



**PLACE DIRECTORATE**  
**Transport**

**MINUTES**

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
Cycle Forum	Thursday 14 December 2017	6.00 - 8pm	City Hall, College Green, Bristol
Attendees			
Nick Davies BCYC, Terry Miller – BCYC, Andrew Gough – BcyC, Alan Morris – BCYC (also Bristol Walking Alliance), Charlie Bolton – Green Cllr for Southville, Mark Brough – BCYC, David Wilcox – BCYC chair, James Coleman – BCC, Nick Pates – BCC, Philip Wright – BCC, James Cleeton – Sustrans (South West mgr.) Sarah Toy – BCC Resilience officer, Sarah Ogden – CTC			
Apologies			
Cllr Gary Hopkins, Christopher Orlik			

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions
2. Meeting Minutes and Actions
3. Sarah Toy - Bristol Council Resilience Plan
4. Sustrans James Cleeton - Bristol to Bath Path
5. Cycle path maintenance – Nick Pates
6. Council Infrastructure Updates
7. Chair/Vice Election, Terms of Reference Review, BCC Review of forum

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1.	<b>Welcome and Apologies:</b> Introductions and apologies given.	
2.	<b>Meeting Minutes and Actions:</b> Issue raised - Cyclists dismount signs at Temple Circus – anti-cyclist? Nick pates – contractor concerned with making their site safe – contractors are required to provide for cyclists – their responsibility ultimately to cater for this – Nick’s view – this is not acceptable to fail to cater for cyclists. Point raised from floor that the contractor should be required to provide this at the outset Cycle forum not happy with cyclists dismount signs – Nick will take this back internally Nick sympathises that this causes unnecessary antagonism – suggest ‘pedestrians have priority’ signs – floor suggests ‘Cycle with care’ signs Minutes approved.	NP
3.	<b>Bristol Council Resilience Plan – Sarah Toy</b> Angle from Sarah is to consider the role of cycling in resilience for Bristol Sarah’s research funded by the Rockefeller foundation - Bristol is one of 5 cities chosen The study takes a 50 year view of resilience	

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	<p>Five pillars of resilience: fair, liveable, sustainable, agile, connected  Cycling has clear links to the Bristol transport plan, clean air plan, climate adoption plan, child friendly city, protecting and valuing green space, active and healthy ageing, resilience impact assessment.</p> <p>Mayor wants to move towards a One City plan, due to proliferation of policies. Report designed to transcend political boundaries and one Mayor's elected term. The One City Plan will be informed through the Congestion Task Group. Can the congestion task force help to raise the profile of cycling as part of the solution?</p> <p>Can benchmarking with other resilient cities help influence ambition of one city plan (e.g. London, Rotterdam)</p> <p>Key indicators and targets need to be set for cycling in Resilience plan</p> <p>Can we help to mobilise high levels of cyclist stakeholder engagement in the One City plan?</p> <p>Questions / discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Alan Morris - Pessimistic about the role for the congestion task force, given it is behind closed doors – advocates strong policy instead</li> <li>- Sarah - Assistance is required to help / input to the congestion task force</li> <li>- Andrew Bcyc – were cities who aspire to low car usage driven by cutting pollution, or cutting congestion?</li> <li>- Sarah - The drive is pollution, which is in people's minds even more.</li> <li>- Phil Wright – air quality causes 300 people a year to die in Bristol – states that until people driving, little can be done to improve air quality</li> <li>- Charlie Bolton – clean air zones have been raised by Cllrs, and Mayor does not want to disproportionately affect the poor – however, BCC is obliged to become legally compliant as quickly as possible.</li> <li>- Charlie Bolton – how do we get cycling included in the resilient cities / One city report?</li> <li>- Sarah - The report will become more public, and there will be opportunities to influence the final plan – it should reflect what people actually say</li> <li>- Floor - Call a meeting to discuss cycling and the one city plan? Get a public meeting arranged</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Bristol to Bath Path consultation / Bike Life report - Sustrans James Cleeton</b></p> <p>The Bristol and Bath path is not trouble free  The path is sometimes beyond capacity  Recent collision on BBRP  There were 3 accidents on one week recently  How can we improve?  More signage on the path to encourage more responsible behaviour?  A code of conduct? All users keep left etc.  Should this be a cycle superhighway, like the one through Hyde Park? With segregation etc.  (Visual showed with light segregation line between cycles and pedestrians on BBRP as an idea)  As a pedestrian, the BBRP can be an uncomfortable experience, mostly due to irresponsible behaviour  Over the next two years Sustrans will engage with the community with a co-design process to ask people what they feel the BBRP should look like in the future  Large scale investors approached to fund chosen solution</p>	

