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DESIGN FOR LIFELONG
HEALTH & WELLBEING

Fourth Stakeholder Advisory Group Meeting

25 April 2016 | Arnolfini | Bristol

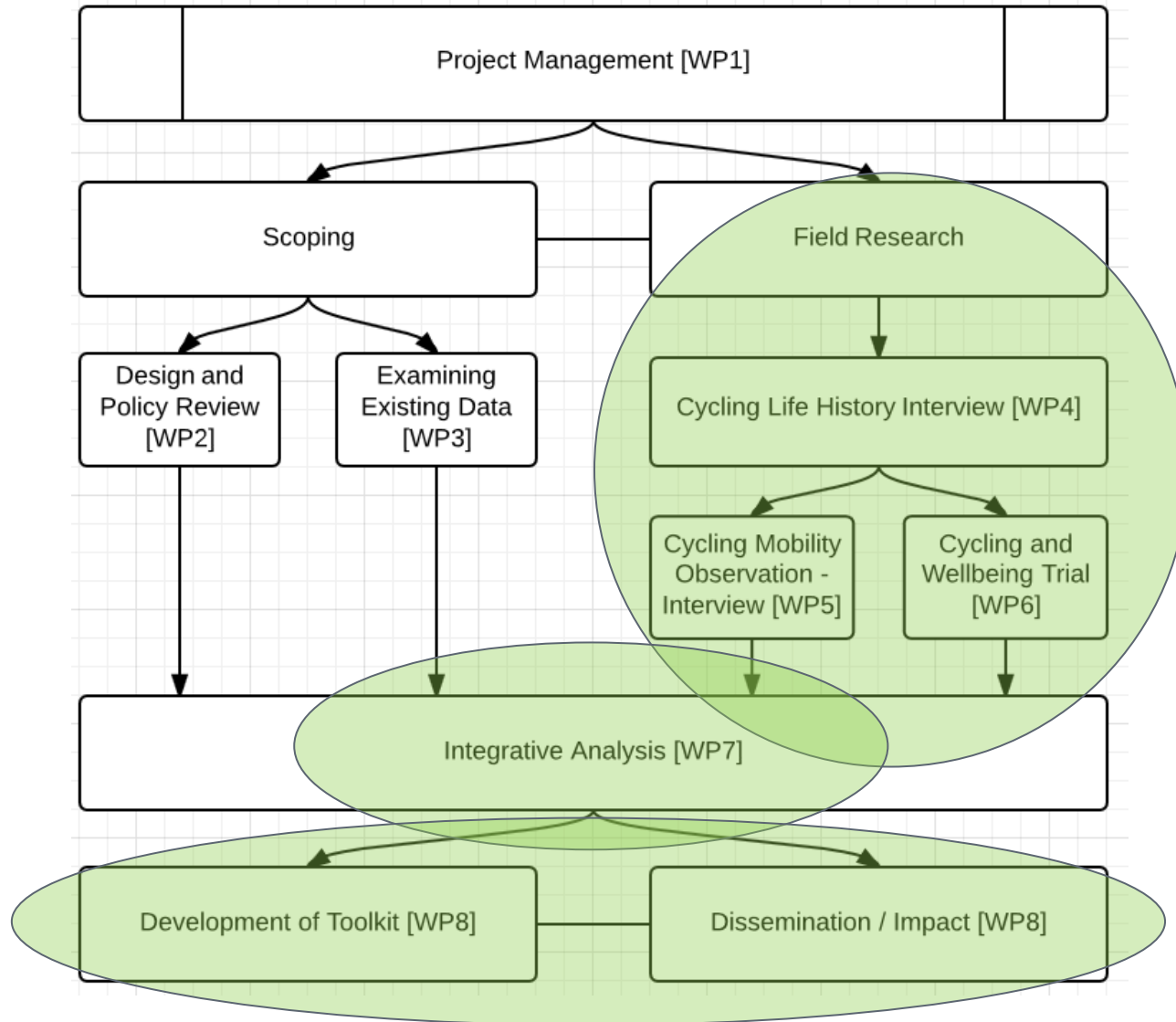
1. **Report our emerging findings**
2. **Provide you with an opportunity to scrutinize our approach and findings:** suggest possible avenues of further analysis | provide ideas for making an impact in terms of ways of supporting & encouraging older cycling.
3. **Hear about a project already supporting older cycling.**

