

**Exeter Cycle Forum**  
**Minutes of Meeting – 5.45pm Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2012**

**Present :**

**Name:**

Peter Grainger (Chair)

Chris Blasdale

Gill Wheelwright

Graham Heysett

Julia Jack

Keir Bovis

Mike Reddaway

Moira Macdonald

Nicky Hewitt

Rob Harding (RH)

Ross Hussey (RDH)

Roy Russell

Zsolt Schuller

**Organisation:**

Sustrans

Execel@cyclimg

ECC BUG

Sustrans & The Cycling Partnership

University of Exeter

Met Office BUG

Indiv / ALRUG / St James

Sustrans / ECC

RSPB BUG

Individual cyclist

ECC

CTC – Right to Ride

DCC – Highway Management

| No. | Item  | Action  |
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| 1   | <p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p><b>Name:</b></p> <p>Louise Rowe</p> <p>Adrian Tiley</p> <p>Cllr Andrew Leadbetter</p> <p>Derek Boustred</p> <p>Heather Baker</p> <p>Hilary Noakes</p> <p>Jenny Ingrams</p> <p>John Vessey</p> <p>Roger North</p> <p>Sam Taylor</p> <p>Stewart Nightingale</p> <p><b>Organisation:</b></p> <p>EDF BUG</p> <p>Halcrow BUG</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>RDE BUG</p> <p>DCC</p> <p>Individual cyclist</p> <p>Environment Agency</p> <p>LV BUG</p> <p>Exe Estuary Trail</p> <p>Jacobs BUG</p> <p>Met Office BUG</p>  |   |
| 2   | <p><b>Minutes of previous meeting (Mar 2012)</b></p> <p>No corrections.</p>   |   |
| 3   | <p><b>Matters Arising – action points</b></p> <p><i>Exeter to Tiverton and Crediton routes</i></p> <p>ZS to extract single plan from the consultant's report. May be opportunity for some improvements when DCC resurface Cowley Bridge Road.</p> <p><i>20mph zones</i></p> <p>HB had reported that consolidated TRO would be simply that, and would not cover the gaps in the city. Group is keen to pursue further 20mph coverage but DCC prefer physical calming. ZS reported that a study was being carried out into the issues raised by the Times Cycle Campaign. PG to write to Lester Willmington on behalf of the Forum, subject to ZS confirming whether this was the appropriate time to do this.</p> <p><i>Surfacing</i></p> <p>ZS to supply details of DCC surfacing spec to Forum.</p> <p><i>Pool bike info.</i></p> <p>HB had supplied to LV as requested.</p> <p><i>Exeter Services toucans</i></p> <p>Fixed.</p> | <p><b>ZS</b></p> <p><b>ZS/PG</b></p> <p><b>ZS</b></p> |

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|   | <p><i>County Show crossing closures</i><br/>RR said that last year, Cllr Stuart Hughes had promised a consultation on this. RR had heard nothing more until he got an email giving 24 hours' notice of this year's closures. There was no advance warning on Old Rydon Lane or approach from Clyst St Mary. ZS agreed it hadn't received the attention it should have, and he would continue to pursue it.</p> <p><i>Cycle Parking survey work for planning policies</i><br/>All in hand, report next time.</p> <p><i>Stagecoach driver training</i><br/>MM reported on the details she had received from Graham Bailey at Stagecoach about the training that drivers received; interaction with cyclists was an integral part of that. He had offered that MM and/or others could go and see what they do. GB to be invited to a future meeting; otherwise CB knew a cycle trainer / bus driver who might be prepared to speak to us.</p> <p><i>Kennford to Haldon Hill surfacing</i><br/>On a list of work to be done by DCC.</p>  | <p>ZS</p> <p>RDH</p> <p>MM</p> |
| 4 | <p><b>DCC Update</b></p> <p><i>Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Triangle car park - build-outs partly complete; widening of path and relocation of Toucan to take place this financial year.</li> <li>• Cycle parking – more being provided in Princesshay. Still a substantial budget for this.</li> <li>• Quay Hill contraflow being investigated.</li> <li>• Loram Way link – still trying to progress this, but landowner wants Council to take on all open space. NH suggested talking to RSPB in case they would be prepared to manage it.</li> <li>• Exeter Airport link open. Investigating improved facilities at workplaces near the airport.</li> <li>• Pinhoe Playing Fields path open.</li> <li>• Schemes being worked up with ECC Parks at Heavitree Pleasure Ground and Cowick Barton Playing Fields.</li> <li>• Paris Street / York Road works on site. HaTOC agreed proposals including Bampfylde St one way working; ZS to report next time on possible contraflow.</li> </ul> <p><i>Exe Estuary Trail</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exton to Topsham <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Conditional planning permission granted for Clyst Bridge &amp; Goosemoor section at Development Management Committee on 25th April 2012. Tenders for the Design &amp; Build Contract have been received and are currently being evaluated. Preliminary works likely to commence in June this year, subject to land negotiations; main works scheduled in the spring &amp; summer months of 2013 to avoid disturbance to wintering birds.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Turf Lock to Powderham Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Design work in progress. Negotiations with other landowners is still ongoing; subject to this, works still scheduled to commence in Spring 2013.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Events etc</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travel Devon roadshow visiting numerous employers to encourage sustainable travel by staff. Still match funding available for facilities etc – see <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/traveltowork">www.devon.gov.uk/traveltowork</a>.</li> <li>• Summer of Cycling - challenge is for every cyclist to get one other person cycling, eg. by getting them signed up for a 2 hour training session. See <a href="http://www.summerofcycling.net">www.summerofcycling.net</a> and <a href="http://www.cycledevon.info">www.cycledevon.info</a>.</li> </ul> | <p>ZS</p> <p>ZS</p>            |

