

Cycle Advisory and Liaison Group Meeting Minutes

Monday 4th March 2024

Attendees:	INITIALS	STATUS
Moor, Nigel;	NM	Chair
Smith, Roger;	RS	Forum rep
Taylor, Malcom;	MT	Forum rep
Gray, Cllr David;	DG	Member
Morris, Cllr Dominic;	DM	Member
Cody, Cllr Cate;	CC	Member
Drew, Cllr David;	DD	Member
Bullock, Alan;	AB	Officer
Haworth, Alex;	AH	Officer
Excell, Simon;	SE	Officer
Williams, Sarah;	SW	Officer
Ollie, Hazel;	OH	Officer
Chick, Danielle;	DC	Officer
Chick, Colin;	CCh	Officer
Williams, Philip;	PW	Officer

Apologies

Morris, Cllr Dominic;	DM	Member
Bloxsom, Cllr John;	JB	Member
Humm, Jason;	JH	Officer
Marshall, Tracy	TM	Officer
Haworth, Kathryn;	KH	Officer
Senft-Hayward, Luisa;	LSH	Officer
Atkins, Jo;	JA	Officer
Davis, Nathan;	ND	Officer
Davies, Petula;	PD	Officer
Ainslie, Imogen;	IA	Observer
Ward, Christopher;	CW	Observer

1.0 Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and read apologies.

2.0 Actions and minutes of 25th January 2024

Minutes agreed and actions discussed. Previous actions:

Action: SW to speak to Highways regarding lighting issue at Elmbridge.

- SW contacted but no response received yet.

Action: SW to add maintenance project review to forward plan.

- Item on the agenda but not yet formally complete.

Action: JG to write a report regarding maintenance project at the end of winter.

- Pick up in July CAG meeting. Include responsibility of maintenance.

Action: all to promote ThinkTravel <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/thinktravel>, Love to Ride [Lovetoride/Gloucestershire](#) and Bikeability training and cycle instructor recruitment

- Ongoing.

Action: AB to provide JA with a contact re NHS cycle ride.

- Complete.

Action: SW to prepare a CIL update for the next CAG meeting.

- Included in the minutes.

Action: JA to update the website with correct school street information.

- OH confirmed this has been actioned but may not be complete yet.

3.0 Summary of current projects

Initiative/ Scheme	Update
Major Projects	
B4063 Gloucester to Cheltenham Cycle Scheme	<p>Design</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Junction modelling has been undertaken on Estcourt Road Roundabout, which has informed the design. The preferred option is currently a Dutch Style Roundabout. <p>Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contractor share event undertaken on Elmbridge Court and Oxstalls Lane, session was well attended and generally well received. <p>Construction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Golf Course Access - We are currently looking at a mid to late May completion date. Pirton Lane junction in Churchdown will be delivered under a separate contract. - Golf Completed Course Access to M5 Overbridge – Completed - Elmbridge Court Roundabout to Oxstalls Lane Junction - Works began early February 2024
Gloucester City Cycle Spine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary design is substantially complete and public consultation was undertaken over the summer. - Llanthony Road – Works began February 2024 - Southgate Street/Northgate Street – Works due to commence Summer 2024
Gloucester to Stroud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Preliminary design underway
Cheltenham to Bishops Cleeve Cycle Improvements	<p>Project is to being delivered in multiple phases.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cheltenham to Racecourse Roundabout. – Construction started November 2023 2. GWSR Bridge to Bishops Cleeve. Consultation Ongoing with Construction Planned to start Summer 2024 3. Racecourse Roundabout to GWSR Bridge. Preliminary Design to start Spring 2024 with works expected Summer 2025.
Cheltenham Cycle Spine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Concept verification is ongoing and preliminary design has commenced with the intension of holding Public Consultation Spring 2024.
Highway Improvement Projects	
Minor Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update available.
ThinkTravel	

Cycling/ Bikeability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustrans Big Walk on Wheel (active travel to school initiative) taking place from 11th – 2nd March. Thinktravel are engaging with schools across the county. 54 schools signed up currently. Daily prize draws and an overall winner has encouraged more schools to sign up. - Bikeability target of 80% of all children to complete Level 2 Bikeability training by the end of primary school. To achieve this target initiatives include: - Creating cycling hubs at schools across the county to support additional schools. 12 schools have been selected as the hubs. Each school will receive 6 new mountain bikes, 2 stands for bike storage and helmets. The bikes are to be shared among neighbouring schools for Bikeability training. Learn to ride sessions are also to take place for children who cannot cycle currently.
Strategic Planning	
LCWIP development update	www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/lcwip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All LCWIPs have been published excluding Newent and this is to be published end of the financial year. - Next financial year – looking at reviewing Central Severn Vale plan. Primary corridors in plan have been delivered or in construction. - Internal groups formed to ensure vision for cycling is coordination with vision for public transport. - LCWIP to be reviewed for Cheltenham and Gloucester. B4036 Cycle Spine to be included in the review. Additional development to be considered in the review.
Cotswold	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Spine Road crossing CIL bid. CDC confirmed £40k funding allocation from contain outbreak management fund to investigate potential work on the spine road. Sustrans have provided a proposal for the crossing and Atkins are undertaking a peer review as the proposal does not meet current standards. - Kemble to Cirencester CIL bid – CDC would like to focus on the Cirencester end of the proposals due to the Steadings development. Bid to be revised and resubmitted. Waiting to hear from the Steadings development whether they will trigger a S73 to amend the highway improvements.
Forest of Dean	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - GCC supporting with the cycle strategy. Funding available to develop more local cycling corridors in the area to link with identified strategic corridors. - Hartpury to Gloucester section of Newent cycle corridor – request given to Atkins to develop a quotation with design work to begin April/ May 2024. This will allow funding opportunities.
Stroud	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Merrywalks Interchange Hub proposals. Funding awarded from Stroud CIL towards lighting improvements for pedestrians. GCC fund will be used to replace the bus shelters. Surplus funding from CIL and contribution from SDC to deliver secure cycle parking, cycle repair hub and access for cycles. Engagement consultation with local residents. - Dudbridge steps feasibility report underway. Awaiting report from Atkins to include high level costings for proposals. - Additional CIL funding: Standish into Stonehouse section of the cycle spine and Berkeley town master plan.
Tewkesbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LCWIP walking corridor from Priors Park into the town centre Funding from MTFs to work on the corridor and to improve signage and informal crossing points. - LCWIP to be reviewed due to garden communities development. Key access points to be reviewed.

