyclists in the District.

Target Q4 2021