

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership (BCR NP)

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The **Neighbourhood Partnership set a spending limit in 2016/17 for the Sustainable Travel WG of £7000** (see below for details).
- 2) The **Neighbourhood Committee pre-approve the spending of £2,000 on minor signs and lines**, to be spent at the discretion of the working group (as done last year), and to be taken from CIL funds whenever possible.
- 3) The **Neighbourhood Committee approve spending the carry-forward of £1,000 on forecourt cycle stands**, to be taken from CIL funds.

1. Sustainable Travel Working Group meetings

We have held one meeting, in April, since the last report. The next meeting is on 7th June 2pm-3.45pm. Regular participants in the group (attending at least two of the last four meetings) have been: Martin Fodor, Fi Hance, Matt Jones, Daniella Radice and Gavin Spittlehouse.

Detailed meeting notes are available on request for each of the meetings held so far (and will be put on the bcrrnp.org.uk website, which is pending reorganisation).

2. Cycle Stands

We have advertised the availability of funds for installing **forecourt cycle stands** in collaboration with LifeCycle, but have received no applications to date.

3. Traffic Choices

Several new issues have been logged on TrafficChoices.co.uk. These include two issues about which local residents have started campaigns:

- Problems in the narrow streets bounded by Ashley Down Road, Gloucester Road and Kennington Avenue caused by rat-running, vehicle speed and lack of passing places.
- Problems in crossing Cranbrook Road near the Cairns Road junction caused by the speed and density of traffic.

Our area has also inherited, due to boundary changes, an issue in Church Road also caused by caused by rat-running, vehicle speed and lack of passing places, and we hear of similar concerns in the Longmead Avenue area.

These, amongst other issues, are likely to be in contention for the NPs next choice of road scheme, with a decision currently due to be made in early 2017.

4. BCC Highways accounts still unavailable

We have still not had a statement from Bristol City Council Highways on the status of our spending on road schemes. It is possible we are under- or over-spent by several thousand pounds, which could have a considerable effect on the overall Neighbourhood Partnership budget.

The following figures therefore do not cover spending on road schemes, as approved in Jan 2014, for spending in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

5. Working Group Spending in 2015/16

The money approved by the Neighbourhood Committee for spending by the Sustainable Travel WG in 2015/16 was as follows.

| Purpose | Approved | Spent |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Minor signs and lines | £2,000 (Oct 2015) | Figures not available from BCC |
| Minor works (including dropped curbs and crossing light haloes) | £3,500 (Jan, Apr 2016) | Figures not available from BCC |
| Forecourt cycle stands | £1,000 (Jan 2016) | £0 |
| Total | £6,500 | |

6. Working Group Budget for 2016/17

Taking into account the spending over the last year, and on expected new projects, **we request the NP sets a spending limit in 2016/17 for the Sustainable Travel WG of £7000.**

This is based on the following estimates of spending.

| Purpose | Amount requested |
|---|------------------|
| Minor signs and lines | £2,000 |
| Minor works and investigations | £4,000 |
| Forecourt cycle stands (carried forward from 2015/16) | £1,000 |
| Total | £7,000 |

We request that the **Neighbourhood Committee pre-approve the spending of £2,000 on minor signs and lines**, to be spent at the discretion of the working group (as done last year), and to be taken from CIL funds whenever possible.

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Specific requests for any other spending will be brought to the Neighbourhood Committee during the year.

7. Additional comments

Any further matters that arise from the Sustainable Travel working group meeting on 7th June will be reported as a late addendum to this report or verbally to the meeting.