

**Cycle design meeting 7 September 2011
Palatine Hall, Lancaster**

Present

John Leach, Dynamo
Matt Hodges, CTC
Phil Riley, Garstang Cycling Club
Wai Kee Leung, Area North Design Group, LCC
Vicky Twist, Area North Design Group, LCC
Alasdair Simpson, Sustainable Travel, LCC
Gary Bowker, Lancaster City Council

Apologies

Robin Field, CTC

Cycling Schemes

The following schemes that it is planned to implement in 2011/12 in Lancaster and Morecambe were discussed .

1. Stonewell Toucan [County Council]

It was proposed to convert the pelican crossing on the A6 Stonewell to a toucan crossing to complete a two way cycle route across the north side of the City Centre

There was general support for the scheme.

It was suggested locating cycle parking additional on the south side of the toucan by Boots (Gary Bowker to look at)

2. Chapel St Contraflow [County Council]

It was proposed to relocate the contraflow to the other side of the road to reduce the risk of accidents involving vehicles coming out of side accesses hitting cyclists as a result of not looking both ways,

Matthew Hodges felt contraflow cycle lane should be kerbed. He will discuss the scheme with Steve Townson, CTC Right to Ride Rep for Lancaster. John Leach felt it was an improvement

3 Pointer Rdt (A6/A588) [City Council]

It was proposed to improve cycle facilities at the roundabout.

The roundabout had a poor safety record for cyclists, was seen as a barrier to cycling in the area and an important junction on the routes to the two universities, hospital and Ripley High School

The following issues were raised

- a) Whether to provide a cycle lane round the back of the bus stop on South Road by the Infirmary. (It was decided to delete this from the scheme)
- b) Whether HGVs would overrun the proposed cycle lane on South Road at the exit from the roundabout
- c) Whether to provide a cycle path on the south side of Ashton Road linking the roundabout with the route through the Infirmary and Ripley High School (It would felt that this would be a useful link for more nervous cyclists)
- d) Whether the proposed cycle lane by Ashton Road exit could be moved out slightly so that cyclists were more in the sight line of motorists
- e) If the steep hill down from the south end of Belle View Terrace from the A6 could be improved.

4. Regent St / Westgate [City Council]

It was proposed to extend the existing cycle path on Westgate past Morecambe FC over the railway bridge as part of a school links

Gary Bowker to review whether to retain any of the existing eastbound cycle lane on road which was quite narrow in places following comments from Stephen Townson

5. Heysham High School [City Council]

It was proposed to widen a footpath by Heysham High and convert to a cycle path. The cycle path would a key link on a cycle route on minor roads between Morecambe and Heysham

There was general support for this scheme.

Other issues

Central Drive

Dynamo had asked if Central Drive entry to Marine Drive roundabout could be reviewed

It was agreed to look at widening and putting hatching alongside the cycle lane to provide greater separation from the traffic and improve signing to highlight to motorists that cyclists were likely to be going straight ahead to the promenade rather than turning left