Item	Time	
	09.45	Arrival Coffee
1.	10.00	Welcome & Introductions [Tim Jones, Oxford Brookes University (OBU)]
2.		'cycle BOOM' preliminary headline findings
3.		The Participant Sample Data Organisation Process of Analysis
4.		Unpacking the preliminary headline findings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycling Life History Interviews [Kiron Chatterjee and Heather Jones] • Cycling Mobility Observation Interviews [Justin Spinney, Ben Spencer & Heather Jones] • Cycling and Wellbeing Trials [Carien van Reekum, Louise Leyland & Tim Jones] BREAK
5.	12.30	Roundtable Discussion
	13.00	LUNCH Cycling and Wellbeing Trial 'video vignettes'
6.	14.00	Inclusive Cycling Project for the 'Over 55s' Poppy Brett, Chief Executive, Life Cycle UK
7.	15.00	Workshop Discussions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Data gaps and ideas for further analysis b) Opportunities for impact c) Reflections in light of Government's Draft Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy*
	16.00	CLOSE





Study structure



Case sites



Total number of applicants	=	544
Total number of participants	=	247
Total number 'dropped out'	=	20
Final participant set	=	227
		[95%]

Participant Profile

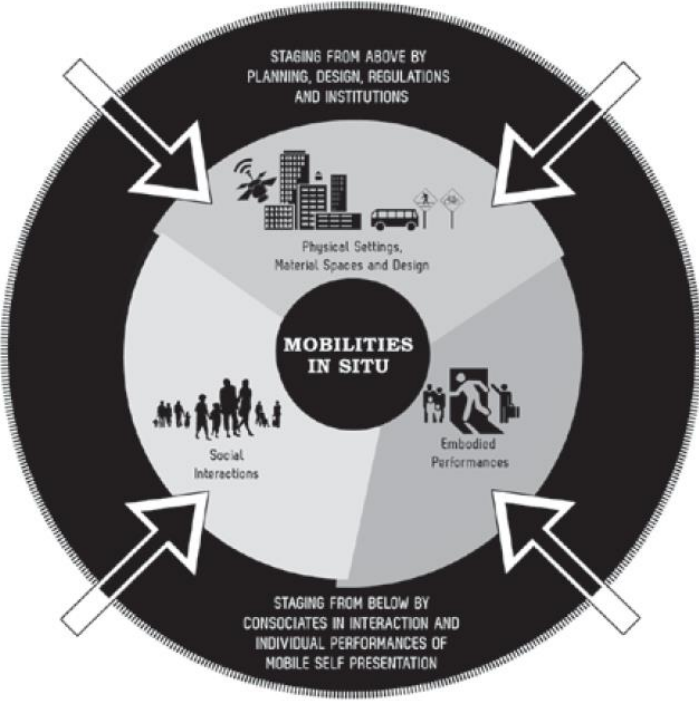
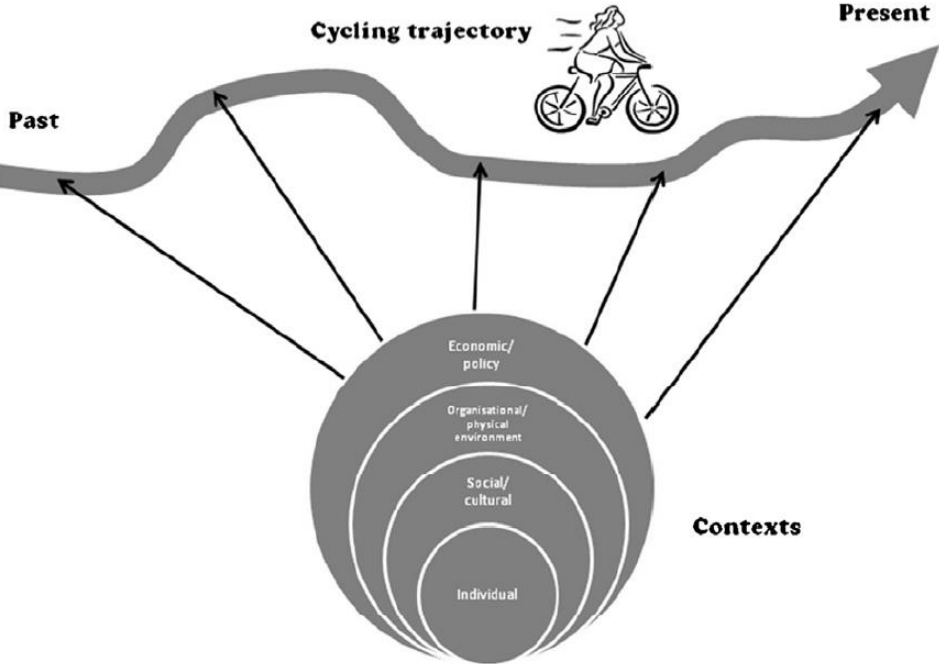
	Age 50s		Age 60s		Age 70+		Total	
	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>F</i>
Reluctant Riders [Biog interview only]	6	7	6	14	4	9	16	30
Resilient Riders [Mobile observations]	20	14	25	20	13	12	58	46
Re-engaged Riders [Pedal trial]	5	7	10	12	2	1	17	20
Re-engaged Riders [E-bike trial]	7	8	10	12	3	-	20	20
Total age/gender	38	36	51	58	22	22	111	116
Total	74		109		44		227	

