

# STEERING GROUP MEETING FOR CYCLING DEMONSTRATION TOWN PROJECT

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 19 JANUARY 2007

## COUNCIL CHAMBER, MORECAMBE TOWN HALL

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Matt Hodges	(MHod)	CTC
	Anna Redfearn	(AR)	Pedal Power
	Shelly Harvey	(SH)	Cycle Aid
	Mike Hutchinson	(MHut)	CTC
	Claire Drury	(CD)	North Lancashire Health
	John Leach	(JL)	Dynamo
	Kathy Bashford	(KB)	Sustrans
	Alasdair Simpson	(AS)	Lancashire County Council
	Rachel Scott	(RS)	Economic Development, LCC
	Jane Hunter	(JH)	Engineering Section, LCC
	Gary Bowker	(BG)	Engineering Section, LCC
	Ron Eckersley	(RE)	Engineering Section, LCC
	Peter Loker	(PSL)	Corporate Director, LCC
	Steph Lucas		Notetaker, LCC
	Mark Butt	(Guest)	Mayer Brown

		ACTION
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Bee Harding, Economic Development, LCC            Jim Robson, Area Manager (North), Lancashire County Council            John Whitelegg, Sustainable Transport Advisor</p>	
2.	<p><b>MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17 NOVEMBER 2006</b></p> <p>Correction – Claire Drury represents North Lancashire Health</p>	
3.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>Item 5 – Gritting</b> - GB had checked with three other CDT's and basically they do the same as Lancaster, i.e. nothing. It was noted that this is a Highway Authority responsibility.</p> <p><b>Item 5 - 20pmh Zone</b> - Lancashire Locals had prioritised 20pmh zones to work up schemes and Dallas Road was included on this list. GB agreed to check which schools are to be targeted and all to be linked in with KB's work. PSL reported that Full Council had supported the 20mph in the vicinity of schools.</p> <p><b>Item 5 – Priority at Junctions</b> - GB confirmed this was on his list of things to do.</p>	<b>GB/KB</b>

	<p><b>Item 5 – Cycle Parking in Local Shopping Areas</b> - JL suggested that a legal decision is required with regard to siting cycle stands on private land, e.g. forecourts. Officers to discuss at their next meeting.</p> <p>GB confirmed that they now had 120 Sheffield stands in stock – stands to be sited outside Lancaster Library and The Platform, Morecambe.</p> <p>MHod requested that officers look at the lack of bike stands in the Castle area.</p> <p><b>Item 7 – Community Chest Projects</b> - RS reported that it had been agreed that this initiative be repeated this year.</p> <p><b>Item 11 (iii) – University Representative</b> - PSL reported he had not received a response to his letters requesting the University consider sending a representative to the Steering Group meetings. PSL would raise at the next quarterly Liaison Group meeting between the City Council and University.</p>	<p>GB/RE/RS</p> <p>GB</p> <p>PSL</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>PRESENTATION FROM MAYER BROWN</b></p> <p>Mark Butt, Mayer Brown, gave a presentation on the study of cross city centre bike routes. He covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aims of the Study</li> <li>• The Study area</li> <li>• Identified trip patterns</li> <li>• Supporting reviews</li> <li>• Proposed cycle strategy</li> <li>• Recommendations</li> </ul> <p>PSL thanked Mark for the presentation.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation will be circulated.</p> <p>The Study will be available shortly and will be circulated for comments.</p> <p>It was noted that the Study's findings would probably outlive the CDT Project, but plans would be made to take the findings forward. It was hoped that the County Council would take on board the Study's findings. RS said that the Vision Board were looking at an integrated transport policy for the area and may be a source of potential funding.</p>	<p>GB</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>PRIORITISATION OF ROUTES</b></p> <p>GB had circulated via email a list of outstanding schemes for CDT funding. The short term projects are fairly set, but he ran through the priorities as he sees it. Next year's projects need to be sent to Cycling England by the end of February.</p> <p>Various projects were discussed, including Lancaster Canal Towpath Improvements – Canal Bridge 98. GB was asked to contact the new owners of the Waterwitch Pub to see if they would be willing to make a contribution towards costs.</p>	

	<p>MHod raised concerns about the Heysham Bypass cycle lanes being too narrow.</p> <p>GB's list was agreed in principle, but any further comments/feedback should be sent to GB by the end of January.</p>	
6.	<p><b>BIKE IT UPDATE</b></p> <p>KB circulated an update and ran through the main issues.</p>	
7.	<p><b>DECISIONS FROM CDT PROJECT BOARD</b></p> <p>It was noted that the CDT Board had agreed £4000 funding for Wheels for Health project.</p>	
8.	<p><b>NICE GUIDELINES ON OBESITY</b></p> <p>JL had requested this issue be discussed. CD circulated a summary of the aims and context of the guidance and informed the meeting how the PCT are taking this forward. There is a local obesity strategy in place which takes into account prevention.</p> <p>JL felt most people could not distinguish between PCT and Hospitals, so hospitals need to be involved.</p> <p>JL asked if reference to these guidelines could be referred to in future Press Releases.</p> <p>PSL advised that the new North Lancashire PCT were to put more emphasis on public health issues. Also that the City Council's Unitary Authority Bid had built into it a Director of Public Health who would be a non-executive member of the Management Team.</p> <p>The Group agreed that CD should develop a link with the CDT Steering Group in her report to the Health and Wellbeing Building Block of the Local Strategic Partnership</p>	<p><b>RS</b></p> <p><b>CD</b></p>
9.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <p>None</p>	
10.	<p><b>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>10.00 am Friday 16 March 2007, Committee Room B, Lancaster Town Hall</p>	