

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday March 13th 2013,
Park House, Leatherhead

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Mike Ward [Leatherhead], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham /Effingham], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]
Apologies: Aldith Bruty (AB) [Bookham], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead], PS Olly Smith [Surrey Police], Paul Tunnel (PT) [British Cycling], Peter Silburn (PS) [Horsham/Dorking]

1. Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

There was some discussion as to where cycles could be ridden on the public rights of way network. See Appendix A.

2. Matters Arising

Police Issues: Road Casualties and Cycling Safety Report

Results from 21/11/13 to date are as follows (unfortunately these were not available for review at the meeting):

09/01/14 21:09 YOUNG STREET, FETCHAM
MALE CYCLIST FROM ASHTEAD REPORTING BEING KNOCKED OFF HIS PUSHBIKE BY A NAMED DRIVER OF A SILVER MERCEDES. DRIVER PULLED OUT IN FRONT OF CYCLIST AND THEY HAD A BRIEF ALTERCATION. TREATED FOR BRUISING AT EPSOM HOSPITAL
11/01/14 11:29 CRADDOCKS AVENUE, ASHTEAD
MALE KNOCKED OFF PEDAL CYCLE AND SUSTAINED BACK INJURY. AMBULANCE ATTENDED AND ASSESSED AS MINOR INJURIES ONLY
13/01/14 23:39 IFIELD ROAD, CHARLWOOD
MALE CALLER REPORTING. RIDING IN A GROUP OF EIGHT BIKES, TWO ABREAST. CAR CAME UP CLOSE BEHIND AND REVVED THE ENGINE "IMPATIENTLY." ATTEMPTED TO OVERTAKE ON A CORNER WHERE THEY COULD NOT SEE PROPERLY. ANOTHER GROUP OF CYCLISTS WAS ALSO COMING THE OTHER WAY. CAR DRIVER "FORCED THEIR WAY THROUGH", CUTTING UP INFORMANT'S GROUP TO AVOID HITTING CYCLISTS COMING THE OTHER WAY. ONE CYCLIST CRASHED OFF THEIR BIKE AND SUFFERED CUTS, BRUISES AND DAMAGE TO THEIR BIKE. THE CAR DRIVER DROVE OFF. VEHICLE DETAILS NOT TAKEN
16/01/14 12:08 SOMEWHERE IN FETCHAM
CALL IN FROM MET POLICE REF A CYCLIST AND DRIVER IN ST GEORGE'S HOSPITAL, TOOTING FOLLOWING A COLLISION IN FETCHAM - LOCATION NOT KNOWN OR GIVEN. FULL ARB COMPLETED RE A SERIOUS INJURY AS THE CYCLIST HAD TO BE PUT INTO AN INDUCED COMA FOLLOWING POSSIBLE HEAD INJURIES
04/02/14 14:03 LEATHERHEAD BY PASS ROAD, LEATHERHEAD
CALL TO REPORT CAR V CYCLIST COLLISION. CYCLIST WAS GOING UP THE HILL AND HIT THE KERB, CAUSING HIM TO FALL INTO THE PATH OF A VAN AND WAS HIT.
05/02/14 18:15 A24, PIXHAM, DORKING
TWO CYCLISTS INVOLVED IN A HEAD ON COLLISION. ONE CYCLIST STILL ON THE FLOOR BUT BOTH CONSCIOUS AND BREATHING. AMBULANCE ASSESSED AS NOT SERIOUS INJURIES
13/02/14 07:11 FETCHAM DOWNS - JUNCTION OF DORKING ROAD AND YOUNG STREET
CAR V CYCLIST AND CYCLE SMASHED TO PIECES. CYCLIST WENT OVER BONNET OF CAR. MINOR INJURIES
01/03/14 14:07 BETWEEN LAUNDRY WAY AND THE STREET, CAPEL
MALE CYCLIST REPORTING THAT HE AND ANOTHER MALE WERE BOTH KNOCKED OFF THEIR BIKES THE DAY BEFORE BY A VEHICLE. NEITHER ATTENDED HOSPITAL BUT BOTH HAD CUTS AND BRUISES. ADVISED TO REPORT THE INCIDENT AT POLICE FRONT COUNTER

3. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan (MVLCP)

RS reported that the members working group has met, and he will endeavour to obtain a copy of the Terms of Reference. RS relayed that mountain bikers and horse riders were in conflict on Leith Hill – RB noted that the Surrey Hills Board has a Mountain Biking Working Group which is well placed to handle these issues. RS also reported that the County bid to the Sustainable Transport Fund may include "Bike It" funding for Mole Valley (the aim of which being to increase levels of walking and cycling to school).