	Biographical interview [Audio]	Mobile Observation [Video]	Video Elicitation Interviews [Video]	Hours of data
Oxford	83	11	23	117
Reading	35	4	7	46
Bristol	26	14	18	58
Cardiff	30	18	18	66
Hours of data	174	47	66	287

Plus photos; STRAVA traces; Cycling & Wellbeing Trial 'Diary of Cycling Experience' (DoCE); associated cognitive tests/PA & wellbeing measures; and, 'exit survey'. (n=91)

Conceptual approach driving analysis

Cycling Trajectories | Staging (Velo) Mobilities



Chatterjee, K., Sherwin, H., & Jain, J. (2013). Triggers for changes in cycling: the role of life events and modifications to the external environment. *Journal of Transport Geography*, (30). <http://doi.org/10.1016/j.jtrangeo.2013.02.007>

The *Staging Mobilities* model (Jensen 2013:6)

Temporal and Situational: Person (body; relationships) | **Place** (home/neighbourhood/city; social/cultural setting) | **Policy** (national & local policy on planning & transport/trends) | **Technology** (materials & things).

Tool for analysis | Transana CAQDAS

The screenshot displays the Transana - Multiuser software interface. The top window, titled "Transana - Multiuser", contains a "Visualization" panel on the left showing a blue waveform graph and a "Video" panel on the right showing a split-screen view of a cyclist in a yellow jacket. Below the video panels are playback controls including a progress bar, "Include in Clip" checkboxes, and "Play Audio" checkboxes. The bottom window, titled "Transcript 'Combined View' for Series 'BM013_Alfie', Episode 'View_Combined'", features a large text area with the URL <http://www.transana.org/> and a toolbar with various editing and navigation icons. On the right side of the bottom window is a "Data" panel with a tree view showing a database structure for "cycleBOOM", listing series and episode items such as "BM001_Goldie", "BM002_Juan", "BM003_Jerry", "BM004_Cindy", "BM005_Ramona", "BM006_Leona", "BM007_Arther", "BM008_Angie", "BM009 Stanford", "BM010_Rona", "BM011_Edith", "BM012_Moritz", "BM013_Alfie", "Interview_Life History", "Interview_Post Ride", "View_Combined", "Combined View", "BM014_John", "OM001_Julian", "OM002_Gabbi", "OM003_Ursala", "OM004_Cecil", "OWE_Discussion Group", and "OWP_Discussion Group". The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the system clock at 16:51.

	Themes	Primary Data source
P	Participant profile: gender, age, class, ethnicity - cycling trajectory-past practices-current routines-competences-materials	Screening questionnaire Timeline/life history grid Life History Interview Photos Memos
R	Ride characteristics: purpose-route choice/rationale-timing/temporality-rhythm-competence	Ride gist (context) STRAVA trace Observation/memos Researcher Video (RRV) Participant Video (PRV) Video Elicitation Interview (VEI) Diary of Cycling Experience (DoCE)
I	Interactions (encounters & negotiations) with 'things': people, place, infrastructure, technology.	
M	Meanings bestowed on practices: making sense of actions-personal lifeworld-lifeworld of others; places of significance.	
E	Embodied experiences: feelings-sensations	
S	Social context: politics of mobility-reflections on ways of moving and co-habiting space and on built design/infrastructure.	

