

CycleWight Committee, 24th June 2026 Clatterford Rd & Zoom

Present: Peter Dyer(PD), Stella Peterson (SP) Claire Franklin (CF), Helen Jones (HJ), Malcolm Ross (MR), Tim Thorne (TT), Mick Watts (MW), Matt Whitaker (Matt), Apologies: Alec Lawson (AL), George Wilks (GW),

1. New Council: CycleWight follow up.

We have invited all the Councillors to a meeting to explain our aims for cycling on the Island. It is to be at the Quay Arts Centre on 7th July at 16.30. At present we have had 4 positive replies and 2 possibles It was decided to write a reminder to all who have not replied over the weekend. There has been a problems with our mailing system and County Hall. TT has written to enquire how to resolve this.

There will be short presentation: topics would include: Gear Change, LTN 1/20, The state of the tracks, Local Transport Plan, Active Travel England, CWIS 3, LCWIPs for W Wight and Ventnor.

Dominic Wray from Visit IW has agreed to attend. TT has written to the officers working on the Island Green Link inviting them. No response so far.

2. A 3056 Fighting Cock Crossroads

There has been a concern over this crossroads as it is part of the Round the Island Route. There been an upgrade in this area as part of Safer Roads Initiative but not to the crossroads: the speed limit remains unchanged at 50 mph. The CW committee believe this should be lowered. We have written to IWC over this. We are hoping to be invited to attend the next safety audit of this stretch of road to understand the rationale behind the decision. PD has contacted companies in the vicinity about our concerns. There was a mixed response and there are more companies to contact.

3. Biosphere ride 4 July

The Biosphere programme includes our ride to Shanklin. HJ will lead the ride from Merstone at 11am then at Yaverland at 12.30pm then on to Shanklin. The ride will finish at the far end of the Shanklin Esplanade. Participants will be expected to return to Yaverland by themselves. HJ has offered to lead the whole loop. GW to be invited to be back marker. As a Biosphere event insurance is covered by the organisers. We have submitted our risk assessment and which has been amended by MWa. The one change is for us to announce that people must listen to the ride leader for changes to instructions. PD is to visit cafe at Yaverland to say we will be congregating for this section of the ride. TT will bring flag and the CW display box. TT to add details of the event to the next newsletter.

3. Go-Electric

Go-Electric will take place again this year on Sunday 19 July 2026 at the Riverside Centre & Quay. GW has confirmed that CycleWight will set up a display. Matt & Keert will also be there. HJ, PD, AL & VGL will be available to support George. MR & gazebo Tables & displays to be obtained from in advance from TT.

4. Island Green Link

The section of track from Wootton to Binfield is now complete including the ramp at Belmont Lane and the track to the road. MR confirmed the barriers are spaced correctly. It was agreed it was done to a high standard. Not all people were happy with the tarmac surface as we found out at Newport Day! It was felt that the progress is slow with many issues unresolved. It was decided to write to both MPs expressing our concerns that funding will be lost. CF will draft a letter

Our next meeting is tabled for September. This was felt too long. It was resolved to contact AB and ask for a meeting in the next month or so.

5. Newport Show

It was felt to be a worthwhile event. There was a range of discussions with a variety of people. There is a need for a leaflet update. This was supposed to have happened during the winter and did not. The new CW banner "Wider for the Rider" was unveiled. It was used with a car beside it to show the actual distance of a passing car. PD managed to access a stand which helped considerably.

6. AoB

Evri deliveries. There is an issue in Bembridge with this company. It was enquired if Keert could provide a solution. MWh explained how this may be resolved. Further discussions could help with this

AGM: We hope to book the Unity Hall 20 St Thomas' Square, Newport, PO30 1SG, This will be once a speaker is arranged and is planned for September. HJ contacted Dr Jungnickel who now has a new post and cannot attend. HJ will contact a Cycling Champion from London to see their availability. Watch this space. **Update The Cycling Champion is unavailable.**

Walk Wheel & Cycle Trust: MWh & TT met with the local officer. Natalie Martin. A discussion was held over the situation on the Island. WWCT could provide training for officers and Councillors. We provided NM with various details and CW wrote to the lead officers about this offer. There has now been contact between NM and IWC. TT and MWh agreed to meet in 6 months time with NM.

There was discussion about the possibility of having CW 't-shirts as one was fetchingly worn by one committee member. It is possible via Teemill to have the CW logo. MWh to provide the web address.

As noted in last minutes the Local Access Forum, chairman Cllr Paul Fuller, has written to the IWC to ascertain their intentions for the Merstone-Horringford section of the cycle track. A reply is still awaited. HJ is unable to attend the next meeting. MR agreed to attend in her place. The next LAF has been re-scheduled for Wednesday 8 July.

Next Meeting: July 2026