



Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Ridgeway House

12.30pm 26th October 2022

Attendees

C Bloomer, C Colborne, R Dinn, J Ferreras, M Hillman, T Hyde, P Nunes, D Rolfe, K Ronayne, M Wild, G Wilkin (Secretary), K Wilkinson (Chair)

Accounts

Balance sheet and monthly income/outgoings below.

Expenditure is low, partly because campus have been meeting costs of cycle-to-work days. Consensus that we should use our funds, not sit on them. Ideas wanted. We have identified roller banner, quill flags and exhibition items. Cycle repair days? Components? Tool library? Commented that repair stands themselves need maintenance – but this is campus responsibility. Would like to add stand(s) inside RAL area.

ACTION: New committee to consider ideas for expenditure. Ideas from members welcome.

Accounts 2021 / 2022



Opening balance 1st September 2020	£2,634.22
Income: Subscriptions	£693.00
Expenditure: Banners signs etc.	£36.84
Expenditure: Microsoft One Drive 12 x £1.99	£23.88
Expenditure: Fasthosts website hosting 12 x £7.79	£93.48
Expenditure: Fasthosts domain name	£30.00
Expenditure: 123RF, stock photos	£38.40
Expenditure: Ebay ??	£53.28
Total Expenditure	£275.88
Balance at 31st August 2022 £2634.22 + £693.00- £275.88	£3,051.32

Month	In	Out	Month Net.
Sep 2021	£50.00	£26.14	£23.86
Oct 2021	£58.00	£9.78	£48.22
Nov 2021	£52.00	£48.18	£3.82
Dec 2021	£50.00	£39.78	£10.22
Jan 2022	£60.00	£9.78	£50.22
Feb 2022	£50.00	£9.78	£40.22
Mar 2022	£50.00	£63.06	-£13.06
Apr 2022	£58.00	£9.78	£48.22
May 2022	£52.00	£30.26	£21.74
Jun 2022	£98.00	£9.78	£88.22
Jul 2022	£63.00	£9.78	£53.22
Aug 2022	£52.00	£9.78	£42.22
Year Totals	£693.00	£275.88	£417.12

Election of Committee

Nominations & volunteers:

Chair: K Wilkinson (prop G Wilkin, sec D Rolfe) – elected

Treasurer: K Ronayne (prop K Wilkinson, sec G Wilkin) – elected

Secretary: G Wilkin (prop T Hyde, sec M Hillman) – elected

Committee members: D Rolfe, M Hillman, C Bloomer – all elected

Thank you to all those who help with running of HarBUG.

Review of the Year

Two cycle-to-work days, in spring after clock-change, and in campus sustainability week in summer. Propose to add a third in Sep 2023 for 'world car-free day'. We should push for more bike racks.

We are working with councils and voluntary groups on 'LCWIPs' (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans) for Abingdon, Didcot, and Wantage/Grove. Atkins have been engaged by council to assist with the Didcot LCWIP.

HarBUG will respond to County consultation on 'Relief to Rowstock' plan. Primarily aimed at improving bus services but includes cycling provision.

HarBUG has engaged with Campus on new planning applications. New developments include a proposed cycling hub (not far from DiSH) with showers and e-bike charging. In the meantime, Campus will provide cycle parking at DiSH, by moving unused stands from elsewhere.

There have been useful discussions with RAL too.

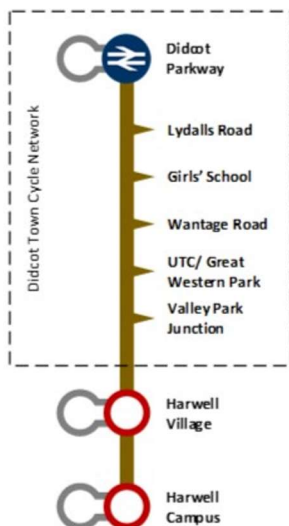
We understand Highways England are concerned about campus developments generating additional vehicle traffic, consequently there is some impetus to facilitate cycling.

Update on Routes to Campus

Presentation slides below for each route with comments:

From Didcot, via Harwell Village and Winnaway

H4 - Hodgkin Way - Update



- Wantage Road new path at Harwell End.
- Valley Park Roundabout plans still ongoing.
- Winnaway DMMO application – no news.