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|                 | <p><i>Usage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total users of Fishers Bridge between December 2011 and April 2012 was 65,489 trips (pedestrians &amp; cyclists). Staggered barriers are to be eased.</li> <li>• Cycle specific data from Automatic Cycle Counters:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Between January and March (inclusive) there was a 13% increase in average daily cycle trips on Exeter Road from 269 average daily trips last year to 305 average daily trips this year.</li> <li>○ Between January and March (inclusive) there was a 19% increase in average daily cycle trips at Exeter Quay from 639 average daily trips to 762 average daily trips.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Issues raised by members of the Forum</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Old Rydon Lane barriers. If not sorted during adoption process, DCC can remove these once roads adopted.</li> <li>• Rifford Road – replacement road hump is too vicious.</li> <li>• Chancel Lane bridge – funding from developer not being released until a related problem has been solved. DCC has been out to consultation on options.</li> <li>• Burnthouse Lane to be resurfaced – could cycle lanes be reviewed?</li> </ul> | <p>ZS</p> <p>ZS</p> <p>ZS</p> |
| <p><b>5</b></p> | <p><b>HGVs and bus lanes</b></p> <p>DCC are investigating more efficient ways of getting lorries in and out of the city, to reduce emissions. A package of measures will be consulted on. One element is likely to be to allow HGVs in the three bus lanes where they are not currently allowed:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cowick St</li> <li>• Fore St, Heavitree</li> <li>• Pinhoe Road</li> </ul> <p>DCC have also been asked to consider allowing motorcycles in bus lanes.</p> <p>ZS to obtain accident data for bus lanes, also accidents elsewhere involving HGVs.</p> <p>Discussion suggested that cyclists had no strong views against HGVs in bus lanes</p>   | <p>ZS</p>                     |
| <p><b>6</b></p> | <p><b>Bicycle User Groups</b></p> <p><i>University</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 147% increase since improved cycle parking installed in last couple of years. New parking gets filled as soon as they provide it.</li> <li>• Sustainability event taking place next week.</li> <li>• Cycle contraflow proposed in The Queen's Drive.</li> </ul> <p><i>Met Office</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hoping to organise something for Bike Week.</li> </ul> <p><i>Exeter City Council BUG</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Travel roadshow has taken place, with Dr Bike treating 18 bikes.</li> <li>• Numbers of cyclists going up.</li> </ul> <p><i>RSPB</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investigating possibility of cycle parking for visitors to Southernhay Gardens office complex.</li> </ul>  |                               |
| <p><b>7</b></p> | <p><b>CTC, Sustrans and other organisations</b></p> <p><i>CTC</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular rides – see <a href="http://www.lkjh.biz/index.php?title=Exeter">http://www.lkjh.biz/index.php?title=Exeter</a>.</li> </ul>  |                               |

