



## *Campaigning for Better Cycling*

(Formerly SHEPWAY CYCLE FORUM)

### **Minutes of meeting of Cycle Shepway 15 April 2014 at the Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone**

**Present:** David Taylor (Chairman), Cllr Russell Tillson (Cycling Champion), Rhona Hodges (Secretary), Paul Rees (Committee/ Spokes/ Sustrans), Joe Grey (Deputy Chairman), Cllr Martin Whybrow, Jeff Lyle (Committee), Alex Sansom (SDC) and Tony Smith,

**Apologies for Absence:** Alan Joyce (Treasurer), Steve Burton (Committee), Claire Jeffrey, Simon Barnes (Committee) and Jean Baker (Founder).

**1. Minutes:** Proposed by Tony Smith and seconded by Jeff Lyle: the minutes of the meeting on 15 April 2014 were confirmed.

**2. Matters arising from the minutes:**

**Minute 2:** Jean Baker had reported that she had been told that there was no objection from SDC to cyclists using the paths in and around Radnor Park. Members commented that there was a need for improving access to the park for cycles and adding signage from Cornwallis Avenue and within the Park.

**3. Seafront Signage:** David Taylor reported that 30 signs had been ordered at a cost of £7.83 each plus individual fixings. **Agreed** these could be erected along the path between Folkestone Harbour and St Leonards Road, Hythe, while also requesting Folkestone Harbour Company for an additional sign directing cyclists to the promenade. **Action by DT, Peter Phillips**

Sandgate Parish Council had requested two "Sandgate Welcomes Careful Cyclists" signs and two "Cyclist Please Dismount at Busy Times" signs.. **Agreed** that a positive reply be sent, indicating that this would be done when funds allow. **Action by DT**

**4. Cinque Ports Cycleway:**

**i. Consultation with Sandgate Parish Council:** Following fruitful discussion with Sandgate residents, a successful "Bell-Stop" event had been organised, with others to follow at Sandgate and Dymchurch. Additional funding for bells was being sought from Cllrs Russell Tillson and Lynne Beaumont. **Action by DT, AS, RT.** Thanks to generous funding from Martin Whybrow, stencils would be painted and maintained on the surface of the promenade. **Action by DT, AJ.**

**ii Consultation with New Romney PC:** Alex Sansom said that residents of St Mary's Bay had requested signs for the seawall. Joe Grey said that the narrow path beside the golf course at New Romney needed bollards to deter road traffic. **Agreed** that requests be submitted to New Romney Town Council for funding. **Action by DT, RT**

**iii Negotiations with MoD:** Russell Tillson and David Taylor both reported drawing blanks in trying to engage with the MoD. DT had written to Damian Collins to enlist help. The MP had referred the matter to RT – so no progress! In trying to negotiate an easing back of fencing along the northern perimeter of Hythe Ranges and gaining access to their land at Dymchurch Redoubt, RT hoped to be more successful by enlisting the support of SDC Economic Development officers. **Agreed** that AS would obtain detailed maps of the area between Reachfields and the Redoubt, and JG and DT would prepare a plea for RT to use, based on regeneration and “linking communities” **Action by AS, JG, DT, RT.** Martin Whybrow said that he would include the Cycle Path project when he met consultants for the Quarry development for discussion on Section 106 issues. **Action by MW**

**5. Website/Facebook:** DT explained that maintaining the current website cost his company £500 per quarter. He suggested moving the group’s publicity entirely to Facebook. **Agreed** to leave a static presence with the Cycle Plan and the Cinque Ports Cycleway Survey on the website and a link to Facebook. **Action by JG, DT.**

**6. “Quick Wins”:** DT explained that a grant of £80k had been announced by KCC, without reference to CySy, for improvements to cycle access to the two Folkestone stations. He proposed to meet KCC officers as soon as possible to discuss options for these funds, including access from Park Farm schools and crossing the line at Folkestone West station. **Action by DT, MW, PR, RH.** **Agreed** to set up a group to look again at the “Quick Wins” identified in the Cycle Plan and widen the scope of the surveys to include routes to and within Hawkinge (**Action by TS**) the North Downs Way to Lyminge and Elham (already examined by PR) and Romney Marsh. **Action by JG, TS, Simon Barnes**

**7. Summer events:** **Agreed** not to arrange a CySy ride this summer. Paul Rees said that he would be organising a ride for Spokes later in the summer which could include supporters of CySy. Other events included Sandgate Sea Festival on 24 August and Folkestone Green Fair on 5 July.

**Next meeting –Tuesday 23 September 2014 at The Civic Centre, Folkestone**