

Minutes

South Gloucestershire Cycle Forum

Location: Microsoft Teams

Time & Date: 12pm on Tuesday 26th September 2023

Attendees: Lee Lodder (SGC), Chris Willmore (SGC Councillor), Bradley Taylor (AECOM), Richard Aveyard (AECOM), Lucy Grenville (Tier), Will Nelson (SGC), John Emms, Rebecca Bennet, Steve Cox, Ann O'Driscoll, Bob Keen, Stefano Marazzi, Andrew Gough, Thomas Bass, Trevor Daniels, Alex Goulding, Kate Royston

| Item | Description |
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| 1 | Welcome, introductions, and updates from previous meeting |
| 2 | <p>WECA Cycle Hangers</p> <p>Richard Aveyard and Bradley Taylor from AECOM provided a presentation on the WECA led Cycle Hangers project. See attached presentation.</p> <p>CW asked about the possibility of destination based cycle hangers, BT confirmed that residents could request any location and will be considered against the scoring criteria.</p> <p>BT stressed the importance of cycle groups getting the word out to SGC residents, lots of attendees suggested groups they would share this with.</p> <p>**CW suggested contacting food banks to provide paper copies for those with limited digital access . LL to raise this with the comms team.**</p> <p>There was concern over the suggestion that spaces in the Cycle Lockers will be charged for. CW asked that the project team look into providing free spaces for those on low income.</p> |
| 3 | Tier - e-scooter/e-bike/e-cargo bike hire project |

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| | <p>Lucy Grenville from Tier provided an update on the new Tier vehicle rental system, that is replacing Voi in the West of England. As well as e-scooters, Tier also offers the opportunity to rent an e-bike or a cargo bike.</p> <p>Concern at the gap in Long Term rental provision as Voi have apparently started to recall them. LG replied that yes they are working hard to bring forward the Long term rentals to cover the gap caused by Voi pulling out early.</p> <p>WN asked whether there would be discounts for low income, students and other groups. LG responded that there would and they are set at a similar level to the Voi discounts.</p> <p>LG also noted there would be some e-scooter training sessions provided across the area.</p> <p>KR requested a discussion on access and parking locations in the Avonmouth Severnside area. LG will feed that back to colleagues.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Yate Common Consultation</p> <p>LL highlighted the current consultation on improvements to the Yate Common, and encouraged those who use it to feed back their views. https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/Yate_Common/consultationHome</p> |
| 5 | <p>Open Forum</p> <p>Will Nelson (SGC Travel Planning team) - highlighted the second round of Active Travel Grant scheme which is currently open, providing up to £1,000 for active travel improvements. Also public bike repair kits scheme, that will be publicised on the Better by Bike website.</p> <p>AoD stressed the focus on behaviour change work needs to be stronger, reduced funding from central government needs to be replaced by the Combined Authority. CW asked that forum members provide best practice examples of things they would like to see done to encourage active travel use. LL will collate any responses and feed back to CW and members.</p> <p>SC highlighted the lack of signage on A431 for the railway path. He has completed the investigation form for it, but believes it should be more urgently dealt with. CW suggested the CRSTS project for the Railway path could pick this up. LL will feedback to the project team.</p> <p>SC asked about a wider roll out of 20mph zones. CW responded that she would like to see it rolled out across the authority, and will be looking into it.</p> <p>RB highlighted the upcoming Future Travel Summit, and encouraged people to attend. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/future-transport-summit-2023-tickets-719090738757?aff=oddtcreator</p> |

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| | <p>RB highlighted the long process for requesting schemes - CW agreed and is talking to officers about how the process can be improved.</p> <p>TD asked about the next stage of the A38 consultation - CW responded that there is work going on to look at providing additional connections to the corridor, but expected the consultation early next year.</p> <p>CW also mentioned that there is potential for National Highways to fund some of the corridor work, as part of work to repair the motorway over bridge. This may allow additional connections to be incorporated in the project. RB warned that we avoid diluting the corridor projects by trying to include too much</p> |
| 6 | <p>Dates and venues for future meetings:</p> <p>Thursday 11th January 2024</p> <p>Wednesday 17th April 2024</p> |
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