

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday May 12th 2016,

Park House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Scott Williams (SW) [South Holmwood], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead], Alan May (AM) [Westcott Residents], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]

1. Apologies and Previous Minutes

John Cohen (JC) [Dorking], Olly Smith [Surrey Police], Lucy O'Connell (LO) [MVDC], Paul Tunnell [British Cycling]. RB reported the sad news of the death of Mike Ward, a long time supporter of the Forum. JD pointed out that in the previous minutes, the Leatherhead meeting she was involved with included Anita Powell (Sustrans Active Travel Officer), not Anita Guy.

2. Matters Arising, Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

RT offered to check with Bob Ball regarding any plans for the NCN to come through Leatherhead.

RB reported that the current list of works does not include the Headley Road surface issues (near Tyrell's Wood).

3. Police Issues; Road Casualties

Cycling Incidents: 01/04/16 – 10/05/16

P16073170 Middlemead Rd Bookham 02/04/16 14:03	Veh vs push bike. Minor injury.
P16073803 Weare St Ockley 03/04/16 10:09	Cyclist vs van. Serious injury. Taken to hospital.
P16083069 39 Eastwick Dr Fetcham 14/04/16 15:40	Male on pushbike went into a van that stopped sharply. Ambulance attended.
P16095975 Abinger Rd Leith Hill 30/04/16 15:01	Car vs cyclist leg injury no fractures or breaks. Hospital check-up.
P16102852 Headley Rd Headley 08/05/16 14:40	Group of approx 12 cyclists turned into Headley Road and one male cyclist went into car causing minor damage. It is believed the cyclist received a slight neck injury and injury to a finger.
P16103903 The Crescent Leatherhead 09/05/16 18:52	No collision. Ambulance on scene. Rider had seizure. No police req.

RS noted that the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions 2016 have been recently issued:

http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2016/362/pdfs/ukxi_20160362_en.pdf (NB. 547 pages!)

These will give highways authorities more flexibility on signing. RS is due to attend a training session on this and will pass on any relevant items. RS also noted that some of the villages in the Surrey Hill AONB are undertaking road sign audits with a view to decluttering and preserving the landscape.

SW commented that there is a police(?) website which gives details of RTAs. (Sec's note – this information can also be found on <http://www.crashmap.co.uk/>)

4. Cycling Issues: Road Racing/Sportives/Off-Road

LO had reported by email that the SCC cycling events calendar is not yet live, although she is attending a meeting with SCC next week where they have been advised that they will see a preview of the proposed pages and they very much hope that it will go live shortly after this.

5. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

RT to ask LO if there any updates on the Mole Valley plan.

6. MVCF Route Development Priorities

The draft update was tabled and it was felt that it would be useful to identify the criteria that different routes met, eg. Utility - Leisure - Enabling people to cycle - Likely Traffic Volume - Casualty Reduction - Cost - Likelihood of Funding. Identifying them on a map would also be helpful (although not necessarily straightforward), along with schools, hospitals, business parks, leisure centres etc. *RT to update for further review at the next meeting.*

7. Route Development Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Leatherhead Area

RS commented that as part of Transform Leatherhead, planning for sustainable routes (walking and cycling) is now being seriously considered.

Bookham/Effingham area

Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham): With the school not relocating, JD reported that yellow lines are been planned to prevent parking which is only going to move the problem and continue to make cycling etc. difficult.

RB and JD to coordinate a meeting to discuss these and other issues with Claire Curran and other relevant parties.

Dorking area

Dorking Southbound: SW reported that the barriers installed towards the end of March did not meet the DDA, and various changes have been made. There is general concern that the whole exercise was probably unnecessary (no conflicts have been reported in the last 20 years) and has not been an effective use of the limited money available.

SW to ask further questions at the next Local Committee meeting in June.

RB to coordinate a site meeting with Surrey Highways (originally due in May but their availability has changed).

NB. This is currently scheduled for 14:00 on June 13 at Beare Green depot.

8. Other Updates

Nothing to report unless mentioned below.

Transform Leatherhead

Exhibitions are scheduled to take place on the Final Draft Masterplan in mid-April to early-May – see

<http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/transformleatherhead> for more details.

Polesden Lacey Routes

Earlier this year the NT announced plans for 10 new cycle trails on their properties for which the details are still to be announced. JD is keen that PL should be one of these (we did start some work several years ago which came to naught when personnel changed.) See <https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/news/joint-fund-to-create-10-new-cycle-trails>

RS suggested writing to David Kennington who is the manager for the NT estates in Surrey.

Dorking Transport Package (Deepdene Station): Work has commenced on this project.

Dorking Hub: Nothing has happened yet. **RB** to follow this up.

9. AOB

JD had reported the flooding on Randalls Road as recommended at the last meeting, although has yet to receive any feedback.

JD also reminded the forum about the Celebrate Cycling event on Bookham Common scheduled for Sun 26th June – volunteers to assist would be most welcome.

AM reported that with the summer approaching a lot more cyclists are in evidence in the Westcott area, although so far no specific issues had been identified.

RT raised again the issue of whether it might be possible for any permanent one-way system in Dene Street to have an exception made for cyclists.

10. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 14th July at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC, Pippbrook, Dorking.

The next informal meeting will be held on **Thurs 9th June at 7.30pm** in The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.