



Campaigning for Better Cycling

Cinque Ports Cycleway Working Committee

Notes of inaugural meeting held on 24 June 2013 at Civic Centre, Folkestone

Present: David Taylor, Cllr Russell Tillson, Councillor Lynne Beaumont, Paul Rees, Joe Grey, Bob Porter, Mark Tuson, Jean Baker and Rhona Hodges.

Apologies: Cllr Martin Whybrow, Colin Finch

1 Working Group for implementing Cycle Plan

AGREED that the Group be co-chaired by David Taylor and Russell Tillson, and the members present be adopted, with the addition of Martin Whybrow and Colin Finch of KCC PROW team.

2 Quick Wins along the Cinque Ports Route

DT reminded members that Councillors' donations of £2000 were allocated in CySy funds for signage in Folkestone and Sandgate. The route was discussed following JG's survey:

- a) **Folkestone-Hythe St Leonards Road:** Signs had been designed and sites proposed for the Folkestone-Hythe path, pending approval from the landowners. The Sustrans route currently followed the path through the Children's Lower Leas Playground and continued by road through Sandgate, although usage for many years had been along the more appropriate promenade and maintenance gangway. **AGREED** that BP would confirm land ownership and legal issues. **(NB notes circulated by JG appended to these minutes show details of all approvals required) Action by BP**
- b) **Hythe Green – Dymchurch Redoubt** **AGREED** that JG consult Martin Whybrow on the possibility of obtaining permission to cross The Green. The MOD had accepted the CySy petition. **AGREED** that RT ask Damian Collins to contact the MOD and ask for a contact to discuss the Group's requests for small parcels of land alongside the Ranges, although this would not be an urgent priority. **Action by JG, RT**
- c) **Dymchurch – St Marys Bay:** JG suggested that the Byway from St Marys Bay could be downgraded to the status of Bridleway. Confusing "No Cycling" signs could be removed and replaced with standard "shared path" notices, with "pedestrian priority" notices erected where appropriate. **AGREED** that JG consult Colin Finch re status of Coast Drive. Work and fixings could be provided by the Folkestone "Sprucer". **Action by RT, DT, JG**

- d) **Folly – Golf Course:** Several beach roads are either unadopted or private. Owners might be persuaded to accept improvements at a later stage in the implementation process.
- e) **Dungeness:** Natural England's consent would be required for any development on the SSSI. Lightweight netting-style path construction as used in Sussex would be very expensive. The option of diverting the path behind the houses fronting the road might be an option to consider later.

3 Quick Wins in Folkestone

JB reminded members that the Cycle Plan had been approved in 2011 as a 5 year project, and that to date nothing had been implemented. Easy options were suggested:

- a) **Signage through the 3-Hills Sports Ground – AGREED** that BP consult the developer and notify the Group via JG of the outcome. If necessary, JB would request LB to fund the signage. **Action by BP, JB, LB**
- b) **Use of paths in Radnor Park – AGREED** that BP investigates permissions to use the paths in the Park, and costs the dropped kerb. **Action by BP**

4 The Way Ahead

AGREED that Richard Heaps, KCC Traffic Engineer with responsibility for Shepway, be invited to join the Group. **Action by DT**

AGREED that JG should be BP's contact for CySy.

5 AOB

- a) PR pointed out that cycle stands were needed at the canal side of the Waitrose Car Park. **AGREED** that DT would write to Waitrose. **Action by DT**
- b) PR informed members that Sustrans signs were to be erected at the end of Ladies Walk.

Next Group Meeting – Monday 19 August at 6pm