

SPOKES Monthly Meeting



Date: 5 June 2024 **Venue:** The Bowler's Arms, Newbury

Present: Ed Cooper, Gordon Oliver, Paul Rumsby

Apologies: Rob Borthwick, Josh Kerry, William Pitt, Clive Tombs

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1.	Actions Arising from Previous Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Progress on actions was noted:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– Gordon had spoken to Vicky Trentham re Greenfest – they were looking to have an area within Newbury Show with space for multiple stalls. There may be space for Spokes to have a stall or for a 'cycling area' shared with other local cycling groups.– Mike to talk to Cheryl Evans about covering the cost of new Bikeability instructors' time while shadowing existing instructors. MB– Josh to create a sign-up form on the website for cycle count volunteers. JK– William was waiting on further correspondence from British Cycling about the 'Couch to 50K'. WP– William waiting to hear back from Sustrans about the volunteering course. WP– Clive had reported that local ward members were on board with the Eling Way extension.– Clive reported that the first automatic cycle counters had been deployed. Will report back on the wider review of the cycle count sites. CT– William to write to the planners regarding the 'wheel grabber' visitor cycle parking at the Sterling Cables developments. WP	
2.	Eling Way <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Prior to the meeting, Clive had provided the following update:<ul style="list-style-type: none">– costing for the Stage One extension was being update– backing of local ward members and Executive Portfolio Holder secured.– planning pre-application advice received.– landowner engagement still poses a risk.– Compulsory purchase may be required.	

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3.	<p>Cycle Schemes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prior to the meeting, Clive had provided the following update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Pangbourne to Purley: design was underway and a meeting was arranged with the landowner (Sulham Estate). There may be a possible issue with lighting. – Stockcross Linkway Stage 1: lining now complete, first post-build count done. This would be promoted post-election. – Stockcross Linkway Stage 2: feasibility designs to be discussed with senior officers on 12 June. – Linkway 7 Western Avenue Stage 2 (Waitrose to Robin Hood), Robin Hood Active Travel improvements, Old Bath Road (Western Avenue to Goldwell Park) and Theale-Calcot Connector also to be discussed with senior officers on 12 June. – St John's Roundabout: struggling to get buy-in to refresh the cycle lane markings – Spokes to raise at the next Cycle Forum. Also ask for arrows on the lanes of the eastbound approach to discourage motorists from using the middle lane to turn left. 	WP
4.	<p>NCN4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Subsidence outside the Camp Hopson Furniture Store was a concern. ▪ There are still lots of other areas in need of attention following the floods earlier this year. ▪ Encroaching vegetation was already becoming problematic. ▪ Ed to find out what was happening with the Canal Working Group. 	EC
5.	<p>AGM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ed confirmed that the Canoe Club had been booked. ▪ No changes to the Constitution had been requested in advance of the meeting. 	
6.	<p>Comms and Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ It was proposed to write an article on the new cycling directions signs. ▪ It was noted that the next newsletter was due. 	CT/JK
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No other items of business were raised 	

Next meeting: **Wednesday 3 July @7.30pm**

Venue: **The Bowlers Arms, Wash Common**
