

Ryedale Cycle Forum Ryedale Group - MINUTES

18 October 2016 at 10.30am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:-

Cllr Michael Cleary - Chair (RDC Member)

Craig Nattress (RDC Tourism)

John Patten (cyclist & route campaigner)

Paul Hepworth (Cycling UK)

Erica Rose (Helmsley Town Council)

Helen Gundry (Kirkbymoorside Environment Group)

Glyn Wild (Cyclist)

Karl Gerhardsen (NYMNPA)

1. Introductions / apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Catriona McLees (North York Moors National Park Authority), Melanie Farnham (NYCC Highways), Jean Kershaw (Helmsley Arts Centre), Matthew Enticknap (Malton Wheelers), Paula Craddock (RDC), Rupert Douglas (Sustrans)

2. Linking market towns, North York Moors National Park and Howardian Hills AONB:

a) Norton / Malton – Pickering route

An update on the Malton to Pickering route proposal was provided by CN. Discussions are ongoing with Sustrans on the completion of the feasibility study. It is anticipated to be completed imminently. JP brought to the attention of the group the Broughton Road development and the planned road infrastructure, which is deemed inadequate for cyclists. It was suggested that a meeting with NYCC Highways is arranged to discuss how this and future developments can factor in the needs of cyclists at the feasibility stage. CN and MC to facilitate.

b) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough KG provided an update on the the Ellerburn bridleway upgrade - The Forestry Commission have offered the NYMNPA some road planings in order to make progress with the route, some advice from Sustrans would be welcome on what standard the upgrade needs to comply to. The forum suggested that if funds were available then any improvements to the route would be a positive step forward and that plainings would be more acceptable to horse riders, who have objected to unnecessary tarmac via the National park Local Access Forum. Possibility of some funding to improve signage out of Ellerburn. Forum suggested that NYMNPA could develop appropriate signs for joint use by cyclists, walker and horses, as already done at Sutton Bank etc.

c) Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley - HG updated the group on discussions taking place between landowners, estates etc to make a route out of Helmsley towards Kirkbymoorside viable. Sections of the route are navigable but signage again is the most important. HG has been successful in obtaining costs for groundworks in Kirkbymoorside under an existing S106 contribution. Further contact is expected with contractor. Agreed that local parish councils on sections of the route should be kept informed on progress.

d) Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link - No further update on route proposals at this stage, RD to provide update at next meeting. Potential route through Duncombe Park would be beneficial. ER to provide update to Helmsley Town Council on the thoughts of the Cycle

Forum. KG updated the forum on work going at Sutton Bank Centre, including cycling routes. Funding has also been made available by OFGEM to improve accessibility for recreation around Pylons in the National Park and Howardian Hills. NYMNP to bid into the fund to help provide infrastructure improvements at areas along the side of the A19. CN to obtain contact for Sport & Recreation at Hambleton DC with on onward route to Thirsk in mind.

- e) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York links** - No update for the meeting. Sustrans to provide update on any potential activity from discussion previously held with Castle Howard estate. Howardian Hills AONB to provide update on route developments at next forum.
- f) **A64 Staxton roundabout – Seamer proposals** - Not classed as a priority at this stage, no further information on development provided.
- g) **Funding opportunities: DfT - NYCC / LEP | LEADER | Developer contributions | RDC Section 106 | Other** CN provided an update on the status of the current RDC S106 programme for applications to bid into to support sport & recreation developments in Malton & Norton and the wider Ryedale area. Due to the substantial monies involved a formal application process is being developed for those who supplied an initial expression of interest. The timescales for the process are imminent and the funds will be allocated by the end of March 2017.

NYCC Highways update - Provided after the meeting by Victoria Hutchinson, Senior Transport Planning Officer, Highways and Transportation at NYCC

There is a potential source of funding for cycle infrastructure related to rural tourism, awaiting details on this (it will be announced via the LEP hopefully later this year). The funding will come from the EU European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development. The York, North Yorkshire and East Riding LEP hope to have slightly over £3m available in grants and could potentially be used for cycle paths, footpaths in rural areas – and is likely to be available to various organisations (local authorities, charities, businesses).

NYCC put in a bid to the DfT's Access Fund for sustainable travel last month and are waiting for an announcement in December. The bid was centred around Harrogate, Skipton and Scarborough more details of the bid here:

<http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/32114/Sustainable-travel-transition-year-2016-17>

Potential schemes are likely to be district council or national park led as they are more for tourism infrastructure rather than just utility cycling. The criteria for the funding mean the cycle infrastructure schemes would need to be ready for delivery and demonstrate economic benefit (the £3.5 million funding available in total would need to generate £7m GVA/140 jobs).

