

A10 Corridor Cycle Campaign

24 June 2014

Shepreth Village Hall, Station road, Shepreth, SG8 6PS

19.30 pm – 21:00 pm

DRAFT Meeting notes

Present: John Meadows, Fiona Hill, Neil Morris, Patrick Joyce, Frank Martin, Daphne Jones-Barrie, Dan Tancock, Sebastian Kindersley, Rod Taylor, Chris Taylor, Bob Rowntree, Aidan Van de Weyer, Pat Hammond, Steve Robinson, Peter Mounsey, Rob Cubbitt, John Somerville, John Crawforth, Elizabeth Freeman, April Warburton, Jill Meadows, Richard Hiom, Malcolm Kitteridge, Cyril Kenzie, Don Taylor, Janet Lockwood, Susan van de Ven.

1). Welcome and apologies

Susan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies received from Caroline Coates, John Lennom, Nigel Brigham, Rohan Wilson, Tony Hunter, Tina Filby, Phillipa Hart, Ralph Betts.

2) Minutes from previous meeting

Minutes from meeting on were approved.

3) Awareness ride report

Oliver Heald MP and Julian Huppert MP, plus local councillors, were present at both starting points with ITV Anglia at the Trumpington start.

About 45 people set off from each side but due to road closures in Royston unfortunately quite a few arrived too late to be counted.

Many thanks to marshals, Phillimores, JR Tech in Shepreth who sponsored the teas, Erica Bosman and Aidan Van de Weyer for serving the teas.

4) Trumpington Meadows – Hauxton off-road path

Not used for ride as under construction, but promising to be a lovely route when it opens in September.

6. Cambridgeshire County Council: Please help to publicize – a £40 per term allowance is available to sixth formers who chose cycling as their primary transport to college, travelling at least three miles each way.

5. Melbourn-Royston project: Note that we have councillors from the whole route at this meeting.

Herts County Council

Daniel Tancock from Herts County Council gave details of the feasibility study building on the Sustrans report, aiming to be complete by December.

Anticipating issues such as landownership, other infrastructure, safety, etc. aiming to address hurdles in advance of funding.

Bridge to east of A505/A10 roundabout preferred for a range of reasons, including cost, linking up to existing cycle path.

Tying the project into other developments in Royston (like Baldock road) is attractive for accessing associated funding.

For bridge funding City deal funding is attractive (when finalized) and Local Enterprise Partnership funding also attractive as not geographically tied to strictly Cambridgeshire – the LEP boundary encompasses the relevant area. This funding is focused towards economic growth such as links to places of employment, and Melbourn and Royston score highly.

Sustrans

Not present - have initiated contact with a landowner on route. Otherwise feel their recommendations are clear, as expressed at the April meeting..

Cambs County Council

Patrick Joyce agreed that CCC also favoured the bridge to east of A505/A10 roundabout. Cheaper to build, less traffic disruption, not overlooking properties, absence of cables & links to Melbourn without crossing A10. Should not limit ability to turn A505 to dual carriageway.

North side of A505: landlord responded that they have no interest in selling and doesn't want interference with farming activity. Response sent that this proposal would not result in interference.

It may also be possible to proceed without land purchase as the County Council may own enough necessary land to go ahead. City deal finishes in 2017 but early spend is very attractive.

Other issues to be addressed are protected verge, 600 tons of soil to move due to incline, a couple of trees and layby. However, expected that a 2.5m path could be laid without affecting the layby from a walk-and-check.

There is also a Local Sustainable Transport Fund bid which if successful could potentially fund the path in anticipation of the bridge, but would need to take care we didn't end up with a white elephant!

'No reasons at present that would stop this going ahead.'

Other support

John Meadows asked how we could support these proposals. Susan answered that encouraging local companies to sign up for the Travel to Work was very helpful in justifying support and that this was a good time of year to pursue this. Please contact her if you would like to help with this venture which is already underway.

Noted that a surprising number of people who already use the A10 between Melbourn and Royston don't know about our campaign. Logo and leaflets to be investigated.

7. Events

Park Life Event (South Cambs District Council) June 28 – it was decided that the campaign does not have the resource to support the event.

Some discussion of interest in the Ivy Farm bridge Royston, and the Grantchester to Haslingfield cycle link.

8. Dates of future meetings (venues to be confirmed)

The next meeting is the AGM, to be held on 15 October. At the AGM, meeting dates for the year will be set. Cyril Kenzie said the campaign group would be welcome to return to Shepreth anytime it wishes.

The meeting closed at 20:55.