

RBWM Local Access Forum – Meeting 2/12/21 Report

Windsor & Maidenhead Cycling Action Group, incl Ascot and the Sunnings

- 1- The Mission Statement and Objectives from the W&MCAG Terms of Reference provide the context of the group's work in general and its activities during the period since the previous Local Access Forum meeting (5/7/21).

1.1 Mission Statement

To advocate for and work towards an established cycling culture within the Royal Borough where cycling is seen as a safe, attractive, healthy and normal form of everyday transport for residents, employees and visitors, in line with the vision of the Cycling Action Plan (CAP) 2018-28.

1.2 Objectives

- To facilitate the exchange of ideas amongst both existing and potential cyclists.
- To ensure the CAP 2018-28 is delivered, particularly:
 - To achieve a 20% increase in cycling trips between 2017 and 2022, and a 50% increase by 2027
 - To reduce cyclist casualties by 20% between 2016 and 2021
 - To increase resident satisfaction score for cycle routes and facilities from a baseline of 47% in 2017 to 60% by 2022
- To work with relevant partners and stakeholders to:
 - promote cycling as part of an integrated transport strategy for the Royal Borough, through improved cycle infrastructure and integration
 - encourage increased levels of cycling for both utility and leisure trips;
 - improve the safety of cyclists and reduce cycle casualties;
 - improve cycle parking, enhance cycle security and reduce cycle thefts.
 - ensure that cycling provision is an integral part of the design of new development

- 2- The W&MCAG met four times since July 2021 principally to discuss the following topics:

2.1 Ideas, information including mapping tools together with experience from neighbouring parishes and another borough in relation to the **RBWM Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**. This is being developed by Tim Golabek and Project Centre staff and incorporates information drawn from discussions with Councillors as well as engagement events with local communities and stakeholders running simultaneously with an online survey and interactive map as part of the Borough's "Big Conversation" about active travel;

2.2 Matters relating to the RBWM's decision to implement **PSPOs in the pedestrianised areas of Windsor and Maidenhead town centres** and implications in respect of cycling. The group wrote to and received a written response from RBWM, and in discussion with Cllr Clark and Tim Golabek, a meeting with relevant Council Officers, Councillors and representatives of W&MCAG is being planned in order to discuss the matter "in the

round, including looking at ways to improve the wider cycling context through the LCWIP.

2.3 Supporting the **Launch of the Windsor Cycle Hub**, based at the community hub at The Swan, Clewer Village, which took place at the start of CyclingUK's national Bike Week (30/5/21). The new CIO has received outstanding support from the Maidenhead Cycle Hub – whose new workshop in Bell Street was recently launched – and has been extremely grateful to receive a “start-up” grant from RBWM of £4,940 and a further grant of £1,000 from The Prince Philip Trust Fund towards mechanic training. WCH currently runs a weekly “Bike Kitchen” on Saturdays from 11am-noon as well as organising a programme of Led Rides which take place most Saturdays, leaving from The Swan at 11:30am.

2.4 **Cycling security and safety matters** included a presentation by Jeffrey Pick (Police, Community Engagement & Resilience Officer, Windsor & Maidenhead Local Police Authority. TVP held very successful and well attended “Bike Marking” sessions and hope to be able to continue to provide these sessions on a regular basis.

Susy Shearer,
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W&MCAG

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