

Cycle Forum Meeting Thursday January 27th 2011

Item	Discussion	Action Required By	When
<p>Action sheet previous meeting Matter arising</p>	<p>The route over the Moss from Swinton to Clifton – Lee checked on the designation of footpath with rights of way officer it would be difficult to change designation as it is owned by farmers. It should be possible to change the status of the path through Blackleach Country Park over the motorway as the land is council owned.</p>	<p>Lee to discuss with Rights of Way officer</p>	<p>May 2011</p>
<p>Scheme updates - Lee Evans</p>	<p>Lee updated the meeting on the various schemes planned for this year.</p> <p>Cycle Parking – there are 9 proposed sites outside public buildings, Lee provided details of locations. All sites to be completed by end of March 2011.</p> <p>Hessel Street – this links Weaste Road and James Corbett Road and improves access to the quays and MediaCityUK. Work is to start and be completed in March – members examines a drawing - act now if you have any comments – contact Lee</p> <p>Roe Green Loophole – phase 6 to start on site in Feb. as well as a drawing lee highlighted the associated work.</p> <p>A6 Crescent – currently on site, this will include a 20MPH zone, a segregated cycle lane and improved crossing points.</p> <p>Quays Gateway – Regent road roundabout – previously discussed by the forum - to be completed by March 2011.</p> <p>Irwell River Park – work is ongoing to continue this development. Some funding has been secured via developer contributions (S 106 agreements) to improve the Anaconda section of the Irwell in Lower Broughton.</p>		
<p>Adult Cycle Training.</p>	<p>Nigel asked for this item to be considered. He has been working with his employer, through the Exchange Quay travel plan group, to look at ways to encourage cycling among staff. The most positive impact has been achieved with adult cycle training. Working with the Greater Manchester Cycle Campaign (GMCC) he secured training places for staff, in return for membership of GMCC. Those undertaking the training found to be extremely useful and effective. The trainer also offered to accompany staff on their commute to work to discuss specific details on the journey. Nigel's evidence was backed up with evidence from Pte Abel (GMCC) regarding adult cycle training offered by Manchester Council. MCC identified that adult cycle training is the most effective practical support measure to encourage training. Since June last year 300 training sessions have been made available, to any adult living or working in Manchester (an additional 200 were later added). Trafford will shortly announce a similar though smaller scheme. Indications show that there is demand for training. Salford could train 116 people for less than £6000. Members agreed that it would be a worthwhile scheme but the problem is it needs funding</p>		

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	<p>from the revenue budget, there is none available from the council at present. Members discussed this and possible ways to progress Perhaps all greater Manchester councils could be lobbied to provide training. Perhaps councils could tap into money from the public health budget which is soon to switch to local authority control. "Love Your Bike" have commissioned a survey of the participants which should be available soon.</p> <p>At this point Tim Rumley raised the issue of the consultation on the Public Health White Paper. Local authorities will soon be in charge of the public health budget and there are a lot of areas (domains) that the new regime will cover and there are numerous indicators to measure activity, one such is participation in cycling. Tim is concerned that there are many indicators that will be competing for resources and cycling may be overlooked. It must be stressed that there are lots of benefits to be derived from cycling it could help impact health inequalities, obesity, worklessness, sickness levels, child poverty, and tourism. If we could we could get to a position where GPs could prescribe cycling it would be a massive success. We need to reinforce the message and evidence the benefits of cycling and the Love Your Bike survey could help do this.</p> <p>Tim will share detail of the consultation and we will draft a response on the forums behalf we will also make details available to allow individuals to respond.</p>	All members	Feb / March
<p>Refugee Action. Wilson Nkurunziza</p>	<p>Wilson a community development worker from Refugee Action presented a proposal for a sustainable Cycle Training Project to train asylum seekers and refugees to cycle and eventually open it up to all in the community. Refugee Action budgets are stretched and they are looking for part funding. The council has no money available but members fully support the project and made several suggestions to Wilson as to how he may progress this. Contact details of neighbourhood managers will be shared, he had tried health improvement teams, but the catchment area requirements were restrictive. Members also urged Wilson to gather evidence, such as case studies showing costs on bus fares before training and health benefits secured and emissions saved, to help attract funding. Also suggested Wilson he contact the voluntary service in Eccles. Peter to contact forum to see if they have any ideas. Although there is no money available, Wilson is welcome to use the name of the forum as a supporter of the project.</p>		
<p>Sustrans Rangers</p>	<p>Unfortunately the Sustrans rep Peter Green was unable to attend to discuss this item but Nigel was able to provide some background info about the duties of a ranger. Peter Green will attend next time to further discuss and seek volunteers. Lee will check out Life in Salford to explore if an article could be placed which would include a request for</p>	Lee	February

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	volunteer rangers.		
Local Transport Plan 3	Lee informed the meeting, consultation closed on 24 th Dec, GMPTE are working on the document at the moment which will be shared when available. Members asked about any plans for a cycle hire scheme – The GMPTE are currently coordinating a Greater Manchester bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) which would be able to provide funding for initiatives like this.		
Cycle Journey Planner	Lee had asked members to comment on the GM cycle journey planner. Comments were generally good and the journey planner worked well for most users. There were some issues however. The use of the quietest route option throws up some interesting routes. Local names were sometimes not recognised by the planner, postcodes were fine though. The limit on the maximum length of journey was also thought to be too low. Forum members are encouraged to provide any further feedback to Lee, all feedback received will be forwarded to Transport Direct.	All members Contact Lee	April 2011
GM Cycle Maps	Lee announced there will be a reprint and update of the Greater Manchester cycle maps in 2012. Updates / amendments to the maps will be possible for this edition. In order to meet the deadlines for the reprint, members are asked to provide Lee with any corrections, missing information or additional information. That you would like to be shown on the Salford maps by April 2011.	All members contact Lee	April 2011
Pleasant Cycle Rides	Anup was unable to attend but the rides have been popular. Future ride details will be circulated as appropriate.	Lee & Pete	As and when future rides are arranged
Next Meetings	Thursdays 6 pm at the Civic Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12th May 2011 • 14th July 2011 • 20th October 2011 		