

Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum Meeting, Thursday August 4th 2022

Committee Room 1, MVDC, Pippbrook

Present: John Arnold (JA) [Chair], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Cllr Rosemary Hobbs (RH) [Holmwoods], PennyTyson-Davies (PT-D) [British Horse Society/Newdigate]

Apologies:

Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Sam Parkinson (SP) [Dorking Cycling Club], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead], Andrew Matthews (AM) [Bookham], Corinna Osborne-Patterson (CO-P) [Newdigate], Kathy Pike [Leatherhead]

1. Previous Minutes

Agreed.

2. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions from previous meetings not covered elsewhere

RT to ensure that the MVCF website indicates that the Forum endorses 20mph limits in towns and villages.

Completed. The website now indicates that we support 20mph speed limits and reasons to do so.

JA to write to the Surrey Police Commissioner (Lisa Townsend) about our concerns that the recent changes to the Highway Code have not been widely publicised. JA has done this, and invited Lisa Townsend to attend the Forum, but has received no response. Meanwhile RT point out that on July 12th the Government THINK! campaign was launched to improve road safety for those most at risk. The 'Travel Like You Know Them' campaign promotes recent changes to the Highway Code, improving road safety for people walking, cycling and horse riding.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-think-campaign-launched-to-improve-road-safety-for-those-most-at-risk> This builds upon the changes made to the Highway Code earlier this year:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/the-highway-code-8-changes-you-need-to-know-from-29-january-2022>

Regarding the Dorking Town Partnership "Place Making Report" (see https://dorkingtowpartnership.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/211214_Dorking-town-centre-place-making_final-report_web.pdf) which states that active travel, walking and cycling could benefit the town more, JA & RT have submitted a response via <https://futuredorking.commonplace.is/> RH added that the Town Partnership will be restarting after a short hiatus.

3. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

After a day spent cycling around the Leatherhead/Ashted/Bookham/Dorking area with consultants from Atkins, members of the Forum and other interested parties, a follow-up workshop was held (via Teams) on 28th July attended by JA, JD, LS and SP, after which some notes were distributed.

These proposals were discussed and commented on at length, as a result of which a response has since been prepared and returned to Atkins, and shared with those at the meeting and involved with the process. Should anyone who hasn't seen the presentation, the notes and our responses and would like to do so, please contact the Secretary for a copy.

4. BMX Track – next steps

JA and LS to liaise regarding the next steps.

6. Route & Infrastructure Updates

Leatherhead/Ashted area

Kathy Pike alerted us by email to a Surrey Highways consultation on Leatherhead High St at <https://www.surreysays.co.uk/environment-and-infrastructure/high-street-church-street-leatherhead-pedestr/> (which closed on 10/08/22). JD pointed out that this is effectively the Traffic Order agreed at the Mole Valley Local Committee meeting earlier this year during/after which she had raised questions about the possibility of contra-flow cycling being permitted. Post-meeting note: RT submitted the following shortly before the consultation closed:

"It is very welcome to see the pedestrianisation continue, however an opportunity has been missed to introduce a contraflow cycle scheme to further encourage a shift to 'active travel' modes (e.g. cycling), to improve cycling safety and support Surrey's LTP4."

Trig Street (Newdigate)

PT-D reported that Cllr Helen Clack was now on the case and pushing for this to proceed. PT-D also suggested that with the extension of the Dorking-Holmwood shared path towards Beare Green, then Trig St could, along with other

quiet lanes and off-road routes, connect down towards Charlwood and Hookwood and the route back up to Reigate. Specific reference to this has been included in the feedback provided for the LCWIP consultation.

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

Nothing to report.

8. Dates and Venues for Future Meetings

The next meeting will be an informal get together at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 22nd September**, at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

The next formal meeting of the Forum (which will incorporate the AGM) will be at **7.00pm** on **Thursday 3rd November**, hopefully at Park House, Leatherhead.

9. AOB

JA and fellow MTB colleagues will be helping SCC's Countryside Code campaign, with their aim of encouraging good MTB riding behaviours in the Surrey Hills. This will result in a series of posters displayed across Countryside Estate sites in addition to videos on social media channels

Another reminder that AM has set up a Facebook page for MVCF- <https://www.facebook.com/Mole-Valley-Cycle-Forum-113318514186934> and is after suggestions and contributions to help populate these pages. If you can assist, please contact RT who will forward on to AM.