Abductive

‘Top down’/deductive approach - application of loose theoretical framework - while applying ‘bottom-up/inductive’ approach through dialogical coding*

**Allowing researchers to collaboratively develop coding themes within and outside of PRIMES umbrella.*

Overarching questions

		Output
1. How is older people's mobility constructed and understood in relation to UK policy and guidelines and what policies are in place in the UK and across the EU to support older people cycling?	Policy Review. cB study visit to Munich and Seville.	Report Video
2. What are the trends and characteristics of older people cycling in the UK and what has been the effect of recent investment in cycling infrastructure projects, promotional programmes and technological developments?	Secondary Analysis of data.	Info-graphic
3. How is ability and willingness to cycle shaped by individual life events such as family and social relationships, employment and wider social, economic and technological change?	AM: Kiron and Heather	
4. How do specific features of the built environment and assistive technology affect cycling experience amongst older people and what is the impact on wellbeing?	AM: Justin, Ben and Heather	
5. To what extent does cycling improve older people's cognitive function, eudaimonic wellbeing (human flourishing), hedonic wellbeing (life satisfaction) and physical health?	AM: Carien, Louise, Nick and Tim	
6. What are the implications for cycling stakeholders, policy makers and practitioners?	PM: Over to you!	



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Emerging Findings

No single 'older cycling' narrative

Complex life-worlds

Different experiences

Different personalities

Different capabilities

Different cycling trajectories

Reluctant Riders <i>Cycling curtailed in last five years or largely absent through adulthood</i>	Resilient Riders <i>Ongoing engagement /constant activity through adulthood</i>	Re-engaged Riders <i>Cycling diminished in last five years or absent</i>
Combination of definitive stops and ‘fizzling out’ – cycling less relevant or irrelevant.	Fortunate to have periods of stability/activity space.	Desire to maintain or reconnect with cycling.
Reservations about cycling’s ability to (continue to) meet mobility needs.	Adapted cycling through their life: riding style /technology.	See opportunity for rehabilitation, ageing well, physical activity.
Lessening ability and concerns about safety.	Self-sufficient/confident/not uncritical	Lacking confidence; concerns over safety ; challenge of re-learning.

Resilient Riders

Adapted cycling through their life and are self-sufficient and confident.

They try to perform 'civilised cycling' and are highly critical of transgressive cycling of 'others' – the 'new breed'.

They employ a range of strategies to minimise journey stress (time and space).

Ageing bodies and reduced range of movement, coupled with poor design, means that riders employ different tactics including making their own (rationalised) transgressions.

Re-engaged Riders

Pedal cyclists and e-bike users reported increased wellbeing compared to controls.

Effects on cognition not quite as clear cut but cycle trialists tend to outperform controls.

Effects are not just due to physical exercise, but engagement with (selected) outdoor settings also plays an important role in improved wellbeing

Narrative analysis of qualitative accounts of participation in the trial supports quantitative indicators and elaborate possible mechanisms.



