

# SPOKES Monthly Meeting



**Date:** 12 July 2023      **Venue:** The Catherine Wheel, Newbury  
**Present:** Ed Cooper, Gordon Oliver, William Pitt, Paul Rumsby, and Clive Tombs  
**Apologies:** None

Ref	Item	Action
1.	<b>Actions Arising from Previous Meetings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>William to talk to Josh about taking on the website editor role. <b>WP</b></li><li>William to contact Cycling UK to correct the contact details they hold. <b>WP</b></li><li>William to contact the Volunteer Centre about count volunteers and vacant committee positions. <b>WP</b></li><li>Rob to update the Committee regarding the automatic counter proposals. <b>RB</b></li><li>Josh to confirm if he has contacted Pankhurst Cycles. <b>JK</b></li><li>Ed to meet with Cheryl Evans re Bikeability. <b>EC</b></li></ul>	
2.	<b>Eling Way</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clive confirmed that Phase 1 of the scheme is still in design.</li></ul>	
3.	<b>NCN4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Clive had discussed towpath issues with the Canal and River Trust and Sustrans, but neither party had funds for additional repairs.</li><li>CRT confirmed that they would only cut back vegetation once per year from now on.</li><li>It was suggested that Spokes could ask for volunteers to help with cutting back vegetation and could approach CRT and Sustrans volunteers regarding joint working. <b>CT / PR</b></li><li>Surfacing improvements were underway on the section to the east of Aldermaston Wharf.</li></ul>	
4.	<b>West Berkshire Council Cycle Schemes</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pangbourne to Purley Cycle Route:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Council was liaising with landowners along the proposed route.</li></ul></li><li>Burghfield to Mortimer Cycle Route:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A planning application had been submitted and the parish council was looking for funding.</li></ul></li><li>A339 Kings Road:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Measures were being introduced to make it clear that the eastern</li></ul></li></ul>	

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	<p>footway was not designated for shared use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Improved signing was being provided along the west side and Cheap Street to highlight the proper cycle route.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ A4 Crown Mead: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The design was about to go out to consultation.</li> <li>- Utility diversion costs were extremely high, so the current proposal was only for an on-carriageway cycle lane in each direction.</li> <li>- The Council recognised that the design was a compromise and did not achieve best practice design.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ A343 Andover Road: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The traffic order for the double yellow lines to prevent parking in the on-carriageway cycle lane was in a list of schemes still to be processed.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Cycle Count</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The June counts had been completed as planned.</li> <li>■ Rob to provide an analysis of the data.</li> <li>■ It was agreed that it would be good to circulate the results to the wider membership.</li> </ul>	<b>RB</b>
6.	<p><b>Priorities for Allocation of Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ The following were proposed as possible schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Burghfield to Mortimer Cycle Route</li> <li>- NCN4 east of Thatcham.</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ It was suggested that Spokes should organise a workshop in September to discuss how Spokes could spend its funds and support local projects.</li> <li>■ It was suggested that the Committee should look at other groups / initiatives for inspiration, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Essex Pedal Power</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Chester Cycling Campaign</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Exeter Cycling Campaign</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ The idea of a cycling equivalent of Park Run was discussed.</li> </ul>	<b>All</b>
7.	<p><b>Comms and Engagement</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Ideas for articles were discussed, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- NCN4 improvements at Aldermaston Wharf and Burghfield.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The Spokes France and Spain trip.</li><li>- The social bike rides.</li><li>■ There was some discussion about Greenfest. It was thought that this would not be held in 2023. Ed to talk to Vicki Trentham.</li></ul>	<b>EC</b>
<b>Next meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 2 August @7.30pm</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>The Bowlers Arms, Wash Common</b>	

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