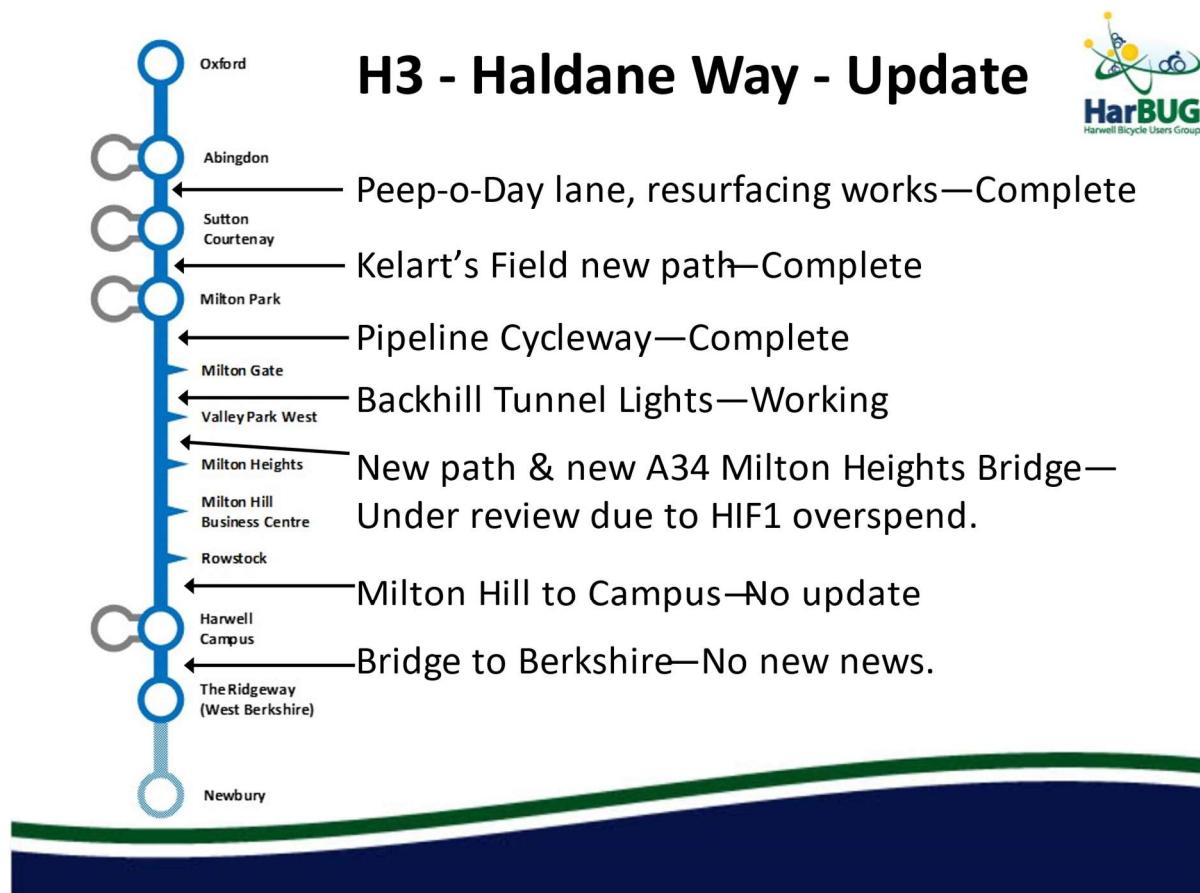
Valley Park shared-use path opened (today!) but not finished. Lamppost in middle of path!

Objected to 5-arm roundabout. Permission for roundabout was granted on understanding that 'green-wave' traffic lights would be investigated – we are dubious whether this will happen.

Winnaway status upgrade to bridleway – no news – but as this is a County project, expect them to expedite.

Unofficial sign on Winnaway states it isn't a right-of-way. The path alongside the track definitely IS a right-of-way!

From Abingdon, via Milton Park



The Kelarts Field path is complete and open.

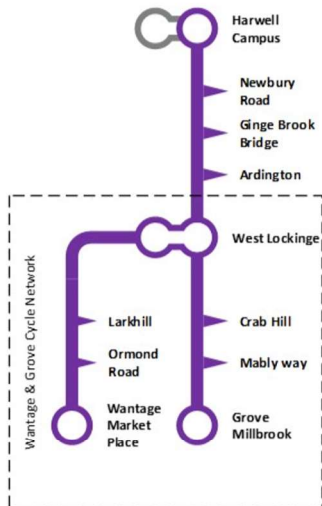
The Milton Heights bridge over the A34 is under review, and we fear may be dropped due to cost savings. The developer funding alone is not enough, needs council funds too.

The 'Golden Mile' route up the hill towards Harwell Campus remains an aspiration.

Despite funding for the 'Bridge to Berkshire', it has stalled due to a land covenant issue. No news.

From Wantage, via Ardington

H1 - Hawking Way (Wantage) - Update



- Now open.
- Issues with finished surface and sections either end e.g. Larkhill to Lockinge.



We have been pursuing issues with the newly surfaced central section – no progress as yet.

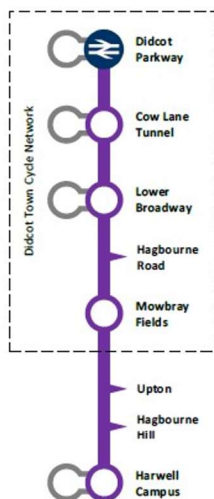
County are investigating an upgrade to the Lark Hill (Wantage) end of the route. Again there are land issues – this time we believe some uncertainty over ownership.

