

Ryedale Cycle Forum Minutes 30 April 2024

Present:-

Michael Cleary (Chair)	Helen Gundry (Ryedale Environment Group)
Mike Potter (Pickering CIC)	Craig Nattress (NYC Tourism Place Development Manager)
Craig Newcombe (Local cyclist)	Jackie Speakman (NYC Sustainable Transport Officer)
David Earl (NYC Community Sport and Active Wellbeing Officer – Ryedale)	Keisha Moore (NYC Senior Transport Officer)
Carrie Brackstone (Pickering CIC)	Dominic Barry (North York Moors National Park)

1. Introductions and apologies:

Apologies; Howard Wallis, Adrian Foster, Antony Croser

2. Approval of minutes from last meeting from 20 February 2024

Minutes approved by all.

3. Matters Arising from minutes

No matters arising from minutes.

4. Future Plans for Ryedale Cycle Forum and GetRyedaleCycling.com website, with the new North Yorkshire Council

JS in post currently and will continue until told differently. JS will update as and when the restructure is confirmed. MP suggested a separate meeting to discuss plans going forward.

CN reiterated JS comments and highlighted the need for it continue going forward, including all the current representatives.

Action: JS to arrange a separate meeting to discuss future plans

5. Linking market towns, North York Moors National Park, and Howardian Hills National Landscape:

A. Malton - Pickering route, also approved cycle route on former Pickering Showfield:

MP asked if the data counters were operational again and JS confirmed they were back online gathering data.

Action: JS to share data

MP said the new owners are currently working on the site and creating a new entry point, north of the Black Bull. Rumours suggests 1500 units may be developed. MP has sent a message to the NYC planning team for clarity.

MP reported the broken railings have been repaired at Gas House Bridge. MP also asked Pickering Town Council to submit a request to the PROW team, for this to be registered as a bridleway in future.

B. Route developments within Malton and Norton, and rail service developments:

C. Helmsley – Malton Path for Everyone

Amotherby - HG said the steering group had been commenting on the planning application in Amotherby, for a new housing development. The group discussed the possible removal of the cycle path and comments were submitted on the NYC planning portal. MP explained the original planning application included a cycle path and now the developers have put in an application to remove the cycle path, and thanked Josh from Sustrans for his comments.

Broughton Path Section – HG is speaking with Malton Estates and continuing the work with Ryedale Environment Group and Path For Everyone steering group to take this section forward.

Market Town Circular Route - KM said the ACC (Area Constituency Committee) have agreed to commit monies for the development of this route, with additional feasibility work.

D. Pickering – Dalby Forest - Scarborough links:

DB explained the North York Moors National Park still aspire to upgrade the link between Dalby and Thornton - ie- Dale and DB is looking at options, gathering quotes and contacting landowners etc.

E. Pickering Cycle Hub update & Pickering CIC

Balance Bikes - CB updated the group that 24 balance bikes had been sourced and delivered to x4 primary schools, with helmets. Balance bike training for school staff is still being organised. MP said St Joesph's School had thanked them when he visited.

Pump Track - Contractors have said the Pump Track construction will commence once the weather is drier. The Pump Track opening day is planned for Sunday 14 July 2024. Activities and ideas so far include; BMX display team, Smoothie Bike, Ryedale Velo starting/finishing a led ride from the park, balance bike display from junior school children and ROOSE providing a Dr Bike session.

Cycle Stands - The CIC are looking to buy mobile "Plant" stands, that double up as a bike stand, to use as a community engagement tool, to help gather the communities' thoughts on permanent stands.

ROOSE Events - Roose are continuing with their bike mechanic sessions and led rides. Sessions are now held on Tuesday and Thursdays. They also refurbish bikes to sell on at a reasonable cost and are displayed "For Sale in their window in the Ropery, Pickering.

E-Bike chargers – MP thanked DB for the grant from North York Moors National Park, as these new chargers are now installed at Big Bear Bikes and at Dalby Bike Barn. These compliment the ones already at Sutton Bank Cycle Centre. MP hoped these would now be included on relevant maps highlighting their location.

F. Pickering – Kirkbymoorside – Helmsley:

HG said the volunteers are continuing to work on the railbed, and PROW had given feedback on the new design given to them, for improving access via the small foot bridge.

HG said she is continuing to work with KM with regards the design for the whole route.

JS asked if ROOSE had contacted HG, as Sue Larkin from ROOSE had asked if some youths could volunteer with projects on the railbed. HG yet to hear anything.

G. Castle Howard Cycling development ideas & Malton – Howardian Hills – York links

MC said no further developments with Castle Howard but reiterated that connections still need to be worked on. MC suggested a Wish List be presented to them. HG said a Wish List is already compiled but possibly out of date and asked if someone with capacity could update it. HG also suggested some quick win options might be a good starting point.

MP said Castle Howard have previously had consultants to develop an active travel strategic plan for the estate.

MC very keen to keep engaging with them going forward.

H. A64 crossings and cycle routes beside the highway

Neither Craig Newcombe nor JS have had any updates from Louise at National Highways since the last meeting

Action: JS to contact Louise for updates

I. Wish list for new routes and facilities - discussion for all

No updates

J. Engaging with the Govt Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy

KM explained that she keeps challenging Active Travel England about the challenges faced in rural areas, e.g. gradients, widths

MP asked if funding allocations will change once the mayoral elections take place. KM explained that there will be a separate budget for the combined authority, and it will not affect the NYC funding.

K. Joint working to access funding opportunities

DB said that North York Moors National Park have monies from Active Travel England to develop a strategic plan for cycling and walking routes. DB asked to make this a specific agenda item going forward.

MP asked for clarification if any new routes could go outside the boundaries of the National Park and DB confirmed they could as they linked into the National Park.

Action: JS to add as a specific agenda item going forward

HG asked about the progress with the multi-model travel options. JS reported that she and DB had met with local cycling providers and there was a reluctance going into any hire service due to having problems in the past, e.g. bikes not returned, high costs of repair.

Action: JS to arrange a separate meeting with HG and DB

6. 2024 events, visitor information, marketing, and website information

DB asked how many hours were been put into updating the Get Ryedale Cycling website and how many people visited the site. DM also asked if there is potential for new ways of marketing.

Action: JS to share website figures and all to think about marketing going forward

DM said Dalby Forest is holding the National Cross-Country Championships between 19 and 21 July 2024.

7. Ideas for offering cyclist training, and useful cycling-as-transport ideas

JS shared a message from Adrian Foster who represents Ryedale Velo as he was unable to attend the meeting:

- The club now has over 100 members
- Weekly rides have started on Tuesday evenings (6pm) from Big Bear Bikes in Pickering, and the Market Place in Helmsley
- Regular Thursday evening and Sunday morning club rides continue. See club page on Strava for details

8. Any other business

The subject of Ryedale Cycle Forum going forward due to the NYC restructure arose again, and it decided to have a separate meeting prior to the July meeting, to discuss options.

HG thanked JS for her input which has allowed HG (as previous secretary) to do additional work sourcing funding.

Craig Newcombe stressed the importance of keeping the group going as it makes it more credible to submit information from a forum, on items such as planning application comments.

DE talked about the adult weight management programme and how walking and cycling helps to address people's health and mental health.

MC said it is important to keep in contact with elected members.

KM thanked the group for their general input into projects and stressed the importance of keeping the group going.

Next meeting: Tuesday 9 July 2024,10:00am via Teams