

# Raising Cycling in Ryedale Group - MINUTES

3 November 2015 at 10.30am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:- Cllr Michael Cleary - Chair (RDC Member), Helen Gundry (Kirkbymoorside Environment Group), Rupert Douglas (Sustrans), Glyn Wild (cyclist & route campaigner), Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Paul Hepworth (CTC), Jane Beeley (Big Bear Bikes, Pickering), Craig Nattress (RDC Tourism), Howard Wallis (RDC Regeneration)

## 1. Introductions / apologies /contacts list

Apologies were received from Erica Rose (Helmsley Town Council), Karl Gerhardson (NYMNPA), Catriona McLees (NYMNPA), Jean Kershaw (Helmsley Arts Centre), Matthew Enticknap (Malton Wheelers) and Paula Craddock (RDC Planning).

## 3. Linking market towns, North York Moors National Park and Howardian Hills AONB (agenda order changed to allow Howard - RDC to update group)

### a) Norton / Malton – Pickering route plan

Howard provided an update on the Malton to Pickering cycle route report prepared by Sustrans. There are some final revisions to be made to the wording after which it should be signed off and published. Once finalised the report will be ready for any infrastructure funding that may arise i.e. from developer contributions, LEP, EAFRD or LEADER.

### g) Funding opportunities: LEP / EAFRD / LEADER / Developer Contributions / Other

There are currently two streams of funding available via the DEFRA EAFRD programme which is now open for calls for projects. At this stage the public sector cannot apply but this policy decision may change in the New Year. Section 106 developer contributions classify as public sector funding so this source of match funding can be ruled out.

**Call for applications to support investments in visitor attractions, tourist information and small tourism scale infrastructure in rural areas -**

**<https://assets.digital.cabinet->**

**[office.gov.uk/media/560aafb5e5274a0369000020/call\\_specification.pdf](https://assets.digital.cabinet-office.gov.uk/media/560aafb5e5274a0369000020/call_specification.pdf)**

**Call for applications to support investments in co-operation to develop and market tourism in rural areas of North Yorkshire and East Riding -**

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RDC will be consulting with sports and community groups this month to determine how the authority's section 106 contributions can be allocated - the RCIR group will be notified of this consultation for their input.

Paul updated the group on conversations being had between CTC, Transport for the North and Transport for Greater Manchester who will lead on industry engagement for the strategic transport prospectus over the next 30 years.

## **2. Forum chairman, membership and terms of reference**

The group welcome Cllr Michael Cleary (RDC's champion for sport) as the chair after his appointment. Following the DfT's call for encouraging the formation of local cycle forums by Local Authorities it was felt the RCIG's terms of reference could be modified in line with neighbouring groups i.e. Harrogate BC. **ACTION** Helen G to circulate draft ToF. **ACTION** The group was asked by the chair to review the terms and provide revisions directly to Craig at RDC.

### **b) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link**

Improvements to the path have been costed, funding required to complete.

### **c) Pickering – Kirbymoorside – Helmsley**

Helen and Rupert recently met with Beadlam Grange outside Helmsley to discuss use of land to form part of route out of Helmsley. Also in correspondence with Clea Warner at English Heritage. Work to be carried out this week on scraping section of verge in Kirbymoorside to form extension of offroad route out of town. Discussions on-going about other sections of the route towards Kirbymoorside and Pickering, many sections to sort out.

### **d) Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link**

An additional route that should be considered in the wider programme. Noted that Sutton Bank car park is generally at capacity and more could be done to promote more sustainable means of getting to/from bike centre. Opportunities for Moorsbus via Thirsk.

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

Work continuing with Castle Howard on linking estate with Malton. Off road developments required.

### **f) A64 Staxton roundabout - Seamer proposals**

Proposal to surface the section of A64 between Staxton and Seamer with appropriate links back to villages. Cycling provision for the A64 should be aligned and adapted with the memorandum of understanding established between CoYC, RDC and SBC on the A64 development so any future infrastructure work takes into account the needs of cyclists.

## **4. Impact of Fracking**

Matter raised for discussion following a recent letter submitted to NYCC from CTC surrounding the forthcoming planning decision on development of site at Kirby Misperton to frack. The correspondence received via Sustrans will form part of RDC's formal response to the application to be determined by NYCC.

**5. North Yorkshire Health & Well Being Board update**

A 'Pathways for Help Programme' is looking at health and wellbeing intervention in Scarborough and Selby District as they have been identified as points of focus. No further information known on programme activity or progression into Ryedale.

**6. Visitor Information and marketing**

**a) Yorkshire Wolds & Beyond booklet 2016**

Produced by VHEY with contributions from RDC for content on southern Ryedale area of the wolds. Contains information on cycling routes. For publication in December.

**b) Yorkshire Coast & North York Moors Great Outdoors booklet**

3k in quantity remain so no plans to reprint for 2016. Will include an insert on TdY content in time for overseas exhibitions and TdY build-up.

**c) Fiets en Wandelbeurs February 2016 Utrecht and Antwerp cycling and walking shows**

Confirmation of attendance at the above exhibitions agreed by local authority partners.

**d) Howardian Hills Rides and Rambles**

Above publication now available and in distribution - series of supporting PDF's available for download from local partner websites.

**7. 2016 events:**

- **Heart of the Wolds Sportive** – 24 April [woldssportive.co.uk](http://woldssportive.co.uk)
- **Tour de Yorkshire** – 29 April-1 May [letour.yorkshire.com](http://letour.yorkshire.com)
- **Malton Festival of Cycling** - TBC June [maltonyorkshire.co.uk/event/malton-festival-cycling](http://maltonyorkshire.co.uk/event/malton-festival-cycling)
- **Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge** – 16-17 July [yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk](http://yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk)
- **Ryedale Grand Prix** - TBC July
- **York Cycle Rally** - 18th 19th June

**8. Any other business | Date of next meeting**

RDC's bid to DfT for funding to implement an Electric Pedal Assisted Scheme unfortunately wasn't successful but indications were that the emphasis on joint working with partners was noted and the decision was very close. The scheme could be used

again for future funding applications and has recently been the subject of an application for an DEFRA Air Quality Management grant.

Next meeting - 10.30am Ryedale House, Tuesday 9th February 2016