

FOLKESTONE/SHEPWAY CYCLE FORUM

Minutes of a meeting held on Friday 3 July 2009 at the Civic Centre, Folkestone

Present: Jean Baker (Chair), Jacqueline McLeod (KHS Transportation Engineer), Rhona Hodges (Shepway FoE), Alan Joyce (Sustrans Liaison Ranger), Paul Rees (Sustrans Ranger), Brian Turner (Sustrans), Tony Gilbert, and Mike Baker

Apologies for absence were received from Chris Kirkham, Toni Spain, Liz Lonkhurst, Nigel North, Simon Allum, Tim Prater and Stephen Fawke .

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| <p>1. Jacqueline McLeod reviewed progress on the topics listed in the minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2009:</p> <p>Minute 2.3 – Alan Lague of SDC had confirmed that a Road Traffic Order would be in place on 13 July prohibiting lorry parking in the Kingsmead area, near the Academy entrance.</p> <p>Minute 2.4 – Work proposed at the Shorncliffe Road junction south of Folkestone West station would include a Toucan crossing which should give protection to both cyclists and pedestrians.</p> <p>Minute 2.6 – Jacqui will be visiting local schools in the near future with Jan Wickham, starting next week with the Academy. She noted that Greatstone Primary School was likely to be suitable for a “cycle to school” trial, as it had a limited catchment zone in a relatively safe, flat area.</p> <p>Minute 3 - .Members approved a questionnaire drafted by Jacqui for distribution in the Folkestone area, subject to the inclusion of “Safer” and/or “Traffic-free cycle routes” in the criteria which would encourage people to cycle. Members suggested that surveys should take place in Hythe and New Romney as well as Folkestone, and volunteered to assist in carrying out the surveys. On the topic of cycle stands at Folkestone West station, Jacqui agreed to support Jean Baker’s request for covered stands on both sides of the station. The Cycling Strategy for Shepway, based on the Dover strategy, was being prepared,</p> <p>Minute 4 – Liz Timmins of Folkestone Town Council had given an assurance that cycle stands would be erected by the end of July. The Forum agreed that a publicity event in Folkestone precinct should be arranged in co-operation with Spokes, at which the questionnaires could be handed out to the public and a map of the draft proposals for the North-South and East-West routes could be displayed. Alan Joyce volunteered to contact Steve Fawke of Spokes to select a date.</p> | <p>JM</p> <p>All</p> <p>JM</p> <p>All</p> <p>AJ</p> |
| <p>2. Members agreed to a “cycle day” on a date to be arranged at the end of July, in Folkestone and other areas, to show Jacqui and Alan Lague of SDC proposed routes for future cycle tracks.</p> | <p>All</p> |
| <p>3. The next meeting of the Forum will be held on Thursday 8 October at 7pm, at the Civic Centre, Folkestone.</p> | |