ATE	- ATE representative to visit Gloucestershire cycle spine. Discussions for future funding to be included in the visit.
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AB confirmed that detailed modelling on Estcourt Road Roundabout (proposed Dutch style roundabout) has progressed to preliminary design stage, final design stage yet to complete. Consultation to occur within the next 12 months. Progress to be shared at CAG meeting later in the year.

PW confirmed that there is some confusion over who from his team is going to provide updates on Highway Improvement Projects going forward due to the new team set up.

PW stated that he has received feedback from people regarding the process to make requests for highway improvements, how the process is assessed and the allocation of funding. PW team to review process and policy clearer for communities.

DD praised JA recent work at Stroud Valley School. DD raised that there are still issues with parking near the school and accidents have occurred. DD raised that Stroud Valley School should be provided with school streets initiatives. PW raised that the level of work required for school streets is high and successful school streets require input from the school. Thinktravel initiatives appear to be more effective and cost effective. Parking controls at some schools are to be considered going forward. CC noted that the school streets pilot has been successful.

MT stated better connections and cycle crossing arrangements on the Hartpury to Gloucester cycle spine needed. SW to include MT in future meeting with Atkins.

CC raised flooding issues in Tewkesbury and second bridge at Priors Park has not been reinstated.

DD raised that Cllrs would like to visit the Merrywalks Interchange Hub and Dudbridge steps to have a look at the proposals.

Action: SW to speak to ND regarding Highway Improvement Projects updates going forward.

Action: SW to send CC information on the Tewkesbury LCWIP.

Action: SW to set up site visits for Merrywalks and Dudbridge when work progresses.

4.0 Traffic lights that don't detect cyclists

PW states that GCC and National Highways are aware of issues but it is outside of GCC direct control. MT raised is there anything people can do to their own bikes to improve detection, SW confirmed that this may not be possible. SW raised that a programme of signal replacement is to occur in the future across the county.

PW states that steel in bike alters detection availability. Bikes need to be properly positioned in the loop. Overhead detectors are working appropriately.

5.0 Maintenance

Nailsworth to Dudbridge cycle route:

- SW contacted PROW team, agreement set up between PROW and AMPS up to the Nailsworth side of the tunnel. PROW maintain surface and verge and AMPS maintain vegetation and falling leaves. No set budgets. PROW rely on grant funds. Remainder of corridor with highways extent. Dudbridge to Ryeford is being funded by grant for expansion to the surface and carried out by PROW.
- Responsibility for clearing tracks is complex due to number of departments involved. Issues to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

DD raised that Nailsworth to Dudbridge cycle way is difficult to use in the winter months, sweeping needed. DD raised that the link into Stroud is difficult to join from Dudbridge, issue with steps.

RS raised where the responsibility lies with the maintenance. AH notes that a working group is being set up for this issue and potential resurfacing work.

6.0 AOB

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Tewkesbury cycle initiatives

CC raised that additional cycle initiatives are desired for Tewkesbury. PW noted that barriers to mobility in Tewkesbury need to be focused on. CC raised Cllr involvement in proposals going forward would be appreciated.

RS provided feedback from Bishops Cleeve to Racecourse Roundabout consultation. Speed limit is to be reduced – this is good. Downhill cycle traffic will be close to vehicle movements with high speeds, speed limit enforcement needed. Crossing at junctions noted. AH stated that further temporary signage is proposed to reinforce that cyclists have priority. DG stated that behaviour is not changing.

RS raised that cycle tracks are not being used by cycle clubs. SW raised that cycle users have the right to use roads for cycling. RS raised use of e-bikes is necessary in Gloucestershire due to topography.

CC provided a success story of the e-bike scheme. OH raised an interview about this would be good for promotion.

PW raised that off-road routes are not designed for high cycle speeds.

Date of next meeting: Monday 1st July 3-5pm

Date of next forum: Monday 13th May 2-4pm