4. West Street (Dorking) Alterations

These are going out to consultation any time now. MVCF is on the list to be consulted. Comments can be fed in at the public consultation or via RS.

5. Bike Week 2014 - June 14-22

JM had reported by email that he had discussed this with Jamie at Bike Beans café who was considering linking up with other cycling café's in Surrey to do a Treasure Hunt type event (though was unsure whether this could be organised in time for Bike Week). JD has persuaded her employer (CGI – previously Logica) to provide Bike Breakfasts, and she will endeavour to follow up her contacts at Unilever, ERA and KBR to do something similar. RB will endeavour to contact the larger employers (eg. Friends Life, Kuoni, UNUM, MVDC, Polesden Lacey) in the Dorking area in a similar vein.

6. Route Development

Leatherhead/Ashtead Area

- SCC Cycle Safety Scheme bid

Work on this has started.

Dorking-Westcott Link

Following the heavy rains temporary repairs mean this is quite useable.

Dorking-Southbound:

Progress continues with a number of sections being cut back (sidelined) to the original width.

Holmwood Circular Trail

PS reported that by email that whilst the initial source of funding for the second phase fell through the NT have managed to obtain funding from another source and hope to complete phase 2 (bringing the surface of the existing paths up to standard and waymarking the route) in either June or July. They are also working on a new trail guide which they hope to have available for the summer holidays.

Brockham-Betchworth

Nothing new to report. RT reported that the Coach Road to Brockham between the golf course had been resurfaced where it had been flooding during heavy rains.

5. Other Matters

Cycle Path Signage Audit

Action Ongoing: **RT & RB** (for Dorking). **PM & MW** (for Leatherhead).

PM reported by email that following the flooding they are likely to have to resurvey the paths.

6. AOB

RB reported that the cycle path alongside the A24 had been swept.

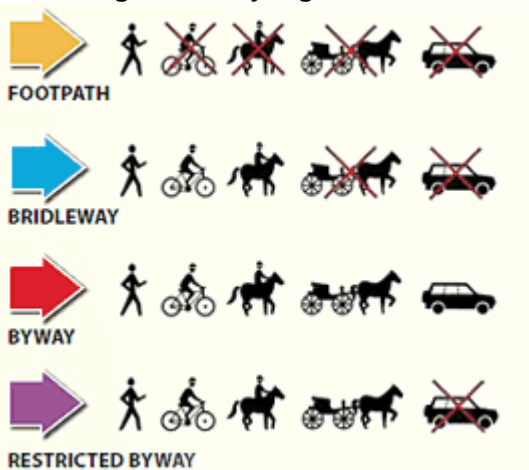
7. Next Meetings

Next formal meeting is on **Thurs 8th May at 7.00pm** at Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead (this is close to Leatherhead railway station – a map will be sent out with the agenda).

Next informal meeting is on **Thurs 10th April at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

Appendix A – Rights of Way Signage

Public Rights of Way Signs



Rights of Way on an Ordnance Survey Map

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY			
	Footpath	The representation on this map of any other road, track or path is no evidence of the existence of a right of way From 2nd May 2006 roads used as public paths were redesignated as restricted byways. They provide a right of way for walkers, horse riders, cyclists and other non-mechanically propelled vehicles	
	Bridleway		
	Byway open to all traffic		
	Restricted byway		
OTHER PUBLIC ACCESS			
	Other routes with public access	The exact nature of the rights on these routes and the existence of any restrictions may be checked with the local highway authority. Alignments are based on the best information available	
	Recreational route		
	National Trail		Long Distance Route
	Permissive footpath	Footpaths and bridleways along which landowners have permitted public use but which are not rights of way. The agreement may be withdrawn	
	Permissive bridleway		
	Traffic-free cycle route		
	National cycle network	route number – traffic free; on road	