

Gloucestershire Cycling Forum

Thursday 20th November 2025

Attendees

Cllr Whyborn	Chair
Sarah Williams	Coordinator
Danielle Chick	Coordinator
Malcolm Taylor	Cycle Forum Representative
Roger Smith	Cycle Forum Representative
Cllr Challis	Reform Party
Cllr Davies	Conservative Party
Cllr Cody	Green Party
Cllr Patient	Green Party
Cllr McFarling	Green Party
Cllr Jones	Chairman - Maisemore Parish Council
Cllr Burton	Active Travel Champion – Forest of Dean
Jo Atkins	ThinkTravel Manager
Alan Bullock	Highways Programme and Major Projects Manager
Mishaël Gbejewoh	Active Travel Officer
Susan Green	ThinkTravel Schools and Active Travel Coordinator
Jason Humm	Director of Transport and Highways
Jwan Kamala	Road Safety Manager
Craig Schofield	Traffic Engineering Manager
Luisa Senft-Hayward	Transport Planning Team Manager
Phillip Hackett	British Horse Society Warwickshire
Hillary Macdonald	British Horse Society Warwickshire
James Jeffery	Atlas Sports
Tish Rickard	Newent Cycling Group
Paul Morrish	Bikeability Instructor
Marcus Perrin	Forest of Dean District Council
Georgia Spooner	Stroud District Council
Satchel Szkrybienieć	Caseworker for Dr Simon Opher MP
Maddy Thacker	Walk Wheel Cycle Trust (previously known as Sustrans)
Chris Duggan	C&D Greenway Group
Phil Butcher	C&D Greenway Group
Patricia Edeam	Living Streets
Members of the public	

Apologies

Simon Excel	Assistant Director of Planning & Economic Development
Alex Haworth	GCC Major Projects Project Manager
Ollie Hazel	Cycling Co-Ordinator
Harrison Bowley	Cotswold District Council
Allan Keller	Cotswold District Council
Bill Oliver	Cheltenham and County Cycling Club

1 Welcome & Introductions

Cllr Roger Whyborn welcomed attendees. Actions from previous meeting agreed.

2 Communities 20

Started first public engagement in Cirencester and this will continue for 3 weeks. The next engagement will be in Cheltenham.

Nathan Davies presented.

- In 2022 GCC adopted a new Road Safety Strategy with the ambition to halve the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads over 10 years.
- Road Safety Needs Assessment has taken place.
- Commitment to improve safety, health and wellbeing in local communities.
- Safer Roads/ Communities 20 programme was approved in March cabinet.
- £2m contribution from public health
- The project will span different areas across 2026-2028

Questions:

What are the numbers for KSI's for horse riders?

- Horse riders are considered separately to other users and almost 0 have been reported. Damage only or near misses are not recorded.
- BHS gathers information about collisions

What's the policy for staggered crossing?

- We will look into adjustments but we would not be able to provide cameras at all crossings

What consultation has been considered with buses regarding this project?

- Need to consider a balance for buses
- We will be engaging with the bus companies

Why has been chosen as the first location when Gloucester has higher KSI's?

- All road users were considered and as such there were high numbers recorded in Cirencester

Cycling injuries are not being fully captured by the police.

- We're comparing sites to prioritise where improvements are required.

Signage only and non-enforcement scheme, how do that work legally if they are involved in a collision?

- Police will enforce based on priorities
- Lower limits comes with traffic calming to help reduce limits
- They are legal limits if they are signed.

Can the A48 speed limits be reduced?

- Discussion for operational area

Lots of disappointed councils who have expressed interest. TRO process takes too long. Schemes being looked at have no budget for traffic calming.

- There are lots of elements that can cause a delay, not just the TRO element.

Action: presentation to be shared

3 Active Travel Funding

- DfT have consolidated funding settlement over the next 4 years.
- Previously we have prioritised walking, wheeling and cycling funding over 5 years and this was signed off by the cycling advisory group and lead cabinet members.
- We are in the process of updating the prioritisation process for 2026/27.
- New revenue funding for 2026/27 split between behaviour change, network planning and strategic scheme design
- New capital funding for 2026/27 is split between Estcourt Road roundabout cycling improvements, Rodborough Missing Link and Southgate Street cycling improvements

Questions:

Has anything changed to improve flexibility for schemes going forward?

- We have been adhering to a high quality of infrastructure delivery and as such our funding allocation is high.
- The ambition is that once the cycle spine has been delivered then we can deliver connections into the spine. While there is flexibility in how funding can be used, it is important that we continue to progress this work in order to maintain our Active Travel England score and retain a high level of future funding allocation.

Dudbridge steps needs to be looked at as well as Rodborough Missing Link.

- Even in the urban centres we have to compromise due to existing constraints.
- SW happy to discuss with Cllr Parnham-Cope.

4 Behaviour change programmes update

Ollie Hazel presented.

- Behaviour change programme for Gloucestershire to encourage everyday active journeys.

- Love to Ride – online behaviour change platform – aimed at cycling currently and there are seasonal campaigns to encourage more active travel.
- Winter Wheelers Campaign – of the new riders, more of these were female.
- In may Love to Ride is expanding to include walking – it has a much lower barrier to entry and has a wider reach of communities.
- You have the opportunity to win prizes when you take part.
- 760 active riders in the last 12 months across Gloucestershire.

5 Date of next forum & AOB

Questions:

Signage issues on the A40

- Historically there was some temporary signage on the A40 and they have been removed.

Any updates on the sweeping programme for this year

- It was a general maintenance programme and an update can be provided at the next Forum.

New cycleways should be acceptable for wheeling and we should invite accessibility groups to engage.

- We follow LTN 1/20 note as this covers walking and wheeling.
- We also engage with the Barnwood trust.

Budget to public realm in our historic conservation areas.

Themes for Next Forum:

- The signs for cycle routes

Date of Next Forum:

Thursday 12th November 10-12pm or Tuesday 17th November 2-4pm

Sarah
Danielle
Ollie
Malcom taylor – glos cycling club
David jones Maisemore parish
Leigh challis
David ingbly – glos city
Cate cody
Marta cowling – cheltenham
Stephen davies

Natalie martin – Sustrans
Jess baldwin
Patricia edeam – living streets
Roger smith
Cllr whyborn
Alex haworth
Anna peacock – barnwood trust
Delia Parnham cope – rodborough parish
Hilary macdonald
Chris duggan
Phill butcher
Nathan Davies
David regwell
Jason humm