

CycleWight Committee, 25 March 2026 Clatterford Rd & Zoom

Present: Claire Franklin (CF), Helen Jones (HJ), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MW), George Wilks (GW), Peter Dyer (PD) Apologies: Alex Lawson, Val Lawson, Alan Bennett

1. AGM

The plan is to hold the AGM in early/mid September. TT has contacted Carisbrooke Village Hall but it still does not have WiFi. A discussion of various venues was discussed. TT to contact Newport Parish Centre in Town Lane or Scout Hall, Woodbine Close. A discussion followed re. guest speaker. HJ contacted Dr Jungnickel but at present it does appear she will be available***MW & TT***

2. Newport Day

Saturday 30 May 1000 -1600 Victoria Park Newport. Plans are # A cycle ride on Gunville Greenway # Set up a 1.5 metre minimum overtaking display with an actual car. PD to investigate some kind of contraption to demonstrate 1.5 meters. Other ideas are: # Dr Bike mechanic stand next to ours. MW to contact Paul # CycleWight advertising display with info on West Wight Greenway # We could arrange Vectis Vintage Cycles to be shown, (Contact Tony Dymott).

TT has booked our slot with Newport & Carisbrooke Heritage CC. We have lost our CycleWight 1.5metre banner showing safe overtaking distance. TT to look for original artwork.

TT/PD/GW/MW

3. Roads Closed signage

The closure of a large number of roads and the effect on cyclists has been an issue due to the inconvenience. HJ wrote to Island Roads to seek clarification. A very positive response was received that cyclists could use the road even if it says Road Closed as by law it must be open to pedestrians (as long as riders dismount, if necessary, past the works.) This information will be passed onto the membership and has already been posted on Facebook. A point was made that this information should be put on the signage but this was not mentioned in the correspondence. A discussion was about how to make this clear especially for visitors. An idea of sticky labels, funded by CW, to be stuck on to the signage was proposed. HJ to send correspondence to IR showing DfT signage available about routes open to cyclists which we would like to be used.

4. Think Bikes Signage.

This issue has still not been resolved. We have several more sponsors for new signs. Island Roads are now proposing a large increase in the fee to put them up and challenging where we and the sponsors would like them placed. PD will contact the Police about their views on the signs and hopefully a positive response from them will mean there may be some progress if then forwarded to IWC and IR.

5. Biosphere

The Biosphere Festival on the Island is from 27 June to 5 July 2026. A ride will take place 4th July to follow the Red Squirrel Trail and include Shanklin/Sandown/Yaverland. HJ could lead

a ride starting at Merstone Old Station to Yaverland. This could be the summer event for CycleWight. If timings are worked out then people can join en-route. It was felt Yaverland car park would be a good point to base ourselves. It has come to light that Kiddical Mass have sorted out their insurance issues and so this will make the organisation of the event easier.

GW will confirm details to Biosphere organisers.

6. Island Green Link

TT has contacted Alec Broome the IWC project manager for the Island Green Link to ask for a meeting. At this time he has not received a reply *****TT*****

MR said that work has begun at Wootton, although not completed due to very wet conditions. Parts of the cycle track are closed as work progresses towards Belmont Lane. It has been announced that the whole path will be open for the Easter break

7. Local Access Forum

Paul Fuller Chair of the LAF contacted IWC about speed on rural roads. No reply has come from IWC

8. South Wight Green Lanes project

The Isle of Wight Local National Landscapes team bid for a grant which included making some of the roads in the South Wight 'Green Lanes'. Sadly this was not successful.

9. AOB

The local elections are to go ahead. It was decided to ask all prospective candidates for their support/views on cycling. This will be done via letter/email. The resulting replies would be sent to the membership. ****CF/HJ/TT****

The planning application for housing at Heathfield Farm in Freshwater has been refused. CW's comments did appear in the reasons why it was declined.

We do follow up the on the Active Travel agenda at St Mary's. A member did offer to work on this. TT to contact the member. ****TT****

There is still a desire to have some kind of information leaflet. TT to contact Pinkeye Graphics. MR suggested we enquire about a roll up banner, now popular with displays, with a map of routes on it. ****TT/MR****

Next Meeting: April 2026