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	<p>Questions / discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-</li> <li>- Nick - Can we provide safe segregated cycle routes on adjacent roads?</li> <li>- James - That is outside the scope of this investigation – the BBRP is a safe haven away from roads etc.</li> <li>- Phil - The BBRP is congested</li> <li>- James - Agree that segregated infrastructure for cyclists going fast would help to alleviate issues</li> <li>- Terry - Is it possible to promote other cycle routes, which means that people will try to move / relocate to Bristol on other cycle routes?</li> <li>- James - Agree</li> <li>- Alan - Feels inevitable that it needs to be widened – feels the gap between the walking and cycling part should be greater due to the difference in speed between walking and cycling – with green barrier between</li> <li>- James - Agree – an existing part of the railway line could be modified to assist this, for example</li> <li>- Nick Pates - Welcomes this engagement and impetus to solve issues with BBRP – if we had built it now, it would be built with segregation – maintenance is required too. Appreciate widening is a difficult sell to public</li> <li>- James - It will be a difficult process, and there is a project board set up to govern the process</li> <li>- Phil Wright - There is a report that says that you shouldn't segregate through parks, because it promotes fast speeds. The report promotes 4 -5m widths to cater for all.</li> <li>- Nick Davis (BCYC) - Understand there is no money for this – are motorists going to be asked to fund the Callington Relief road? Should the Mayor fund walkers and cyclists, as these people are generally poorer?</li> <li>- James - The supporters of Sustrans want to see improvements at BBRP</li> <li>- Charlie Bolton - Has Sustrans spoken to WECA about funding?</li> <li>- James - We are finding it hard to engage</li> <li>- ? - Shouldn't dogs always be on a lead at the BBRP?</li> <li>- We are trailing the code of conduct with dogs kept under control</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Cycle path maintenance – Nick Pates</b></p> <p>Currently in consultation about the removal of the cycle path maintenance contractor</p> <p>These are routes which are not adopted highway</p> <p>Walkthrough of various routes and paths that were maintained/ swept / veg cut back and litter pick</p> <p>At full council in 2017, about a £1.3m saving was made from a £3m maintenance budget</p> <p>Highways dept. is now only looking at doing statutory minimum</p> <p>Trees no longer cut</p> <p>Verges budget cut from £270k to £50k</p> <p>This contract for cycle maintenance costs around 15k, but this was not renewed recently</p> <p>The consultation about this was scheduled to go out to consultation recently, but not started yet</p> <p>PROWS have to be kept clear, by statutory duty</p> <p>Highways have actually been able to reintroduce elements of the contract, rather than cut the whole item (due to savings found elsewhere, and due to low value of contract)</p> <p>Which cycle routes could be left without maintenance, and which other routes should be prioritised in the new contract?</p> <p>Propose stripping some of the elements of the old contract, to bring the price down to £10k (from £15k).</p>	

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	<p><b>Council Infrastructure Updates - James Coleman and Phil Wright</b></p> <p>Baldwin st cycleway – All civils complete, just awaiting signals contractor to install signals at Marsh St junction</p> <p>Bond St South / Redcross St (Old Market) cycleway – delays due to hard concrete and utilities set-backs. About 75% complete, due to be finished Feb '18</p> <p>Prince St cycleway - TRO now signed-off – construction already started around bridge, and to start on carriageway in Jan '18</p> <p>City Centre routes – now complete</p> <p>Nelson St – Detailed design work underway – tricky issues with drainage and utilities – construction to start March '18</p> <p>Frome route – Broom Hill – awaiting TRO, construction to start May '18 subject to TRO. UWE Glenside campus – planning permission granted – construction to start Feb '18</p> <p>Southmead Quietway – Wellington Hill West and Cairns Road – TROs being advertised</p> <p>Cycle hangars – 4 hangars installed – remaining 9 units expected early 2018</p> <p>Easton Safer Streets – proposals significantly revised – detailed designs underway – awaiting TRO.</p> <p>Filwood route:</p> <p>Whitehouse St – TRO currently being advertised. Construction of York Rd crossing to start Jan 2018.</p> <p>Victoria Park – currently out to construction tender</p> <p>Wedmore Vale – Awaiting TRO. Designs revised following consultation to include some parking</p> <p>Northern Slopes – currently out to construction tender</p> <p>Bugbears – Dean Lane / Coronation road crossing into Gaol Ferry Bridge – design work / consultation underway</p> <p>Legibility of cycle routes – minor work to take place on south side of Queen Square</p> <p>Hotwells / Anchor Road bus / cycle improvements – work to start early '18</p>	
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