NYCC confirmed that County Councillor Don Mackenzie CN has been appointed as member champion for cycling and walking. The training for highways engineers is still planned to happen as part of the Sustainable Transport Delivery Excellence Programme (STDEP) coordinated by Sustrans on behalf of the LEP. This would be for all the highway authorities in the LEP area and could potentially also include planning teams at district councils. Aim is to hold the training in December 2016/January 2017.

h) Wish list for support - discussion for all - The forum agreed on the following schemes for priority, primarily for submission to RDC's S106 application fund and for further investigation with contractors to seek initial costs for potential feasibility studies.

1. A cycle route from the York Rd Industrial Estate to Huttons Ambo Lane end
2. A cycle route out of Malton to Kirbymisperton (as the first stage of the Malton Pickering route)
3. A cycle route out of Malton to Amotherby
4. Improvements to the cycle route out of Norton to Rillington
5. Norton/Malton/ Old Malton Link - **Action** - RD at Sustrans to advise if Sustrans can help provide a feasibility study for this route with it being off the highway
6. Kirkbymoorside to Keldholme link

Comments were also made about the forum's support for the idea of a bridge over the railway and river in Malton & Norton, as part of the new rail improvements and to help cyclists avoid the level crossing.

3. North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner - call for cycling safety / near misses

Prior to the meeting Rupert from Sustrans circulated information about the Office for the NYPCC looking to receive evidence of near misses and accidents on the regions roads involving cyclists. CN to contact Office of NYPCC for further material. For more info see <http://getryedalecycling.com/cycling-safety/>. Further to the meeting, the NYPCC's office supplied further information - The office is currently holding a consultation on the Police and Crime Plan. This plan will dictate the priorities for the police and what the community would like them to deliver. The information can be circulated as it would more teeth to include cyclist's concerns into the new plan. The survey is live now at 'telljulia.com' and runs until 18th November.

Reference was also made to the Action on Traffic - Malton & Norton group who have recently discussed ways in which an increase in cycling between Malton & Norton could be improved to mitigate against congestion. CN contacted the group to make them aware of the forums aims and objectives and a resource to help where possible.

4. Visitor information and marketing

- CN provided information on RDC's attendance at the Cycle Show in September as part of the Moors and Coast partnership activity. There was a lot of interest for recreational cycling, many people looking to holiday and trying new routes, particular interest from those aged 55+ who travel in groups. A good opportunity for local providers to cater for groups looking to visit during off peak periods when roads are quieter. Other areas of interest included Tour of Yorkshire, Cinder Track, Dalby Forest and Sportives Events. Contact was made with journalists looking to feature new areas in relevant publications. One journalist who writes for Cycling World has already spent five days in the area sampling routes, meeting various individuals involved in the local cycling scene and enjoying some of Ryedale's famous hospitality. Feature scheduled for February edition.

5. 2017 events: For information

- **Wiggle Vale Velo** - April - www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/wiggle-vale-velo-sportive
- **Velo29-Altura Daffodils Sportive** - April - velo29events.com/sportives/daffodils-sportive
- **Heart of the Wolds Sportive** – April - woldssportive.co.uk
- **Tour de Yorkshire** – 28 - 30 April - letour.yorkshire.com
- **YUCYCLE 2017** - 11 June - www.yorkspace.net/yucycle
- **Great Yorkshire Bike Ride** - June - www.gybr.co.uk
- **Ride IT North York Moors Sportive** - July - www.cycloport.org/event/10-Jul-2016/UK/ride-it-north-york-moors-sportive.html
- **Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge** – 15 - 16 July - yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk
- **Ryedale Grand Prix** - 8 August - bcyorkshire.co.uk/ryedale-grand-prix
- **York 100** - 20 August - www.action.org.uk/york-100
- **Big Bad Bike Ride** - September - www.bigbadbikeride.com
- **Wiggle Ay Up Yorkshire** - October - www.ukcyclingevents.co.uk/events/wiggle-ay-up-yorkshire-sportive

Supplementary funding to support local infrastructure projects - HG suggested to the group that with all the above sportives taking place within the area it may be appropriate to ask them for a voluntary donation towards maintaining or contributing towards cycling schemes. Action - HG to look into establishing a bank account for the forum as means of obtaining contributions from fund raising etc. Two Ridings Community Foundation were mentioned as one organisation who may be able and willing to act as a recipient body for donations towards cycle route development.

6. Any other business | Date of next meeting

Date of next meeting: 14th February, 10.30am Ryedale House, Malton YO17 7HH