

Minutes of the Highways & Transportation Cycling Sub-Committee Meeting
held at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday 15th November 2016
in the Small Committee Room, Claygate Village Hall

Present: Councillors: John Bamford, Tony Shearman
Co-opted members: Howard Smith, David Bitner
In Attendance: Zak Keshavjee (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda

Cllr John Bamford: Trustee of Friends of Capelfield Surgery, Trustee of Friends of Claygate Day Centre, Trustee of Claygate Village Hall Association, Bookkeeper at Holy Name Church, Esher.

Cllr Tony Shearman: Trustee of the Claygate Recreation Ground Trust, Chairman of Claygate Royal's Football Club.

Howard Smith: nothing to declare

David Bitner: nothing to declare

3. Recap on the Outcomes from the Cycling Questionnaire

Main comments from cyclists were

- Narrowness of some roads: particular concern about stretches of Hare Lane & Oaken Lane
- Hazardous junctions: particularly entry to Manor Road South from Oaken Lane for children cycling to Hinchley Wood School

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- Lack of visibility: ineffective or missing lights and absence of high visibility jackets
- Cycling on pavements:

Cllr Bamford added his concern about the number of children that still do not wear helmets on their way to and from school.

4. Discuss Potential for Improved Cycle Routes, Alternative Cycle route to Hare Lane and a Cycle and Walking Map for Claygate

Two proposals were made to for improvements to cycle safety

Proposal 1: Create new cycle routes into and out of Claygate that avoids the village centre and the narrow stretches of Hare Lane and Oaken Lane for most residents

This involves use of the BOAT at Coverts Road and the cycle path leading from Portsmouth Road (opposite Cafe Rouge) to Littlewood Road and some improvements to cycle paths.

4. Discuss Potential for Improved Cycle Routes, Alternative Cycle route to Hare Lane and a Cycle and Walking Map for Claygate (continued)

The BOAT at Coverts Road goes over the A3 from which you can either progress to Fairoak Lane (that provides access to Malden Rushett or Oxshott) or fork right to Arbrook Farm/Arbrook Common (that provides access to Esher or the A3).

It is proposed that the BOAT is made into an all weather surface and the connecting cycle paths/footpaths are improved as they can become very sodden and muddy.

The route from Portsmouth Road goes from Littlewood Road across Hare Lane to Arbrook Common where a cycle path/footpath behind the rear gardens of Millbrook leads to Copsem Lane. This could link up with the Arbrook cycle path from Coverts Road.

Responsibility for maintenance of the BOAT and other paths would be SCC or EBC.

CIL Funding may be available if it can be demonstrated that improvements benefit the wider Elmbridge Community.

Proposal 2: Create dedicated pavement space

Identify pavement space that is underutilised and could be converted to dual use subject to permission from SCC. For example, the path from Torrington Road to Derwent Close.

The TfL website offers streetscape guidance.

It was agreed to put the proposals to the next H&T Meeting on 15th December.

- Howard to contact Ken for advice on obtaining a large scale map of Claygate. **AP1 New**
- Howard & David to provide a more detailed set of proposals for the next H&T Meeting. **AP2 New**

5. Matters for Information Purposes Only

It was agreed to provide a follow up article in the next Courier.

- Howard to provide up to 400 words by 25th November. **AP3 New**

It was agreed that David would investigate creating a new website for cyclists around the area. This website could have a link to the Parish Council website, but could not be seen to be endorsed by the Parish Council without gaining approval from Full Council especially if it was funded by one or more businesses. Cllr Bamford pointed out that there are two groups that could be interested in this proposed website. There is a cycling group that regularly goes to Claygate Centre and there is a blind cycling group that meets up at the Claygate Village Hall car park.

- David to investigate cost and feasibility of setting up a new website. **AP4 New**
- **Cllr Bamford to find details about the two cycling groups that use Claygate regularly. AP5 New**

AP1, AP2 and AP3 from the previous minutes have been completed.

6. Date of Next Meeting

TBC pending outcome of next H&T Meeting

Meeting closed at 7.40pm