



*Campaigning for Better Cycling*

(Formerly SHEPWAY CYCLE FORUM)

**Minutes of combined meeting of  
Cinque Ports Cycleway Working Committee & Cycle Shepway  
held on 28 November 2013 at the Civic Centre, Folkestone**

**WORKING COMMITTEE**

**Present:** David Taylor (Joint Chairman), Joe Grey (Deputy Chairman), Alan Joyce (Treasurer), Rhona Hodges (Secretary), Paul Rees (Spokes and Sustrans), Owen Leyshon (RMCP) and Jeff Lyle,

**Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Russell Tillson, Jean Baker, Steve Burton, Colin Finch and Gavin Davis.

**1. Minutes:** Proposed by David Taylor and seconded by Joe Grey, the minutes of the Working Committee meeting on 8 October 2013 were confirmed.

**2. Matters Arising:**

**Minute 3:** David Taylor reported that he had met Cllr Clifton-Holt and had clarified the Group's intentions for the route of the cycleway alongside MOD land. He hoped cordial relations would continue, to obtain his full support for the Cycling Plan.

Paul Rees, as Sustrans Co-ordinator, had contacted Cllr Carey, but she maintained her preference for the Canal route, thereby dismissing the Plan.

Hythe Green – Dymchurch: Alan Joyce had sent a letter to the outgoing Chairman of the Hythe Green Preservation Society who had passed it to the (as yet anonymous) Chairman-elect.

**AGREED** to press for a response. **Action by AJ**

David Taylor had contacted the MOD and awaited a response from their Surveyor.

Natural England – **AGREED** that Alan Joyce and Paul Rees would attend a presentation in Hythe. **Action by AJ,PR**

Waitrose – the company had agreed to provide cycle parking on the Canal side of their car park.

Radnor Park – Jean Baker had contacted Bob Porter to ask about progress on the request for use of paths in the Park.

**Minute 4:** Seafront signage – Joe Grey proposed to walk the Folkestone-Hythe route with Alex Sansom. Paul Rees suggested that he could also cycle the route and use Sustrans “Share with Care” signs at the sites identified until the Group’s “Respect” signs had been approved. David Taylor would present the proposals at a forthcoming meeting of Sandgate Parish Council. **Action by JG,PR,DT.**

Alan Joyce reported that Colin Finch and Richard Heaps at KCC were seeking funds for Amey to carry out an audit of the route of the cycleway.

### **3 Shingle at Sandgate**

Peter Phillips had cleared some shingle from the promenade with the help of volunteers, but had been advised by Chunnel contractors that their staff would complete the task, and then lower the level of the shingle below the wall to reduce the risk of a recurrence of the problem. David Taylor was pleased to confirm that funding for the Sprucer had been assured until November 2014 without jeopardising the current flexibility of the area of his activities. He stressed the need for frequent users of the path to notify him whenever shingle was washed over the sea wall and blocked the path.

## **CYCLE SHEPWAY MEETING**

**Present:** David Taylor (chairman), Joe Grey (Deputy Chairman), Alan Joyce (Treasurer), Paul Rees (Spokes and Sustrans), Owen Leyshon (R M C P), Jeff Lyle, Cllr Martin Whybrow, Hugh Robertson-Ritchie and Tony Gilbert.

**Apologies for Absence:** As Above.

1. **Minutes** of the meeting of 8 October 2013 were approved, Alan Joyce proposing and Paul Rees seconding.

### **2. Matters Arising**

**Minute 3:** . Cycle Parking - **AGREED** that Joe Grey would circulate a map of proposed additional sites for more suggestions before submitting it to Bob Porter. Sites already suggested included Folkestone Library, Cheriton Library, Activ shop and Sandgate. More suggestions were invited for parking provision in New Romney and Lydd. **Action by JG.**

Martin Whybrow said that improvements to Chapel Street in Hythe would include cycle parking, and it was **AGREED** that Paul Rees would send him details of efficient and cost-effective designs. **Action by PR**

3. **Members’ Activities** Paul Rees reported that at the recent Spokes AGM he had volunteered to take temporary charge of the website, but no new Chairman had been elected. The organisation’s links with Canterbury City Council and KCC continued to be strong, but its members needed to provide more support and expertise to the remaining members of the Committee. Specifically, each Forum had been asked to monitor local planning applications and Alan Joyce **AGREED** to take on this role for Shepway. **Action by AJ**

Members had shared their experience of 20’s Plenty schemes, reporting mixed results. It appeared that zones near schools had been relatively more successful, and Martin Whybrow supported this view by giving details of the area successfully proposed for a limit near Saltwood school.

#### **4. Any Other Business**

**1. Hythe ranges:** Rumours persisted that the MOD would close the ranges at Hythe once the Army withdrew from Afghanistan. **AGREED** that their surveyor be asked to give an opinion.  
**Action by DT**

**2. Sustrans Rangers:** Paul Rees appealed for volunteers to take on local areas. Owen Leyshon and Martin Whybrow requested further details. **Action by PR**

**3. Social media:** David Taylor appealed for volunteers to help with maintaining the website, Facebook and Twitter account.

**4. Parking:** Tony Gilbert suggested that too much emphasis was being put on parking provision, at the expense of safe cycle routes.

**5. Dangerous driving:** Paul Rees reported that, following a meeting with Police Commissioner Ann Barnes, Spokes members had been assured that when a complaint was lodged about dangerous activities by a motorist without sufficient witnesses to support a prosecution, a “warning” letter would be sent to the vehicle’s licence keeper.

**6. Future meetings** will combine the main meeting with the Working Committee to prevent repetition.

**Date of Next Meeting: Thursday, 30 January 2014, at 6.30pm**