

## Coventry Cycle Forum Notes - 8 March 2017

**Attendees:** Councillor Jayne Innes (Chair), Colin Knight, Richard Smith, Janson Strain, Lani Dines, Susanne Foellmer, J M Lees, Peter Binnersley, George Riches, Naomi Brook, Andrew Marsh, James Avery, Phil Moodie, Anthony Arlidge, Diana Hutchinson, Charles Hutchinson.

**Apologies:** Karen Lees, Peter Atkinson, Mike Thomas

### Introductions

Request for public health to attend future meetings. Karen Lees to attend next meeting.

**Station Cycle Hub:** Due to open by June. Thanks expressed for officer support.

**Public Space Protection Order:** This has been revised following feedback and will no longer affect cyclists, except those riding recklessly. It will be enforced by Civil Enforcement Officers.

**Funding:** Bid for Access Fund for cycle network improvements with Warwickshire was not successful. However cyclists should benefit from city centre schemes to improve Ring Road junctions 1, 4, 5 (Canal Basin, Whitefriars and to Cheylesmore). Will share designs when ready. Also recognise need to do more in city centre to join up routes across the city centre

Developer contributions are proposed for cycling improvements: Keresley – Link along Long Lane to Coundon Wedge Drive & route to city centre via quieter roads. Eastern Green - Route to city centre. Whitley South – Link to Jaguar Land Rover. Acetate Site – Canal towpath improvement. Bid for EU funding is being considered.

### Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

Proposing to develop a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan once guidance is issued by the Department for Transport. This will build on the existing proposals for a Strategic Cycle Network. Expect to use the Propensity of Cycle Tool <http://www.pct.bike/> to identify areas of demand. (PCT can also look at health and deprivation) importance of building a cycle culture.

Comment that best network is roads. Can we manage speed of traffic e.g. 20mph across city? City centre has encouraged more people [Open Street Map](#) to cycle to the city centre.

Response – Some of the routes on the cycle network are traffic free e.g. Sowe Valley and others are beside main roads. Others can be a series of parallel quieter roads using a combination of 20mph and traffic management.

**Open Street Map** – Cyclists are invited to update [Open Street Map](#) and make use of the Bike Citizens App. Visit the Council [website](#) or email [cyclecoventry@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:cyclecoventry@coventry.gov.uk) for more info.

A [Tube Map](#) is being developed by local campaigners.

**Bus Lane Review** – 2km of 8km have been suspended as a trial and is being monitored. Monitoring started 1/3/17 and will run initially for 6 months. Stakeholder event planned for May with user group representatives including George Riches with a follow up event at end of initial 6 months.

**Next steps:** The Council will organise a Cycle Forum twice a year as happens in Birmingham.

The next full meeting is proposed for October with an informal get together in the summer.