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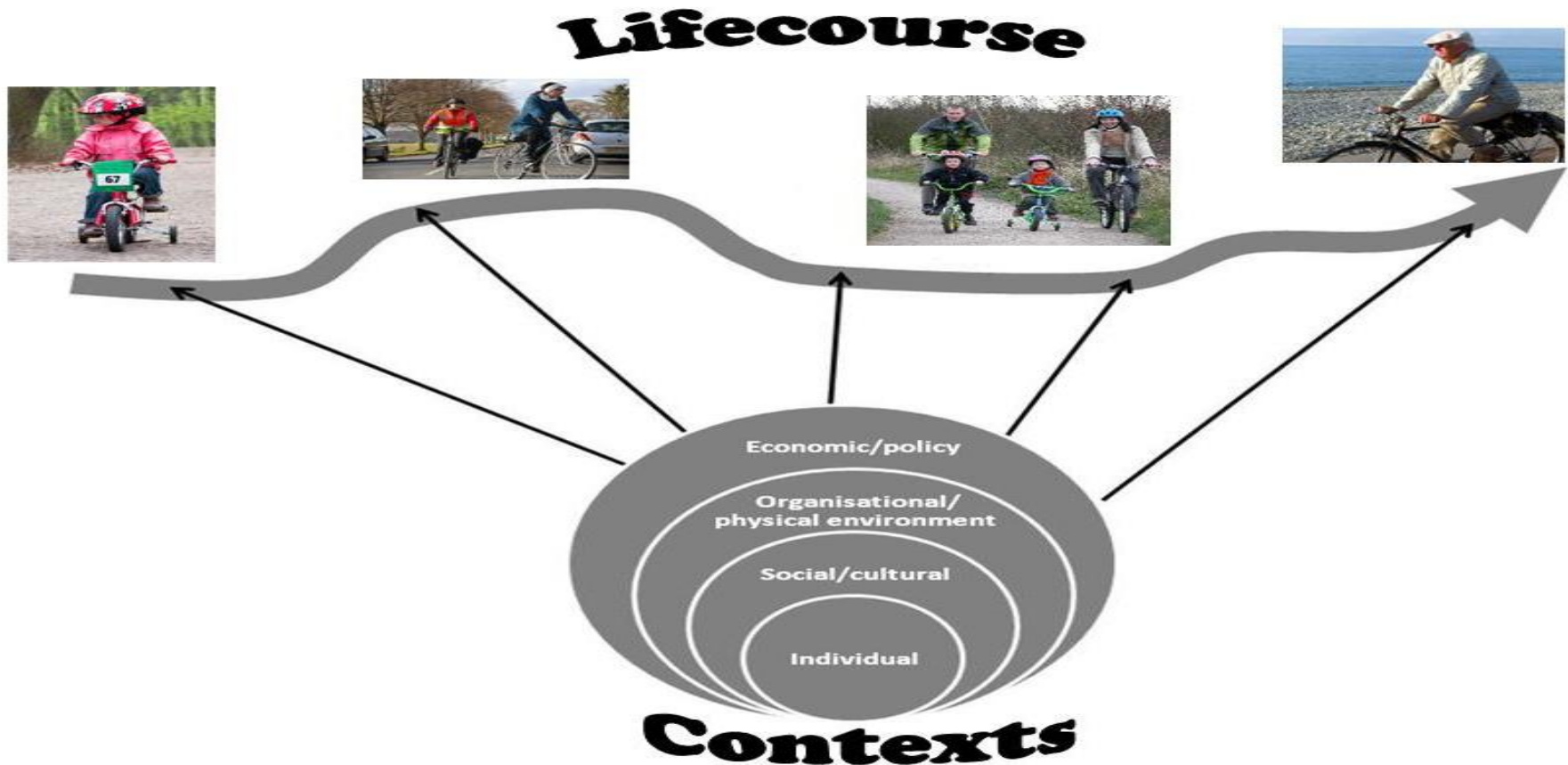
Understanding pathways of development in cycling in later life

Kiron Chatterjee (UWE) | Heather Jones (UWE)

Biographical Interviews

Reluctant Riders <i>Cycling curtailed in last five years or largely absent through adulthood</i>	Resilient Riders <i>Ongoing engagement /constant activity through adulthood</i>	Re-engaged Riders <i>Reengaged in the last five years following a hiatus of varying length</i>	Re-engaging Riders <i>Cycling diminished in last five years or absent</i>
<p>Combination of definitive stops and ‘fizzling out ’ – cycling less relevant or irrelevant.</p>	<p>Fortunate to have periods of stability/ activity space.</p>	<p>Lessening constraints and new opportunities e.g. downshifting, released from caring</p>	<p>Desire to maintain or reconnect with cycling.</p>
<p>Reservations about cycling’s ability to (continue to) meet mobility needs.</p>	<p>Adapted cycling through their life: riding style /technology.</p>	<p>Rehabilitation, ageing well, physical activity deficit “need to do something”</p>	<p>See opportunity for rehabilitation, ageing well, physical activity.</p>
<p>Lessening ability and concerns about safety.</p>	<p>Self-sufficient/ confident/not uncritical</p>	<p>Found a spatial/ temporal niche they feel capable cycling within</p>	<p>Lacking confidence; concerns over safety ; challenge of re-learning.</p>

