

Ryedale Cycle Forum Ryedale Group - MINUTES

5 July 2016 at 10.30am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:-

Cllr Michael Cleary - Chair (RDC Member)

Rupert Douglas (Sustrans)

John Patten (cyclist & route campaigner)

Paul Hepworth (Cycling UK)

Victoria Hutchinson (NYCC)

Paula Craddock (RDC Forward Planning)

Erica Rose (Helmsley Town Council)

Craig Nattress (RDC Tourism)

1. Introductions / apologies

Apologies were received from Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), Karl Gerhardsen and Catriona McLees (North York Moors National Park Authority) and Melanie Farnham (NYCC Highways).

2. Forum's terms of reference

A revised terms of reference document was brought before the meeting for comment and those received have been made to the attached document. Further comments must be made to Craig Nattress at RDC by 29th July, after which the Terms of Reference will be adopted.

3. Cycling Forum Website - update

Following the decision at the previous meeting to explore options for creating a website for the cycle forum, approval was sought from RDC and www.getryedalecycling.com has been published. The site features information about the forum's objectives, meeting information, cycle routes, links to relevant organisations and news items related to cycling provision across Ryedale. Work on the site will continue and members are encouraged to provide material for publication. A twitter account for the forum has been established (@RyedaleCycling) and will be used to promote forum activity.

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

An update on the Malton to Pickering route proposal was provided by RD. Discussions are ongoing within Sustrans on how to complete the feasibility study in light of additional comments from the Local Access Forum surrounding the tarmacing of some sections of the route, the new progress at Pickering Showground on route, the consequence of the fracking decision at Kirby Misperton, the potential development in Old Malton of the Malton Home and Country Park and the requirement to factor in maintenance costs for the route. It is anticipated to be completed imminently.

b) Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough link

No further update to provide on this route.

- c) **Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley**
No further update on routes between these towns.
- d) **Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link**
No further update on links between these areas, to be considered in the wider programme, i.e. joining up with NR65 coming out north of Easingwold. KG - NYMNPA provided a note prior to the meeting to state the North York Moors National Park are continuing their programme of work on cycle routes at Sutton Bank to make them more resilient in wet weather and to provide an extended season.
- e) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills - York links**
Potential to explore a cycling lane adjacent to the A64 between Huttons Ambo and Musley Bank providing a cyclist friendly route into Malton. Scheme currently not funded so it will need to progress through the Highways England value management process at the next round.
- f) **A64 Staxton roundabout - Seamer proposals**
No further update on the proposal to surface the section of A64 between Staxton and Seamer with appropriate links back to villages.
- g) **Funding opportunities: DfT - NYCC / LEP | LEADER | Developer contributions | RDC Section 106 | Other**
RDC's section 106 contributions for open space and leisure provisions are yet to be allocated. Numerous applications for funding were received in the Spring for various projects including cycling related infrastructure. An announcement on the successful projects will be announced in due course.

5. NYCC Highways update - Maintenance Programme

NYCC are to appoint a new member cycling champion along with an updated cycling policy which will be available for comment in the interim. There are also plans in place to train highways engineers to become cycle friendly. Training is planned to take place in autumn as part of the Sustrans coordinated Sustainable Transport Delivery Excellence Programme through the LEP (training will be for all highway authorities in the LEP area).

Provided as (as a footnote to the minutes):

Access Fund

On 5th July the DfT announced the bidding process for the Access Fund (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/dft-launches-60-million-competition-to-support-sustainable-travel>). Headline details are as follows:

- £60m **revenue** funding available from 2017/18 to 2019/20
- Maximum bid of £1.5m for a single local transport authority across the 3 years (£350,000 minimum)
- 10% local contribution required

- Deadline for bids Friday 9 September (winners announced Dec 2016)
- Projects need to contribute to economic growth, access to jobs, skills, education & training as well as increasing the number of people walking and cycling
- Access Fund bids can be free-standing i.e. not linked to the capital available through the LGF but the DfT encourages links to capital projects

North Yorkshire Local Transport Plan 4

The LTP4 was adopted earlier in the year. The local transport plan final word version is at the following link: <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/30583/Local-transport-plan-four-LTP4>

Local Growth Fund – maintenance of rural road network

Details of the extra £24m of government funding agreed. The roads due to be prioritised are shown on maps in Appendix F of the business case (including roads around Malton/Norton) <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/32076/Local-growth-fund--category-4-road-maintenance>

6. Visitor Information and Marketing

The local authorities partners of Ryedale, Scarborough and the North York Moors National Park will be exhibiting at the UK Cycle Show between 23 - 25 September to promote the the range of cycling product we have in the region. Members of the forum are welcome to provide literature, freebies, prizes etc for distribution at the show.

7. 2016 events

- **Heart of the Wolds Sportive** – 24 April woldssportive.co.uk
- **Tour de Yorkshire** – 29 April-1 May letour.yorkshire.com
- **Ryedale Grand Prix** - 10 July bcyorkshire.co.uk/ryedale-grand-prix
- **Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge** – 16-17 July yorkshirewoldscyclechallenge.org.uk

8. Any other business | Date of next meeting

Subsequent to meeting, please see attached the Cycling UK (former CTC) summary of the Govt's draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. Also a subsequent Report by the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group, provided by Paul Hepworth at Cycling UK.

Date of next meeting: 18th October 10.30am Ryedale House, Malton.