

# STEERING GROUP MEETING FOR CYCLING DEMONSTRATION TOWN PROJECT

NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 OCTOBER 2009

COMMITTEE ROOM B, LANCASTER TOWN HALL

<b>PRESENT:</b>	Philip Longton	(PL)	Lancaster University
	Ian Rodham	(IR)	University of Cumbria
	Peter Armstrong	(PA)	North Lancs Teaching PCT
	Mike Hutchinson	(MHut)	CTC Lancaster
	Matt Hodges	(MHod)	CTC
	Dick Follows	(DF)	Dynamo
	John Leach	(JL)	Dynamo
	Dave Horton	(DH)	Lancaster Environment Centre, Lancaster Uni
	Griet Scheldeman	(GS)	–
	Mark Taylor	(MT)	Lancaster University Students Union
	Darren Axe	(DA)	Lancaster University Students Union
	Alasdair Simpson	(AS)	Lancashire County Council
	Councillor Jon Barry	(JB)	Cabinet member with responsibility for cycling
	Ged McAllister	(GMc)	Engineering Section, Lancaster City Council
	Rachel Scott	(RS)	Engineering Section, Lancaster City Council
	Gary Bowker	(GB)	Engineering Section, Lancaster City Council
	Matt Moran	(MM)	Engineering Section, Lancaster City Council
	Peter Loker	(PSL)	Corporate Director, Lancaster City Council
	Steph Lucas	(SL)	Notetaker, Lancaster City Council

		ACTION
1.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Councillor Eileen Blamire, Councillor John Whitelegg and Caroline Holden (Lancashire County Council).</p> <p>Those present introduced themselves.</p>	
2.	<p><b>NOTES OF MEETING HELD 06 APRIL 2008</b></p> <p>Noted as a correct record of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING</b></p> <p><b>Item 4 – Road Safety</b> - AS said that road safety issues should be sent to <a href="mailto:roadsafety@lancashire.gov.uk">roadsafety@lancashire.gov.uk</a></p> <p><b>Item 4 – Christ Church and Ridge Schools</b> - These schools are not on Bike It list for this year. JB requested that the schools be asked what are the barriers to them becoming a Bike It school. MH reported that CTC have a pack available for parents to encourage cycling.</p>	<b>RS</b>

	<p><b>Item 4 – Blanket 20mph</b> - PSL had raised this with County Council. The Highways Services was currently going through a restructure, and in addition, a report on Public Realm and working closer with the City Council had recently been to Cabinet, and Lancaster is to be in the second phase. 20mph continues to be discussed and we still need to push in any arena we can influence.</p> <p><b>Item 5 (i)</b> - There will be a major ministerial announcement at the end of October/beginning of November which will include all performance details.</p> <p><b>Item 5 (ii)</b> - GB discussed a Mondiman junction for Penny Street Bridge, but County have reassured him that the proposals were the best design.</p> <p><b>Item (iv)</b> - MM confirmed he had passed on the information regarding BSI PAS 500 to workplace partners.</p>	
4.	<p><b>PROGRESS/ACHIEVEMENTS</b></p> <p>(a) <b>Progress Report Update</b> - noted. GB had brought plans of all schemes and would answer any questions at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>PSL reported that we had received a National Transport Award for Cycling on Morecambe Promenade.</p> <p>MHod reported that Advanced Stop Lines were being grossly ignored by taxi drivers. It was agreed that information would be circulated via the Taxi Liaison meeting, together with more general publicity.</p> <p>(b) <b>Smarter Choices Update</b> - noted. Any issues to be raised direct with RS.</p> <p><u>Greenway</u> – Police do not see it as a problem. RS to put a leaflet together to try and encourage people to use it.</p> <p><u>Social Marketing</u> – trying to target people by workplace. Issue raised regularly with Cycling England (CE). CE has a PR company who deal with this. JL suggested that on a national or international level cycling needed to be made more 'fashionable'. RS said that a Promotions and Events Sub Group meeting on the 03 November would discuss this further.</p> <p><u>Partnership Working</u> - PA asked about progress, PSL agreed this was something to be considered when discussing future funding.</p> <p><u>Accidents</u> – The cycling team had prepared a project about driver training, and submitted it for funding to Cycle Hub, but this was unsuccessful. It may go to the LSP next year. AS said that accidents to cyclists in Lancaster had declined and city centre works would reduce accidents further.</p>	<p>RS</p> <p>RS</p>