- Approach
 - Resilient riders
 - Reluctant riders
 - Reengaged riders
 - Reflections and next steps
- With exemplar cases
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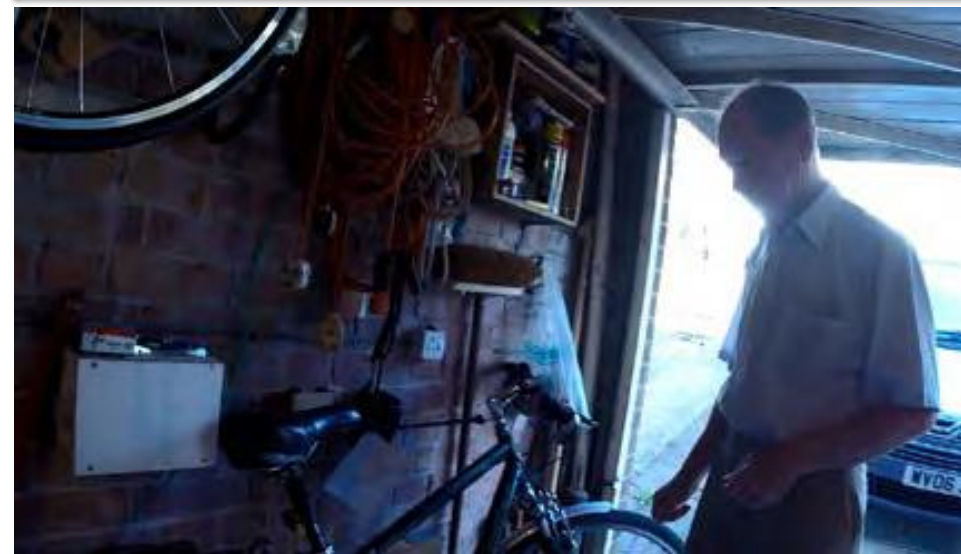
“dynamically as the consequence of past experience and future expectation as well as the integration of internal motive and external constraint”

(Giele and Elder, 1998)

Interviews

- Narrative interviews
- Visual elicitation

Year of birth	1963	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s
Residence			HARLOW, ESSEX	1977 ADFORD HUCKLEBURY TO 1980	1982 COLTON HUCKLEBURY TO 1983	WESTBURY ON TRYM	WESTBURY ON TRYM	WESTBURY ON TRYM
Household			MUM, DAD, OLDER SISTER	M, D, SISTER	M, D 2 WORK COLLEGE IN PHASE STREET	PROFESSIONAL WITH FEMALE PARTNER 1981	M, E, WIFE, SON, DAUGHTER	DAUGHTER TO UNIVERSITY 2010 SON TO UNI 2011
Education / work (paid / unpaid)			PRINCEPIT SCHOOL 1968	SECONDARY SCHOOL HARLOW THEN WIGMORE HALLS 1977	SOUTH BORN LEHMER 1980-81 PAID WORK 82-83 UNIVERSITY 83-86	PAID JOB 1986 NANGA JOB FILTON 1988	2005 JOB CENTRE OF DISTRICT 2005-2010	JOB CHIPPENHAM WILTS 2010-NOW
Activities / hobbies / leisure				FOOTBALL SPORT ADVENTURES WITH FRIENDS	FOOTBALL BASKETBALL (SCHOOL + UNIV.) FOOTBALL AT WEEKENDS	ACTIVE HOLIDAYS WEEKENDS	WALKING WITH KIDS, FRIENDS	5-A-SIDE
Transport			KIDS BIKES IMMEDIATE AREA	1975 FIRST "REAL" BIKE 5-SPEED RACER	USE OF ONE "SMART" BIKE 1981 GOOD BIKE 1980 BIKE SOLD IT IN 1990	NO BIKE	KIDS HAVE NEVER HAD BIKES	
Cycling - owned or had access to a bike			TOY BIKES ETC					
Cycling - activity				WENT EVERYWHERE ON BIKE FROM 1975 → 1986 THEN GOT A CAR		CYCLED AT LEISURE PARKS ONCE		NO OTHER BIKE USE



