

‘FOLKESTONE/SHEPWAY CYCLE FORUM

Minutes of a meeting held on 8 September 2011 at the Civic Centre, Folkestone

Present: David Taylor (Chair), Shane Record, Jean Baker, Rhona Hodges (Shepway FoE), Paul Rees (Sustrans Ranger), Alan Joyce (Sustrans Liaison Ranger), Brian Turner (Sustrans Ranger), Hugh Robertson-Ritchie, Andrew South, Anna Hunt, Matt Senior, Simon Barnes, Sara Barnes, Jeff Lyle, Elizabeth Lonkhurst, Cllr Stuart Peall and Emily Ghassempour (SDC)

1 Apologies for absence were received from Dave Kesby, Mark Tuson (WCCP), Eleanor Jones, Frances Powell, John Collier, Jane and Paul Braine, Tim Reynhart Mark Biddis and Dan Hume.

2 Minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2011 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes of 9 June 2011:
None.

4 Folkestone Harbour Spring Event

Emily Ghassempour, Culture and Communities Project Officer at SDC, described a proposal as part of the Folkestone Harbour development for a cycle-based event on the first weekend in May 2012. She suggested that the event might include kite flying and the involvement of young people from the Shed Project (where 200 bikes were available), and invited the Forum to prepare a bid for funding from the Roger de Haan Charitable Trust. Paul Rees pointed out that the event would require a professional manager, the cost of which should be included within the bid. He stressed the need for the event to appeal to families rather than only sport-minded cyclists. Ideas for the event were suggested by members:

- Stunt riders, including Bmx's and novelty bikes
- Relay race to highlight the need for safe cycling on roads
- A treasure hunt by bike
- Fancy dress ride/performance by University students
- Sportif event
- Organised ride along NCR 2 from the Marsh

Shane Record advised the Forum to focus on objectives for the event which would benefit the aims of the Forum. It was agreed that all members should continue to submit ideas to David Taylor (david@yorkfilms.com), who would prepare a costed proposal prior to meeting Dan Hume of the Trust, supported by a few members including Cllr Peall. **ACTION: DT**

5. Constitution and Charitable Status

Alan Joyce explained the benefits of creating a charity with a constitution and the possible need to raise funds in the future. It was agreed to use the Model Constitution used by Spokes (a copy of which is attached to the minutes), amended as necessary by Alan. The Committee adopting the constitution would in the first instance be David Taylor, Shane Record, Rhona Hodges and Alan Joyce. **ACTION: AJ**

6. Rebranding

David Taylor proposed a number of new names for the Forum, but none received universal acclaim and the decision was postponed until the next meeting.

7 Website

Members agreed that a website and Facebook page would be beneficial, although the existing links with Spokes should be maintained. David Taylor offered to liaise with Matt Senior to discuss design and costs. **ACTION: DT MS**

Simon and Sara Barnes agreed to attend the University Freshers Fair to promote the Forum.

ACTION: SIB SAB

8 Kent Highway Services – Future Plans

A meeting had been arranged with Richard Heaps, the newly appointed KHS traffic engineer with responsibility for Shepway. It was hoped to discuss “quick wins” – proposals which would be cheap and simple to implement, including marking on the Promenade, speed bumps and kerb ramps.

Further suggestions from members would be welcome. **ACTION: DT RH AJ SB**

9 Sandgate and Hythe

Alan Joyce reported that NCR2 had been re-routed beyond West Hythe to Eastbridge Church. He hoped that the potholes on the lane from Aldergate Bridge would soon receive attention.

10 AOB

(1) Draft Local Development Framework

Rhona Hodges reminded members that the deadline for responses was 23 September. She proposed to respond on behalf of the Forum requesting that it should be a consultee when significant development was proposed. Jean Baker pointed out that the Strategy should be included in the Draft, together with specific inclusion of cycling provision at Folkestone West station. She also pointed out that the Strategy was impossible to find on the SDC website.

ACTION: RH

(2) Sandy Lane, Sandgate

Simon Barnes reported that he had been offered land off Sandy Lane to rent by the MOD which was used by BMX riders. He was advised that insurance cover for riders would probably be costly.

(3) Action group

A meeting of members interested in the Harbour event would be arranged at The Hub.

ACTION :DT SB SR AH

(4) Dymchurch Sea Wall

Andrew South suggested that bike racks were needed on the Sea Wall. Paul Rees had discussed the possible extension of the cycle track to the Redoubt from the Nicholls Quarry site as part of the Section 106 requirement for the proposed housing development.

Nest meeting date – 12 January 2012