

Raising Cycling in Ryedale Group - MINUTES

17 February 2015 at 10am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:- Helen Gundry (Kirkbymoorside Environment Group), Rupert Douglas (Sustrans), Brain Baker (Pickering Town Council), John Patten (Sustrans Volunteer), Glyn Wild (cyclist & route campaigner), Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Catriona Mclees (NYM National Park), Paul Hepworth (CTC), Craig Nattress (RDC Tourism/Welcome to Yorkshire)

1. Introductions / apologies /contacts list

Apologies were received from Mike Hawtin (Newbridge Park Project) and Jean Kershaw (Helmsley Arts Centre). Stuart Startup (Forest Enterprise) and Melanie Farnham both want to be in an advisory role, but can't attend regularly. Helen reported that we have over 50 people on our contacts list now, and she will try to find out who want Raising Cycling notifications, and who would rather just concentrate on specific cycle trail projects.

2. Forum chairman, membership and terms of reference

Department for Transport are encouraging the formation of local cycle forums by Local Authorities. These are chaired by a local Cycling Champion; usually an elected Member from that Authority. The Forums also make a DfT Cycling Delivery Plan Expression of Interest, which involves proposals about local cycle routes and infrastructure. These Authorities are then in a good position with DfT if funds become available. Harrogate BC and Scarborough DC are forming forums. NYCC are thinking about it. It was decided that it would be a good idea for Ryedale, and we will consider this at the next meeting, after the Local and General Elections. Craig will arrange for the appropriate elected Member to attend.

3. Connecting Ryedale's market towns: Ryedale Town & Country Trails

a) Norton / Malton – Pickering route plan

Plan nearly finished, will then be presented to RDC Members. Likely to be split into sections to be funded. There was discussion about how it would be pushed forward for funding within RDC, for instance for Developer contributions, and what needs to change to enable these sort of projects to be supported in RDC.

b) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link

Improvements to the path have been costed, NYMNPA needs to find funding...

c) Pickering – Kirbymoorside – Helmsley

Helen, Rupert and Jean Kershaw met recently with Ian Saggars, of Duncombe Park Estate. He had no objection to use of rail bed for cycle track, and adding a new bridge. He was not keen on encouraging cycling through rest of estate towards Sproxton or Rievaulx, though perhaps National Park Authority, English

Heritage of National Trust could encourage him on this? It would give a car free link from Helmsley to Abbey and Terraces.

Discussions on-going about other sections of the route towards Kirkbymoorside and Pickering, many sections to sort out.

d) **Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link** (see c above)

e) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – Helmsley / and York link**

Rupert D and John P working on encouraging a developer contribution for making the Norton end of the Castle Howard road safer for cyclists. Much still to do nearer to Castle Howard. Liz thinks a track parallel to The Avenue would work well, as there are planning issues with possible traffic calming on The Avenue.

4. Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Route realignment?: Huttons Ambo – Musley Bank scheme

Rupert working with Highways agency on this. Rupert would like to be informed by cyclists of any other difficult crossings, so he can feed this back to the Highways Agency, especially in view of possible widening of some sections of the A64.

5. North Yorkshire Health & Well Being Board and Andrew Hague NYMNP recently hosted a meeting for two Boards. Rupert will contact Richard Gunton to find out best way to approach the Board. Andrew Hague would be keen to tell them about the Health benefits of cycling. **(ACTION RUPERT/HELEN/ANDREW)**

6. Information and marketing:

a) Howardian Hills rides - other local cycle route maps?

Liz is trying to come up with “Howardian Hills Walks and Rides Leaflet” that won’t go out of date quickly.

b) Great Outdoors booklet from 2012 is being updated. Craig and Catriona, respectively are working to keep Visit Ryedale and North York Moors websites up to date. The Bransdale Cycle route will be live soon on the NYMNP site.

c) Sutton Bank (PACE) have done their own cycling leaflet.

d) East Riding of Yorkshire Council are doing cycle route maps from Goole, Beverley, Pocklington and Driffild

e) Fiets en Wandelbeurs: Amsterdam 31 Jan -1 Feb and Antwerp 28 Feb - 1 Mar 2015

7. Events:

- Letouryorkshire.com website has lots of information – 1-3 May
- National Bike Week – 13-19 June, publicity and insurance available via website

- **New York Rally** – 20-21 June 2015
- Malton town centre races / Festival of Cycling; Ash Clark heavily involved with organising. There will be 5 or 6 races, including children's races.
- Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge – 11-12 July
- NCN 20th Anniversary

8. Any other business

Improvements to A64 – Paul Hepworth (CTC) has been asked to contribute to a “Memorandum of Understanding” about cycle crossings. Sustrans are working with Highways agency and would like to be informed of any issues. John Patten will do an email to Rupert about signage and safety issues at Rillington.

9. Date of next meeting

10am Ryedale House, Tuesday 2nd June 2015