

# Minutes of Mole Valley Cycling Forum AGM / Meeting, Thursday November 3rd 2022 Held at Park House, Leatherhead

**Present:** John Arnold (JA) [Chair], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary], Lisa Scott (LS) [Hookwood/Charlwood], Eric Palmer [Leatherhead], Sam Parkinson (SP) [Dorking Cycling Club], Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead],

## **Apologies:**

Corinna Osborne-Patterson (CO-P) [Newdigate], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], PennyTyson-Davies (PT-D) [British Horse Society/Newdigate], Cllr Rosemary Hobbs (RH) [Holmwoods]

## **1. Previous Minutes**

Agreed.

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

Whilst JA wrote to the Surrey Police Commissioner (Lisa Townsend) about our concerns that the recent changes to the Highway Code have not been widely publicised no response was received. **LS** offered to use her contacts to follow this up.

JA and fellow MTB colleagues took part in the filming of a video on good MTB behaviours in the countryside for SCC's Countryside Code campaign – see [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ca\\_xueRLC3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ca_xueRLC3s) This is due to be launched at a Surrey Hills Event at Guildford University scheduled for Weds 23rd November – more details here: <https://www.surreyhills.org/events/surrey-hills-symposium-2022-thriving-with-nature/>

## **3. Financial Statement and Approval of Accounts**

CB had provided the accounts which were then approved – Proposer: PM / Seconder: LS  
The current balance has reduced to £18.63. (Last year the outstanding amount of £14.38 to cover the website domain name costs were kindly donated by CB.)  
It is clear that we need to seriously consider how best to boost the Forum's bank balance. A discussion followed on this matter and it was suggested that JA approach a number of County Councillors to see if between them some funds could be sourced.

## **4. Voting in of Officers / appointment of committee**

All officers were voted in to continue for a further year: Proposer: LS / Seconder: SP  
Chair – John Arnold  
Treasurer – Colin Brewer,  
Secretary - Roger Troughton.

## **5. Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**

JA reported this update on LCWIP progress from Reed Sibley at W.S. Atkins: "We are currently working on compiling the draft LCWIP report. We expect to complete this and share with the SCC/MVDC team in a couple weeks for their review, and should then be able to finish finalise the report by Christmas for SCC/MVDC. It will then be with SCC/MVDC for their internal approval and to look for opportunities to advance potential schemes to next stages of assessment/development."

**LS** in her capacity as a District Councillor would contact Reed Sibley to find out what the structure would be. Following a discussion it was agreed that **JA** would write to MVDC councillors to suggest the establishment of a cross-party Cycling Group.

## **6. BMX Track – next steps**

Ismina Harvey has proposed a meeting for 18th November which JA and LS will be attending. LS will be drafting an email to send out to the individuals who had expressed an interest in helping.  
LS also mentioned that some of the students at Priory School taking part in the DoE scheme may be able to assist in a number of ways.

## **7. Route & Infrastructure Updates**

### Leatherhead/Ashtead area

PM noted that some of the cycling signs, eg. on the surface of shared routes, were wearing out. RT had been informed previously that these should normally be refreshed when the white lines on the roads are redone.

(At this point EP raised the issue of the “Give Way” signs on the cycle path alongside the A24 which too are wearing out nicely. RT has located an email from SCC’s Duncan Knox to the previous Chair of the Forum, Ron Billard, dated 11/01/2019, in which he states “the relevant colleagues have been informed that any markings on the eastern side should be reviewed prior to proceeding with any automatic refresh.” – Hopefully he meant the western side...)

#### Dorking Area

JA raised the issues that were being experienced following changes to the traffic lights at the junction of London Road and Reigate Road.

There is talk about a further expansion of the football ground and this could be another good opportunity to push for upgrading the paths that run alongside to permit cycling.

#### Trig Street (Newdigate)

PT-D reported via email that Simon Ingram of Ibstock (the owners of the adjacent brickworks) had a very useful walk out on the ground with representatives from SCC Rights of Way (Mary Ann Edwards and Anne Woods) the other week. It was a constructive conversation with both seeming to favour the route. The next step proposed would be for the route to brushcut to allow access and for all parties to ‘vision’ it better and survey it as necessary. Whilst SCC’s Rights of Way team have stated they can meet the costs of any preparatory work to prepare a specification to estimate the potential cost of the project, and they may be able to project manage the scheme, they are not in a position to fund the delivery (ie. labour, machinery and materials).

#### Hookwood/Charlwood area

LS reported that the final section was in place with a Toucan crossing by The Black Horse due to be installed shortly along with another crossing in Mill Lane.

### **8. Cycling Issues: Road Racing/Sportives/Off-Road**

Nothing to report.

### **9. Dates and Venues for Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be an informal get together at **7.00pm on Thursday 19th January 2023**, at The Stepping Stones, Westhumble.

The next formal meeting of the Forum will be at **7.00pm on Thursday 16th February**, ideally at MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking.

### **10. AOB**

SP reported that Dorking Cycling Club members with GoPro cameras have been reporting close pass situations to the police. For information, road traffic incidents can be reported online to Surrey Police at

<https://www.surrey.police.uk/ro/report/rti/rti-b/report-a-road-traffic-incident/>

Whilst just out of the Mole Valley area, LS reported that CAGNE (Communities Against Gatwick Noise Emissions) Have identified that the cycling in the airport area (which includes NCN21) is deficient in a number of areas – see <https://cagne.org/gatwicks-broken-promises-on-green-travel/> NB. If the video link doesn’t work, try this one instead: [https://youtu.be/8E\\_UgYeTyFo](https://youtu.be/8E_UgYeTyFo)

The usual 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.