

## CycleWight Committee, 11th September, Clatterford Rd & Zoom

Present:, Peter Dyer(PD), Claire Franklin (CF), Helen Jones (HJ), Malcolm Ross (MR), George Wilks (GW), Tim Thorne (TT), Matt Whittaker (MattW), Apologies: Alan Bennett (AB) Alex Lawson (AL) Mick Watts (MWa)

### **1. Cycle track maintenance / Island Roads / IWC**

TT has not received a reply from Stuart Chandler or Natasha Dix about the maintenance of the tracks in general (SC) or the Medina Greenway (ND). TT will write again to ask for a progress report/clarification. The committee has seen part of a response to a freedom of information request about changes to the PFI contract which came in to effect in 2019. In essence there has been a move away from a quantitative approach to a qualitative one thus allowing it "to be in the eye of the beholder". It has been suggested that we identify the key phrases from the 'new' contract and encourage people to use them in their correspondence to IR or through FMS app.

**Volunteer to do this.**

Correspondence ongoing: **### TT ###**

### **2. Kidical Mass Sandown / World Carfree Day 22 September**

The next CycleWight Kidical Mass ride is in Sandown on Sunday 22 September, which is World Carfree Day. It will start from Yaverland Car Park and follow a route along Culver Parade and the High Street. At Pier Street (steep) the ride will drop down to the Esplanade, then turn back up the High Street a second time to turn left at Esplanade Road, then return along Culver Parade to finish at the Yaverland Car Park. Posters have been distributed by PD, to members and on Fb. There has been a good response by the media with OTW and CP both doing articles on the ride..

A Risk Assessment will be produced. It needs to be emphasised to riders to try their brakes before leaving Yaverland and for adults to ensure their children are safe. Key points: Pier Street and Esplanade Road.

Insurance has been acquired through KM (HJ)

Marshals need to identified. **More needed. please ask around.**

There was some concern over the extra traffic on the road from Yaverland because of ongoing road works else where. The majority thought because of the nature of the route there would be little disruption as the route is relatively so short,

. **### TT/HJ/All committee ###**

### **3. CycleWight AGM: Friday 11 October.**

The CycleWight AGM will be at Newport Minster on Friday 11 October at 7.30pm. Laura Laker will be the speaker. HJ said plans for a local ride will be on Saturday AM.

Other stalls attendees will include for Alan Rowe Potting Shed Cartoons, Cycle trax Claire from Cycle Re-Cylce. The new cycling officer from Isle Access will be attending and has asked to say a few words. Refreshments are in hand (GW & MW). TT will write to Councillors again with

more detail about the evening. None responded to the invite apart from Phil Jordan. Other suggestions for guests most welcome.

It was proposed to have a raffle to cover some of the costs as we will not be doing the catering which in the past has been very remunerative.

It was suggested that the Committee meet before hand. Toto's in the Square 5.30. Please let TT know if you wish to attend,

**### All ###**

#### **4. New East Wight & West Wight members of parliament**

A meeting with Joe Robertson MP for East Wight is being arranged for October. Date set but waiting to hear of venue. TT to write to Richard Quigley to see if a meeting can be arranged.

**### TT/CF/AB ###**

#### **5. Rookley A37 Bridleway upgrade:**

TT and GW walked with three Rookley Parish Council Councillors and the secretary along the bridleway. We outlined our vision and explained how the project could go forward. This was helped by having Ken Fry, the surveyor there, who had a grasp on some of the more technical issues. Ken will talk to some of his colleagues to look at ways to minimise some of the surveying costs.

#### **6. Island Green Link / West Wight Greenway:**

Several members of the committee met with Pete Fellows who is the IWC lead on this project. Some initial planning work has begun on the West Wight Greenway and the route to Wootton. IWC are still waiting to have final confirmation from HMG. The Dept of Levelling Up has been dissolved and responsibility now lies with the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. The original bid was submitted two years ago and so costings as well as government priorities have changed. The new government has supported active travel so it is hoped that the plans will be allowed to proceed and the necessary adjustments to costings will be acceptable. It is not known if the upcoming budget is slowing proceedings. It was resolved to write to both MPs to ask them to expedite matters with the appropriate minister. **### TT ###**

#### **7. AOB \***

**# Barriers on Cycle Tracks:** PD asked what progress there has been CycleWight's list of barriers on paths to be removed. Elsewhere councils are removing barriers to help those with mobility issues and those using cargo bikes. We do have a list but no progress. **### Action TT to resend list. ###**

**# LCWIPs** What is now the situation of the LCWIPs? TT to write to PJ to ask the present situation. **### TT ###**

**# THINK BIKE signs & Road Safety:** The latest ones are still in the process of being put up. PD has a list of further places to place them. Particularity in areas of high accidents: Middle Road, Downs Road and Military Road.

**Next Meeting:** 11 October AGM