

# NOTE OF CYCLING ENGLAND DEMONSTRATION TOWN PROJECT BOARD MEETING

WEDNESDAY 01 AUGUST 2007

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**PRESENT:** Councillor E Blamire (EB)  
Councillor M Whitelegg (MW)  
Peter Loker (PSL)

		ACTION
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  Ron Eckersley, County Councillor Jean Yates  (Note: County Councillor Jean Yates is County nominee to the Board)	
2.	<b>NOTES FROM LAST MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY</b>  Noted	
3.	<b>MATTERS ARISING</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Planning Enforcement and BTP's</b> - Update to Board requested on progress</li><li>• <b>Cycle Storage at Town Hall, Lancaster</b> - Facility ordered and due to be erected on The Wash during first week in September</li><li>• <b>Cycle Tourism and Budgie Bikes</b> - no current interest from Budgie Bikes so opportunities to be explored with Pedal Power</li><li>• <b>Financial Updates</b> - not available for this meeting. To be requested and distributed to Board Members</li><li>• <b>Health on Wheels</b> - evaluation report required to the Board</li><li>• <b>Universities Cabinet Liaison Group</b> - presentation given to meeting on CDT Project on 06 March by PSL</li><li>• <b>Cycleway Safety</b> - this had been discussed with the Police. In particular how to deal with perceptions of safety of cycleways.</li></ul>	<b>PSL</b> (Planning)  <b>PSL</b> (RS)  <b>PSL</b> (Finance)  <b>PSL</b> (RS)

- **Terms of Reference of CDT and Structure** - Board role re-established by Cabinet on 24 July 2007. Report and Terms of Reference of Steering Group to be added to next Board agenda.

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#### 4. **MONITORING INFORMATION**

##### **County Cycle Counts:**

Alasdair Simpson had presented attached information to the Steering Group on 20 July – in particular comparison of the first 5 months of 2006 and 2007. Although there are wide variations in the comparative counts – from +47% to –10% - the trends were positive but not as high as we might have expected.

##### **CDT Monitoring Data Summary:**

Noted this consists of seven main sections

- average cycles/day for each of the 26 Sustrans automatic cycle counters by month
- manual count data
- school travel surveys
- workplace travel survey
- behaviour and attitude survey
- counts of parked bikes
- additional data

Noted that although there is a wealth of data, we need to consider how to turn this into useful information to help inform future direction of our project.

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##### **Sustrans CDT Comparative Data:**

Andy Cope (Sustrans) had now sent us some data which compared performance across four CDT's for a selected number of automatic counters during January-March 2006/07. For Lancaster CDT this showed an overall increase but it was disappointingly low and lower than other three. Indications were of much higher increases in April/May and Sustrans advice was not to read too much into these figures yet. Agreed we need to focus on evaluation and obtain more information.

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#### 5. **MATTERS REFERRED FROM 20 JULY 2007 CDT STEERING GROUP**

Minutes of Group considered.

- **Centros Miller** - Steering Group requested Board to write to City Council Planners expressing concern that the current design excluded cyclists and did not support CDT objectives.

**Agreed:** PSL on behalf of the Board write to Planning requesting that the design of the development should actively encourage cycling through the site and this be a condition of any consent. In addition, ramped access for cyclists be

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provided up to the canal and this access route be maintained during the construction period.

6. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

The prioritised proposals as submitted to the Cycling England Board were discussed and agreed, as the basis for review with the Board. Noted that one of the Cycling England Board Members would be visiting Lancaster on 06 and 07 August to review those proposals and report back to Cycling England Board on his recommendations. Request for Board Members to meet with him if possible.

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Councillor Whitelegg tabled a letter dated 30 July 2007 from Alistair Kirkbride (on behalf of Dynamo). This identified four priority routes and work with major employers to promote cycling. It was noted that these were already in the work programme except for the cross-town route suggestion. It was agreed that these proposals would also be discussed with Cycling England for inclusion in the future work programme.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be convened once we have feedback from Cycling England Board on what they are prepared to fund from our proposed programme.