Interview materials
examined, case by case

Btw case
Commonalities
and difference

Corroboration
and
contradiction

Interpretive accounts



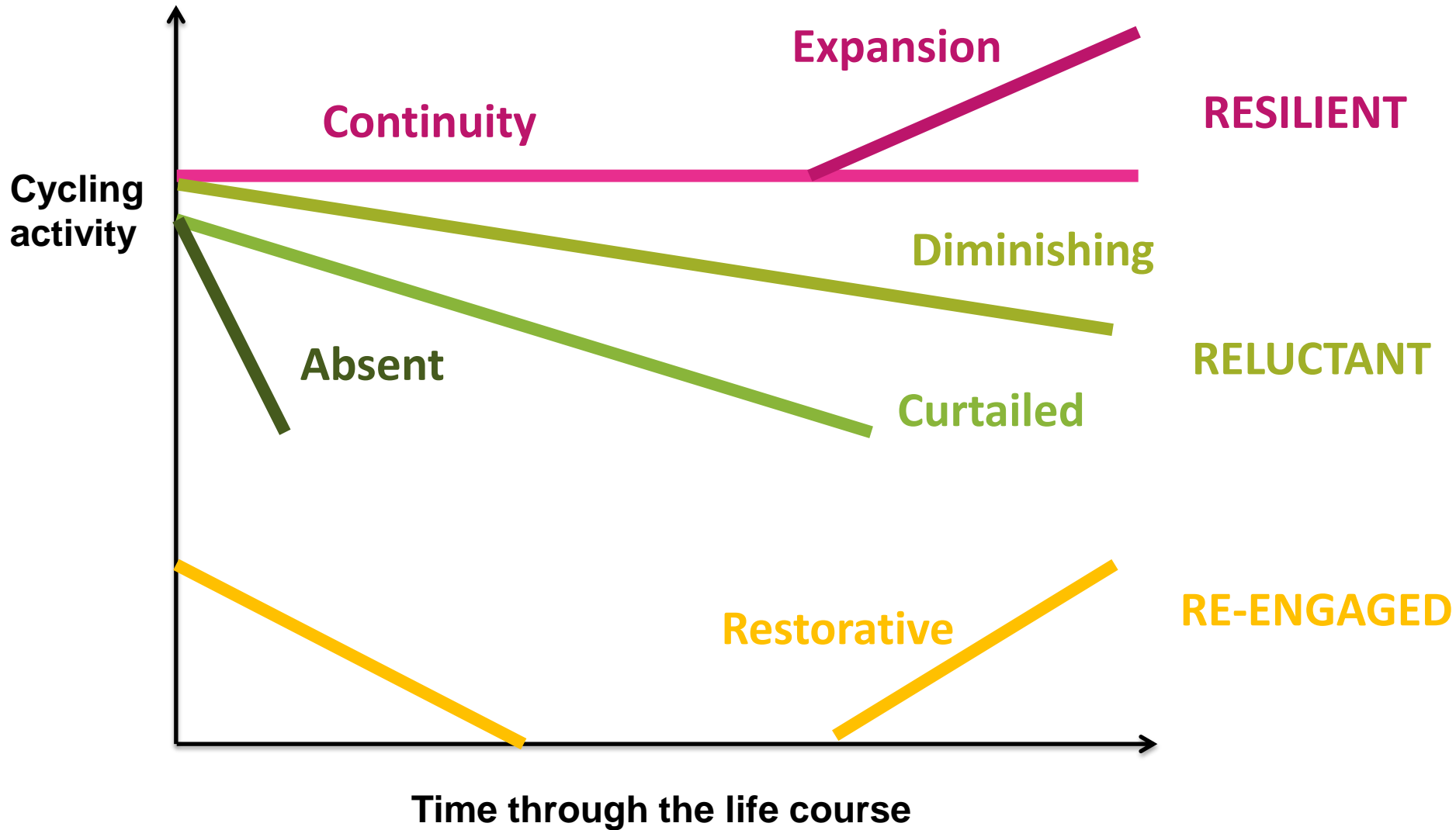
Individual reasoning of
continuity and change
through life events

Longer term processes of
resilience, reengagement
and curtailment

How physical, social, cultural
change plays out in individual
cycling development ?

How might resilience and
reengagement be supported
by policy?

