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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ William had met with Helen Fisher of Sustrans. There was no issue with Spokes doing minor maintenance, but this should be hand tools only and a maximum of 6 people per party.</li> <li>▪ Need to identify sections of concern and contact landowners.</li> <li>▪ It was suggested that Spokes should do a blitz of overhanging branches around late March / early April.</li> </ul>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>Eling Way</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A preferred route from Hermitage to Newbury was being firmed up. The disused railway had been discounted in the short to medium term.</li> <li>▪ The proposal for northern section was with senior WBC colleagues for comment.</li> <li>▪ The route would make use of existing public rights of way, but this was challenging to progress due to funding and land ownership issues.</li> <li>▪ It was agreed that Spokes should keep pushing the scheme at the Cycle Forum. Alan Langley to contact Jon Winstanley after the March meeting</li> <li>▪ Hermitage Parish Council was supportive of the scheme, but recognised the challenges.</li> <li>▪ The route was still within the Berkshire Strategic Transport Forum’s list of schemes.</li> <li>▪ The British Horse Society and Ramblers Association were both aware of the scheme through the Local Access Forum.</li> <li>▪ It was suggested that a ‘celebration event’ could be organised with a mass cycle ride with WBC local ward members and the Executive Portfolio Holder invited. This could be organised in Bike Week (10-16 June 2024).</li> <li>▪ Alan Langley to write to the ward members and Exec Portfolio Holder.</li> </ul>	<p><b>WP / AL</b></p> <p><b>AL</b></p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Cycle Schemes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clive provided an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Stockcross Path</b> – Stage 1 was largely complete, with just hedge cutting and line painting outstanding. Discussions were needed with National Highways regarding Stage 2.</li> <li>– <b>Theale to Calcot Bridge</b> – A feasibility study had been completed and a replacement bridge had been costed at £10.7 million.</li> <li>– <b>Linkway Signage</b> – This was being rolled out as funding permitted.</li> <li>– <b>Western Avenue Phase 2</b> – A concept design was progressing for a scheme between Waitrose and Robin Hood roundabout.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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<b>6.</b>	<b>NCN4</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ WBC was working with Sustrans and CRT to identify improvement schemes. The next section to be completed would be Dewe Lane to the Cuning Man Pub.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Comms and Engagement</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ William had provided some articles for the website on the Spain trip.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.</b>	<b>AOB</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Following Ed, Gordon and William's review of the St John's roundabout, Clive had flagged their concerns with Highways colleagues who were looking at options.</li> </ul>	
<b>Next meeting:</b>	<b>Wednesday 6 March @7.30pm</b>	
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>The Bowlers Arms, Wash Common</b>	