

Hyndburn Cycle Forum

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th November 2018 from 1800 – 2000

at the Prospect Environmental Centre, 54 Broadway, Accrington

Present: Chairperson Cllr Steve Button, HBC (SB); Roy Halliday, Senior Projects Officer for Lancashire County Council (RH); Amanda Jenkinson, LCC Access Fund (AJ); Ian Tierney, Cycling Projects (IT), Barbara Sharples, Activity Organiser, The PROSPECTS Foundation (BS).

Apologies: Anne Hourican, Senior Environmental Initiatives Officer, Hyndburn Borough Council (AH); Christine Thomas local cyclist (CT)

Minutes: Barbara Sharples (BS)

1. Everyone was welcomed and introductions were made.
2. The minutes of the previous meeting were now out-of-date so none were presented to the meeting.

3. National and County wide issues

RH explained the new Local Cycling and Walking infrastructure. In East Lancashire consultation with DfT will take place and priority routes set out. This will contain a mixture of commuting and leisure routes. The Hyndburn Cycle Forum will be able to feed in to this consultation process. At the end a hierarchy of bids for funding will be compiled which will be mostly capital funding. When the Lancaster part is done it can be shared with the Hyndburn Cycle Forum to help to give ideas to the Forum.

More information is available here - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-cycling-and-walking-infrastructure-plans-technical-guidance-and-tools>

Under the Road Safety Improvement Scheme there is nothing for Hyndburn this financial year. The Forum can feed in for future years and can feed in accident reports. There is no funding for cycling to school this financial year.

Junction and Motorway matters e.g. Rising Bridge and Junction 7 on previous agenda have now been completed.

Highways England will be looking at the A56 and M65 for 2020-2025.

4. Lancashire Cycle Forum

It is believed this Forum previously attended by Cllr Paul Cox, HBC is no longer meeting. Steve Cartmell may have more information.

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5. East Lancashire

The new Weavers Wheel booklet was made available. More information here <http://www.bwdconnect.org.uk/travel-choices/cycling/weavers-wheel/>

AJ gave a presentation on Connecting East Lancashire – the PowerPoint presentation will be made available on request.

More information here <https://www.bwdconnect.org.uk/what-is-connect/>

6. Hyndburn Issues – discussion

The Leeds Liverpool canal was discussed. It was that through AJ links with the Canal and Rivers Trust be made. Improved surfaces were needed in some sections. It was agreed that there should be a Report Form template designed and when this is approved by all parties a press release is issued. It was noted that CT had already sent in some reports and that work in Rishton had already been undertaken. AJ to thank CT for her contribution.

Also discussed were the proposed bridleway link from Peel Park to the Kings Highway; other links needed to create an easier Hyndburn Inner Wheel and an more difficult Hyndburn Outer Wheel with spokes to join the two; links needed to join up existing routes and to improve existing cycle to work and school routes; the possibility of a Hyndburn Cycling Festival including a Sportif.

7. Hyndburn – discussion

Topics discussed were the use of the window at PROSPECTS to promote cycling; led cycle rides and a Dr Bike session, a bike revival scheme with NLTG; led bike rides with GoVelo; an offer to families who cannot buy a bike for their children; family rides; beginners rides (7 miles); extra short rides (15miles); adult cycle training; electric bikes and schemes, tandems, lockers and locations, learn the route rides, Safe Cycle Night-time Rides, cycle maintenance courses; social activities, some quick win short-term activities, plus medium and long term plans for cycling in Hyndburn.

Hyndburn – Wheels for All

IT gave a presentation on Wheels for All in Hyndburn at Wilson Playing Fields. There are several people ready to move from 3 wheels to two wheels. There is a plan to link to Active Lancashire with lots of community rides. IT is looking at HUBS and ideas included Eagle Street, Norden and Clayton-le-Moors where cycle containers already exist. There are approximately 74 people regularly trying to access the Wednesday cycle rides at Wilson Playing Fields. Cycling Projects wish to train up more volunteer bike ride leaders and offer more choice to cyclists and options for people to go farther afield such as a Pedal Away Scheme to include young people. IT provided leaflet Wheels for All Edition 7 Enable and Pedal Away Knowsley for information

8. Grants for local cycling

It was suggested that IT look at a grant application to the Windfall Fund for Pedal Away Hyndburn. Other opportunities for funding could be Eric Wright Construction, the Mayor of Hyndburn's Fund, Sports England Small Grants Scheme – This might be a way of helping to fund small community cycling schemes
<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/small-grants/>

9. Partner Updates

There were no other partner updates presented to the meeting.

10.AOB

None

11.Date and Time of the Next meeting

It was agreed that SB and BS would circulate a list of possible dates in the new year (2019) after February.