No upgrade is yet proposed for the Campus-end of the route.

We have serious concerns about the route just east of Ardington. The bridge over the brook is dangerous, potholed and muddy. And the road junction at the east end of the village is dangerous where traffic turns across the path of cyclists.

From Didcot, via Upton and Chilton Hill (Sustrans 544)

H1 - Hawking Way (Didcot) - Update



- Now permanently closed to traffic.
- Improvements currently being carried out including crossing of A417.

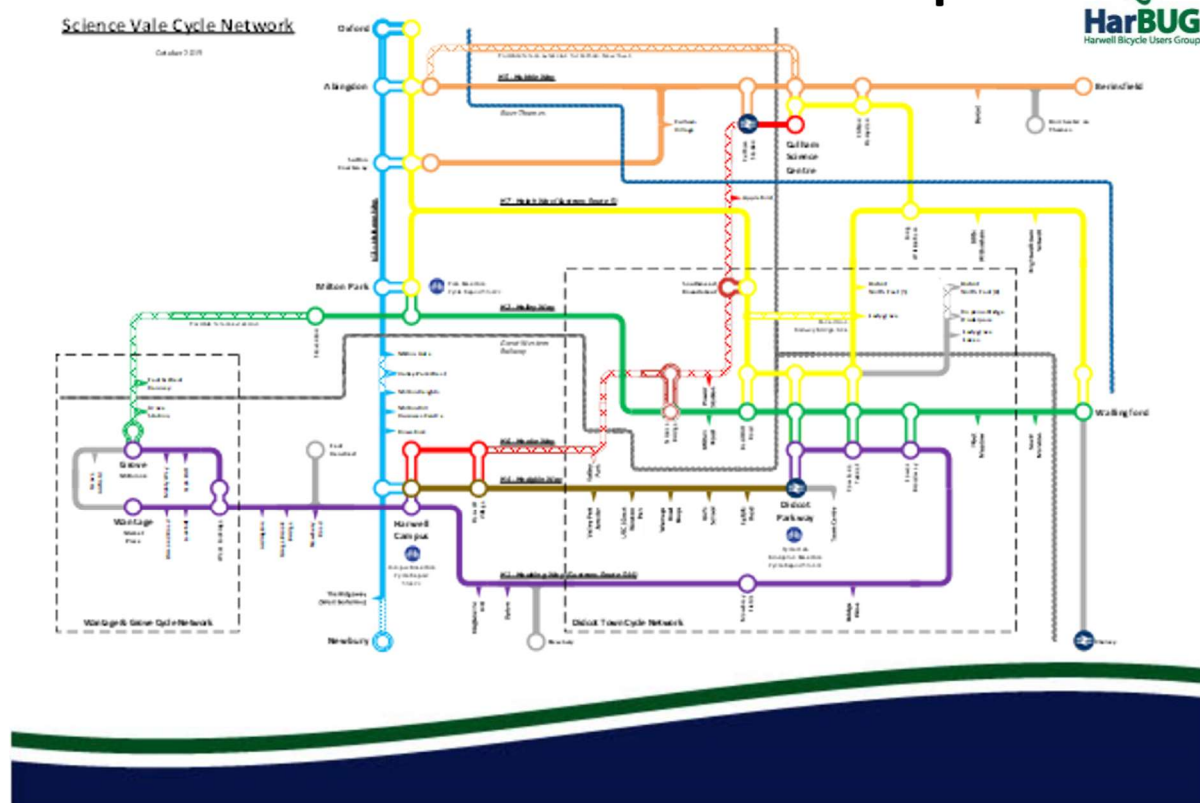


The Chilton Road closure is being made permanent. There will be a proper crossing of A417 at Upton. And improvements will be made to the dangerous crossing at the top of Hagbourne Hill.

No news on any improvements to track across field near campus. This is getting worse due to vehicle use associated with 'dog fields'.

Overall Science Vale Active Travel Network

Science Vale – Network Map



We have proposed that County sets up a 'Science Vale Active Travel Network Forum', where stakeholders can meet to air views and concerns and get the latest news and information. This may happen but no news yet.

We understand a second tranche of funding is being sought to further develop the network.

Improving mapping was discussed, options with .gpx files and OpenStreetMap.

We believe signposting needs to be much better everywhere – it benefits aspiring users, and helps to promote cycling and cycling routes more generally.

Other Business

A proposal to affiliate to Cycling UK was passed unanimously. Importantly this will provide insurance cover for HarBUG activities and events going forward, not just during Bike Week as previously. HarBUG members joining Cycling UK for the first time will be able to get a discount on the membership fee.

Comment that 'Blewbury Spur' was becoming impassable as the seasons change.

The A4185 crossing near DisH is timed to suit traffic – meaning that cyclists have usually crossed before the lights change. This is silly!

Confirmed that we usually get access to the results of the Campus traffic survey. There is one currently.

We believe there will be a crossing of A417 at top of Harwell village.

G Wilkin
Secretary, HarBUG
28th October 2022