

Ryedale Cycle Forum
Minutes 6th November 2018 at 11am | Ryedale House, Malton

Present:- Cllr Cleary (Chair), Helen Gundry (Kirkbymoorside Environment Group), Paul Hepworth (Cycling UK), Keith & Craig Newcombe (Cyclists), Cllr Mike Potter (Cyclist and RDC), Howard Wallis (Ryedale District Council), Neil Hewitt (cyclist).

1. Introductions / apologies

Apologies received from Mike Hawtin (North York Moors National Park), Liz Bassindale (Howardian Hills AONB), David Younger (NYCC Highways), and John Patten (Cyclist and Sustrans Volunteer)

2. Minutes of 11/6/18 approved

3. Matters arising

a. Presentation by Mike Hawtin, NYM National Park – hope it can take place next meeting (**ACTION MIKE H**)

b. “More cycle tracks please” – working with planning officers/committees, consultants/developers. No news yet from Victoria Hutchinson (NYCC) about how Cycle Forum’s ideas for new website section about commenting on proposed building developments have progressed through her department. Helen to chase up. (**ACTION HELEN**)

c. Proposal from March meeting:- <https://www.business.natwest.com/business/startups-and-SME/small-business-bank-accounts/community-account.html>. Kate Smith had offered to look into suitable structures for a fundraising/fundholding group, but was not present at meeting and hasn’t forwarded any info. Helen offered to email around supporters of Ryedale Cycle Forum to find out whether anyone would be interested in forming a separate “sister” organisation that could work alongside Ryedale Cycle Forum and fundraise to build cycle tracks. (**ACTION HELEN**)

4. 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. NYMNPA need some outside funding to progress this, and Helen has offered to approach Thonton-le-Dale Parish Council to ask if they would help. (**ACTION H. GUNDRY & D.TRAFFORD**)
- b) **Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley** RDC S106 panel turned down joint bid from Cycle Forum and NYCC Highways for Kirkbymoorside section, but Co-op Good Causes have now adopted it, and Kirkbymoorside Environment Group will look after the funds until enough funds are raised to finished the path.
- c) **Helmsley – Rievaulx – Sutton Bank link** no progress to report, but hope to hear more from Mike Hawtin about routes that he is developing.
- d) **Malton – Castle Howard / Howardian Hills – York links** no progress to report (**ACTION MICHAEL CLEARY**)
- e) **A64 Huttons Ambo cycle path link** is on Highways Agency schedule for 2018, nothing has been done yet on the ground, and both Keith Newcombe and Howard Wallis have tried chasing it up with no positive response yet. Other pedestrian/cycle/farm crossings are still in A64 partnership discussion. Action needed on further links into Malton/Norton as part of the WSP consultations there (**ACTION HOWARD**)
- f) **Malton to Pickering route** – Howard Wallis is working on the Tourism Infrastructure bid and hoping to submit it very soon. He is incorporating the work done by WSP. Helen has had useful discussion with some of the landowners on the cross-county section of route that could enable avoidance of Great Habton Road.

- g) **Malton/Norton rail increase consultations** – Howard Wallis reported that Tim Coyne and Andrew Bainbridge of NYCC are looking at what quick-wins could be implemented before or soon after the rail service increases. Tim and Andrew are working from the new “traffic model” outcomes of the WSP-run consultation. Congestion is a brake on economic development, and the health risks are serious. Also, Howard has made an application for some Transpennine Express Community funding, to start feasibility work on passenger & cyclist bridge at Malton railway station.
- h) **Duggleby cyclists rest point and village outdoor shelter** – no update since last meeting
- i) **Wish list of potential routes** - Continue to invite suggestions and send on to Craig Nattress **(ACTION ALL)** Website section on this needs updating **(ACTION CRAIG NATTRESS & HELEN)**
- j) **Flaxton to Claxton, new staggered A64 crossing**– Paul Hepworth presented a proposal and all agreed it should be added to the wish list.
- k) Craig Newcombe suggested that the footpath alongside Scarborough Road, Norton, could be upgraded to cycle/footpath.
- l) Welcome to Yorkshire currently have funding available for enhancing cycle tourism facilities, including E-bikes and their charging stations, cycle parking, routes, etc.

8. 2019 events, visitor information, marketing

- Event organisers are encouraged to contact the Parish Councils local to their event well in advance, so that local people can be made aware that there will be of a big influx of cyclists (and possibly cars) on a particular date. Link to Parish Council contacts have been put on our getryedalecycling.com website.
- Dates of 2019 events to Craig Nattress please Craig.Nattress@ryedale.gov.uk

9 Any other business

- a. Bumper sticker consultation – Cllr Cleary is chasing up a funding idea for this. Craig Newcombe has found some further ideas from the Cumbrian Police that he will pass on to Helen. **(ACTION MICHAEL CLEARY AND CRAIG NEWCOMBE)**
- b. At least 600 houses planned in Norton, a second bridge across river and rail where, years ago, the Malton – Pickering rail line crossed the river, would be really good for cycling connectivity, and hence to reduce private car congestion. The new housing proposals have not got to the Planning permission stage yet, so now is a good time to push the importance of cycle route connections. Craig Newcombe will pass on a link to the group about the Sustrans Sister organisation “railaypaths.org” who look after former railway viaducts/routes; they might help.
- c. Paul suggested that we invite James Gilroy from the Local Enterprise Partnership to a cycle Forum meeting. All roads that the LEP fund should also have provision for safe cycling. Paul will do some study of LEP policies, e.g. mitigating climate change, tourism. What could the LEP help with? **(ACTION PAUL HEPWORTH)**
- d. Please can everyone continue to provide website content for www.getryedalecycling.com, and let Craig know if any sections become out of date. **(ACTION ALL)**
- e. Kevin Hollinrake MP has joined the Conservative Environment Group. It was suggested that, through him, we invite the Government Cycling Minister, Jesse Norman, to Ryedale.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 12th February, 10.30, Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
With presentation by Mike Hawtin of National Park Authority about touring routes being developed