

# **Ryedale Cycle Forum Ryedale Group - MINUTES**

29 March 2016 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)

Erica Rose (Helmsley Town Council)

Paul Hepworth (CTC)

Craig Nattress (RDC Tourism)

## **1. Introductions / apologies**

Apologies were received from Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Rachel Underwood (Castle Howard Estate), John Patten (cyclist & route campaigner) and Jean Kershaw (Helmsley Arts Centre)

## **2. Forum's terms of reference and name**

Following a task-meeting to discuss suggestions/alterations from the group on the previously circulated terms, revisions were made to include some suggestions made by those circulated and to complement existing forum's Terms of Reference across the region. To be agreed and circulated in due course.

## **3. Cycling Forum Website - Twitter Page**

An outcome of the discussion regarding revised terms of reference highlighted the need for an online portal to place forum agenda's, minutes and updates on the groups activity. CN to look into viability of standalone site or integrated within [www.ryedale.gov.uk](http://www.ryedale.gov.uk). A twitter account for the forum has been established and alongside group email will used to circulate agenda packs, local cycling events, initiatives etc - follow @RyedaleCycling

## **4. Linking market towns, North York Moors National Park and Howardian Hills AONB**

### **a) Norton / Malton – Pickering route plan inc Malton Home and Country Park, Eden Camp Developments**

On the request of RDC, further information has been requested to be included in the report surrounding the ongoing costs for maintenance. After these costs have been identified and final comments from NYCC Highways included the report will be published. At this stage the report will be ready for any infrastructure funding that may arise i.e. from developer contributions, LEP, EAFRD or LEADER. Development proposals for sites north of Malton on Rainbow

Lane and the Malton Country Park scheme are being monitored as they may have an impact on the preferred route out of Malton.

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

Improvements to the path have been costed; funding is required to complete. Forestry Commission and NYMNPA to provide update at the next meeting.

c) **Pickering – Kirbymoorside – Helmsley**

Discussions ongoing with Beadlam Grange Farm outside Helmsley about use of land to form part of route out of Helmsley. Conversations with English Heritage have been positive. Discussions on-going about other sections of the route towards Kirbymoorside and Pickering, many sections to be resolved with landowners etc.

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

An additional route should be considered in the wider programme, i.e. joining up with NR65 coming out north of Easingwold. Sustrans to lead on this.

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

RD met with the Highways contractors A1+ about proposed infrastructure planning on the A64 at Whitwell-on-the-Hill and linkages between Kirkham off the Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Route on to Castle Howard. Also potential to explore cycling lane between Huttons Ambo and Musley Bank providing a cyclist friendly route into Malton. Elements are at design stage but no funding has yet been agreed for delivery.

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

No further update on proposal to surface the section of A64 between Staxton and Seamer with appropriate links back to villages.

g) **Funding opportunities: LEP / EAFRD / LEADER / Developer Contributions / RDC Section 106 | Other**

RDC consulted with sports and community groups earlier in the year to determine how the authority's section 106 contributions can be allocated - numerous bids were received of which some had cycling infrastructure provision in them. The total combined sum of funding requested outweighs what is available so it is likely that decision will be taken by committee in due course. Updates to be provided as and when this comes to fruition.

5. **Linkages with Parishes, Northern Ryedale Transport Forum**

HG provided an update on the various group meetings she has attended on behalf of the forum. Links have been made with the Ryedale Village Halls

network and awareness raised on how village halls could be used to accommodate cyclists in the area. HG also provided an update of activity to the Northern Ryedale Public Transport Group. Further potential to feed in activity to the wider Rural Access Transport Partnership which includes operators, LA members and other relevant parties.

## 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. Now in circulation.

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

Feedback from RD on attendance at the above exhibitions. Lots of interest from both markets on accessing electric bikes in the area.

### c) **Tour de Yorkshire leaflet for Ryedale -**

CN confirmed a spectator guide for the Ryedale element of the TDY will be printed and distributed through April to local businesses, residents and audiences across South and West Yorkshire.

## 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)
- **York Cycle Rally** - 18th 19th June
- **Malton Festival of Cycling** - cancelled
- **Ryedale Grand Prix** - 10 July
- **Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge** – 16-17 July [yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk](http://yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk)

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

Next meeting - TBC