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|                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See also Events section below.</li> </ul> <p><i>Sustrans</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fundraising has been taking place on NCN.</li> <li>• Trying to secure Bikelt for another three years. (announced 24<sup>th</sup> May that funding bid has been successful)</li> </ul> <p><i>Execel@cycling</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Cycling and Walking Works” initiative with Leisure East Devon (LED) in Exmouth. 30 hours of training options and rides.<br/><a href="http://www.ledleisure.co.uk/OutdoorLeisure/Index.asp">http://www.ledleisure.co.uk/OutdoorLeisure/Index.asp</a></li> <li>• Talking to LED about a poster campaign involving real cyclists.</li> <li>• Bike buddy scheme for cycling to work.</li> <li>• Considering an Exmouth Cycling Festival for 2013.</li> </ul> <p><i>Avocet Line Rail Users Group</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Setting up a Sustainable Integrated Transport Group. Any issues re bikes on trains, bike parking at stations should be sent to <a href="mailto:alrug.secretary@gmail.com">alrug.secretary@gmail.com</a>.</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>8</b></p> | <p><b>Events</b></p> <p>5 June (Bank Hol Tuesday) – Torbay hosting Tour Series (see below for website)</p> <p>2-30 June – Big Cycle &amp; Walk Challenge<br/><a href="http://www.getmeactive.org.uk">www.getmeactive.org.uk</a></p> <p>16-24 June – National Bike Week<br/><a href="http://www.bikeweek.org.uk">www.bikeweek.org.uk</a></p> <p>24 June – Force Century Challenge, Topsham Rugby Club<br/><a href="http://forcecancercharity.co.uk/fundraising-and-events/force-century-cycle-challenge-2012">http://forcecancercharity.co.uk/fundraising-and-events/force-century-cycle-challenge-2012</a></p> <p>6, 8, 13, 14, 15 July – Don Quixote by Bike (Burn the Curtain, Bikeshed Theatre)<br/><a href="http://www.bikeshedtheatre.co.uk">http://www.bikeshedtheatre.co.uk</a></p> <p>8 July – Jurassic Classic ride from Exmouth<br/><a href="http://www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/fundraising/event/jurassic-classic/100km-challenge">http://www.prostate-cancer.org.uk/fundraising/event/jurassic-classic/100km-challenge</a></p> <p>15 July - Jurassic Roller Coaster, from Budleigh<br/>29 July - The Great Tour, various options from Seaton<br/><a href="http://www.aukweb.net/events/">http://www.aukweb.net/events/</a></p> <p>4 August – Exmouth Exodus<br/><a href="http://www.exmouthexodus.co.uk/">www.exmouthexodus.co.uk/</a></p> <p>9 September – Tweed Run; vintage ride from Exmouth<br/><a href="http://tweedwheelers.wordpress.com/tag/exmouth/">http://tweedwheelers.wordpress.com/tag/exmouth/</a></p> <p>15 September - Tour of Britain stage from Barnstaple to Dartmouth; see below for websites.</p> |  |
| <p><b>9</b></p> | <p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><i>Further afield</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gem Bridge near Tavistock opened today (22 May). Temporary route to Tavistock until later in the year.</li> <li>• Bridestow compulsory purchase order has been advertised.</li> <li>• Cycle West route in SW England and France to be launched next spring – see</li> </ul>  |  |

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|                        | <a href="http://www.cycle-west.com">www.cycle-west.com</a> .  |             |   |                 |  |          |  |     |  |              |  |                     |  |                        |  |             |   |                 |  |  |
|                        | <p><b>Dates of next meetings:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 (R)</li> <li>• Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012 (Y)</li> <li>• Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012 (Y)</li> <li>• Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013 (Y)</li> <li>• Tuesday 12 March 2013 (Y)</li> <li>• Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2013 (R)</li> </ul> <p>All at 5.45pm, Civic Centre, Exeter; Y = Yaroslavl Room (upstairs), R = Rennes Room (ground floor), remainder to be confirmed. For both venues go to rear of Civic Centre and wait to be collected.</p>  |             |   |                 |  |          |  |     |  |              |  |                     |  |                        |  |             |   |                 |  |  |
|                        | <b>Useful Websites</b>  |             |   |                 |  |          |  |     |  |              |  |                     |  |                        |  |             |   |                 |  |  |
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| CTC                    | <a href="http://www.ctc.org.uk">www.ctc.org.uk</a>  |             |   |                 |  |          |  |     |  |              |  |                     |  |                        |  |             |   |                 |  |  |
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|                        | Any highway maintenance issues can be entered online through the website where users can pinpoint the exact location of the problem on a map ( <a href="http://www.devon.gov.uk/road_maintenance.htm">http://www.devon.gov.uk/road_maintenance.htm</a> )  |             |   |                 |  |          |  |     |  |              |  |                     |  |                        |  |             |   |                 |  |  |