	<p>(c) <b>Workplace Cycling</b> - detailed report noted.</p> <p>(d) <b>Bike It Update</b> - it was noted that there were six new Bike It schools. Damian Bonsall had now moved to a job with CTC delivering their new Bike Club concept. Andy Gott would be covering the Bike It work on a part time basis, but queries can be sent to RS who will pass on.</p>	
5.	<p><b>FUTURE FUNDING</b></p> <p>PSL wanted to flag up this issue. He reported that we have CDT funding to 2010/11 and CE had indicated that six year funding is the maximum, so consideration needs to be given to what happens when funding ends. He has asked officers to look at minimal levels to continue. JB wants cycling to be a priority and stay in the Council's Corporate Plan.</p> <p>MHod said we need to ensure that cycling gets its share in the next local transport plan which is being developed.</p> <p>It was agreed that the group would consider this further at the next meeting.</p>	PSL
6.	<p><b>UNDERSTANDING WALKING AND CYCLING PROJECT</b></p> <p>DH gave an overview of the project which involved three universities and four case studies, one of which was Lancaster. The rationale of the project was to help promote walking and cycling. RS is on the project group. Conclusions would be available to CE and the group.</p>	
7.	<p><b>GREEN LANCASTER RECONDITIONED BICYCLE SCHEME</b></p> <p>PL explained the background to the scheme which was a partnership with Pedal Power to sell reconditioned cycles to university staff and students. MT explained that the Green Lancaster arm of the Students Union currently run this project, but did not have the capacity to take it further. The scheme was so far successful and they had sold 23 bikes in the last two weeks. MT said that a separate project now needed setting up.</p> <p>PL said discussions would be taking place to see how this could be expanded. RS felt cycle hire should be considered if the project expanded. MHod asked if Pedal Power could run the project direct. MM said that due to the limited number of recycled bikes for sale, university staff should be reminded about the Cycle to Work Scheme.</p>	
8.	<p><b>THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A 20MPH DEFAULT SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT</b></p> <p>DFT had changed the terminology to '20mph default speed limit' rather than '20mph zone'. On behalf of Dynamo, DF asked that the Steering Group redefine its commitment using the new terminology. Evaluation of the Portsmouth scheme showed a reduction of 7mph, where previously</p>	

	<p>speeds were above 24 mph. DF asked the group to write letters to bodies who will be discussing this topic. It was stressed that this would not just benefit cyclists, but also general use, pedestrians, children, elderly, etc.</p> <p>PSL put the proposal that the Steering Group support "20mph default speed limit on residential roads". There was a general consensus of support and to ask the CDT Board to support this proposal</p> <p>JB requested that email addresses be circulated for Jo Turton, Environment Director at Lancashire County Council; Members of Lancashire Locals – Lancaster District; Councillor Toby Young, Chair of Lancashire County Council Cycle Liaison Group.</p>	<p>PSL</p> <p>SL</p>
9.	<p><b>DRIVERS' BEHAVIOUR</b></p> <p>DF summarised the main points of the paper circulated with the agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dynamo were asking for a Drivers Awareness Campaign</li> <li>• Police to be more active in relation to offences by motorists</li> <li>• Need for more explicit signs</li> <li>• Better use of media</li> </ul> <p>RS had put together a project 'Drive Smart – Cycle Smart' which included driver training, cycle training where large vehicles were involved, etc. The bid had not been successful, but it was suggested that this project could now be taken forward.</p> <p>RS reported she would be having a meeting with the traffic police and she would raise the enforcement issues.</p> <p>PA suggested making driver safety a health and safety at work issue. MM said bad van driver behaviour can be reported to the company. Taxi drivers can be reported via Licensing Section.</p>	
10.	<p><b>MAINTENANCE OF CYCLE ROUTES, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO VEGETATION, BOLLARDS AND SIGHT LINES</b></p> <p>MHod ran through the various issues, identifying particular problem areas. AS has a meeting in early November with British Waterways and would raise the problems regarding the canal towpath. AS said complaints regarding highways should be reported to the area north office either by telephone 0845 053 0011 or email <a href="mailto:highways@lancashire.gov.uk">highways@lancashire.gov.uk</a>. GB explained that the lengthsman who covers the cycle path had been off ill, so there had been a gap in coverage. He was now back at work and the autumn pruning season would deal with some of the problem areas identified.</p>	
11.	<p><b>MISCELLANEOUS CYCLING MARKINGS QUERIES</b></p> <p>JB to pursue through officers and CDT Board meeting.</p>	

12.	<p><b>HORSES ON CYCLE PATHS</b></p> <p>Group supported dynamo position which is to be sympathetic to responsible shared use. However, there are concerns about use of cycle paths by pony and traps and it was considered that there may be legal controls which should be used.</p>	
13.	<p><b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Noted Dynamo AGM on Thursday 22 October at the Gregson Centre. All invited.</li> <li>• Lack of cycle stands at main CSC entrance to Town Hall is because of conservation constraints applied by Planning</li> <li>• Irresponsible cycling on Promenade and some cycle paths clearly not supported by the Group and further consideration to be given – including liaison with Police – on how to control.</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>To be arranged in approximately four months time.</p>	SL