

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes 6th March 2018 at 10.30am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:- Cllr Cleary (Chair), Helen Gundry (Kirkbymoorside Environment Group), Paul Hepworth (Cycling UK), John Patten (Sustrans vol), Keith & Craig Newcombe (Cyclists), Glyn Wild (Cyclist), Howard Wallis (RDC), Rupert Douglas (Sustrans Area Manager), Kate Smith (Cyclist), Stuart Startup (Forest Enterprise)

1. Introductions / apologies
Apologies received from Mike Hawtin (North York Moors National Park), Area 4 Highways and Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB),
2. Minutes of 28/11/17 approved
3. Matters arising - all covered below
4. Presentation by Mike Hawtin, North York Moors National Park
Postponed until next meeting because he was unable to attend
5. "More cycle tracks please" – working with planning officers/committees, consultants/developers

Ideas so far for a new section on our website:-

1. **An introduction, brief but broad, aimed at all who we want to reach; planners, public, design consultants, developers, elected Members. We want people to comment because we want professionals to know there is plenty of public support. We want professionals and funders to know where to find good design information. We want good cycling provision always included.**
2. **A brief explanation of how new schemes come about and how the public can comment about cycle infrastructure. Look at Transport Statements for applications.**
3. **A short guide for the public on how to comment – at consultations, via the Planning Portal, via NYCC, or by email. Relevant links, relevant pitfalls.**
4. **An archive of what schemes have been commented on so far by active members of Ryedale Cycle Forum. (with a disclaimer that comments might not necessarily be the views of other forum members or the forum as a whole) With links**
5. **A contributors section, asking people to let us know if they submit a comment, so we can know how many people are using or website to help them to make comments. Twitter for updates.**
6. **A "well done" list – local and regional schemes that have designed for cyclist safety and welfare. With links and photos**
7. **A resources list; quick pointers for public. Where can designers go for detailed advice.**
8. **A new tab on the website so that all the above can be easily found.**
9. **A mention on the news page when a scheme comes up that people can comment**
10. **A map, or a link to a mapping tool, so that visitors to the website can quickly find the location of any proposed development, whether industrial, housing or road improvement.**
11. **A campaigns section – who to contact if a scheme might need a lobby**
12. **A feedback and contacts section – asking for comments about website content, layout and performance, in order that we can continue to develop our website.**

Helen has exchanged emails about this with Craig Nattress RDC (who look after our website), Mike Potter (RDC Councillor and keen cyclist) and Victoria Hutchinson (NYCC). The meeting supported the idea of making a start on the new website section, and then building it up as more advice arrives. Thanks was expressed from the meeting to Craig Nattress for his continued and excellent support.

6. Proposal:- <https://www.business.natwest.com/business/startups-and-SME/small-business-bank-accounts/community-account.html>

Any involvement of NYCC Highways for new cycle routes or upgrades of paths, requires some funding to be pre-arranged. It is the same situation for the NYCC Rights of Way team for cycle routes across non-Highways land. Some local sportifes, trusts or businesses or visiting cyclists could be persuaded to donate, especially for particular projects that enable more people to feel safe enough to cycle. In some cases, a local Parish Council might hold funds, but we also need somewhere to save up funds that the public know is dedicated to and controlled by Ryedale Cycle Forum. This proposal is to open a Cycle Forum bank account, which we could link to a "Local Giving" webpage button on our website. The NatWest account has no charges. The Local Giving page has an annual charge, Kirkbymoorside Environment Group would donate the first year's charge, if Ryedale Cycle Forum decide to try out this idea.

Councillor Cleary, as Chair, thought there might be problems with the Cycle Forum holding funds; it would be an extra responsibility, new and different from how the Forum has functioned up to now. Councillor Cleary will discuss with Craig Nattress, with a consideration of the Terms of Reference of the Forum.

Rupert Douglas commented that Harrogate and District Cycle Forum involves two local groups who are independent of their district Council structure (Wheel Easy and Harrogate and District Cycle Action). Rupert will find out details of how these groups are structured and how they operate to support their Cycle Forum.

Paul Hepworth commented that a now defunct section of CTC has £1.2K of funds in a bank account that can be available for suitable projects in Ryedale. Helen has emailed some suggested schemes to him for consideration by Cycling UK.

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

- a) **Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough** A very important link for locals and as a long distant route. Hope to hear from NYMNPA soon about what is needed to achieve this.
- b) **Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley** Funding application decision this week. Further sections of road-side path are very expensive; assumed cost per metre needs to be reduced.
- c) **Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link** no progress to report
- d) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York links** Snow prevented meeting. Cllr Cleary hopes to have further discussions soon about possible developments.
- e) **A64 Huttons Ambo cycle path link** is on Highways Agency schedule for 2018, action needed on further links into Malton/Norton as part of the WSP consultations there (**ACTION HOWARD**)
- f) **Malton to Pickering route** – Howard Wallis reported that WSP are now working on local consultations and designs. Rupert Douglas suggested that information sessions rather than consultation was more appropriate for parts of the route, because consultation had already taken place, but local support was useful.
- g) **Malton/Norton rail increase consultations** – Howard Wallis reported that a follow up stakeholder consultation will be held on 18th April. Much debate & decision making still ahead.
- h) **Duggleby cyclists rest point and village outdoor shelter** – no update since last meeting
- i) **Wish list of potential routes** - Those present thought it important to add routes into forestry areas and into the National Park, because the cycling offer is being steadily developed in these areas. It is important that cyclists don't have to have a car to get into the Forests and the National Park, but can choose to cycle there instead. Routes need to be from the ferry terminals and from railway stations, and cycle hire needs linking in also. Potential visitors to support our local economy include a big foreign market, other parts of the UK, and local cyclists. There are also traffic congestion, air quality, and carbon footprint issues that support

better links for cycling via public transport. Rupert had plenty of feedback from a recent cycling expo in Utrecht that many Dutch cyclists would like to make their own plans to visit and book. The Dutch are used to a very well signed national cycle network at home and so there is a big need for safe signed routes in to Ryedale and the National Park from ferry terminals and from railway stations. The push to provide holiday packages needs to be balanced with other bookable holidays that allow independence. Even bookable cycling tour holidays (such as Saddle Skidadle in Cumbria) need good, safe, well-advertised routes in order to bring cycling tours into the Ryedale and North York Moors area.

Stuart Startup said that Forest Enterprise staff often had an issue with finding funds to check and maintain routes and signs, and this needed to be dealt with when new routes and signs were proposed.

8. 2018 events, visitor information, marketing

- York Cycle Rally 23/24 June
- Yorkshire Wolds Cycle Challenge (funds to Ryedale Special Families) 14/15 July
- **Ryedale Rumble –29th July 2018, fundraiser for Ryedale (High) School , Nawton YO62**
- Ryedale Grand Prix – 26th August – Ampleforth

For other events please see website, and send any event details to Craig.Nattress@ryedale.gov.uk

9 Any other business

Bumper sticker consultation to be advertised via the website. We have received some suggestions, but still need more.

NYCC don't have to engage implementing the DfT Cycling and Walking Investment Plan, and may choose to do this only in the more urban districts such as Scarborough and Harrogate. There is no longer a Cycle Forum in Scarborough, so one option would be a joint Ryedale/Scarborough Forum

Date of next meeting:- Tuesday 19th June, 10.30 -12, Ryedale House. Malton