Pathways of development in mid and later life



- Had periods of stable functional bike use which often coincided with consistent activity space
- Had been some gaps
- Re-purposing/adapting cycling through life transitions and events
- Self-sufficient: confident and content to cycle alone

Continuous commuting
after short hiatus

Volunteering and
other functional
replace commute

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Ad hoc leisure
experiences

Cycling on
holiday with wife

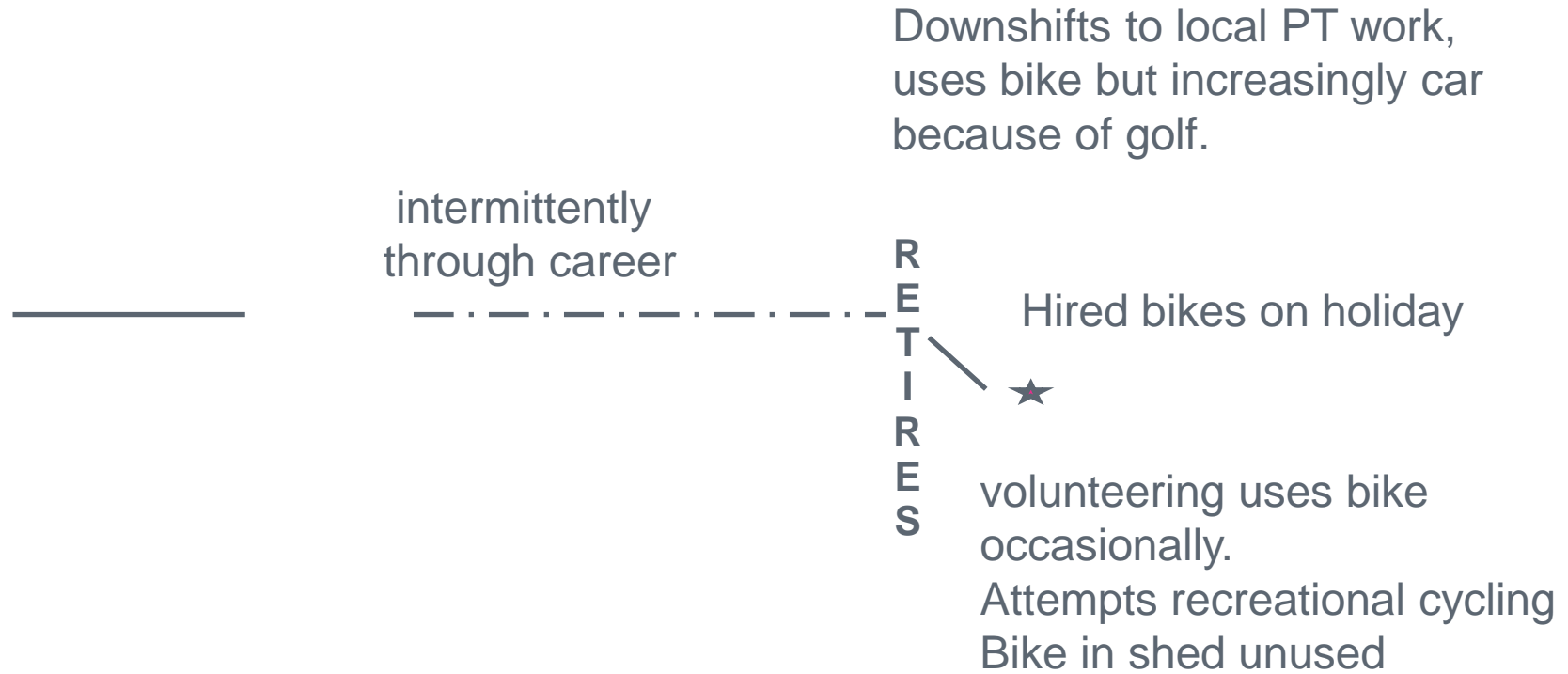


did retirement affect your cycling? Not really because I started doing other activities right away I started volunteering so that was 2.5 miles to get to that

So the journeys you made..? they just changed a bit, I stopped doing that journey into [work] and did other journeys instead but they were similar, within the bounds of Bristol, just different journeys

...Now I can do it any day of the week... whereas before I might have done a detour on my way home or gone on a Saturday...it's no trouble to cycle down there but then you've got cycle up [hill] ...I used to look upon it as a sort of fitness challenge to cycle up, now I tend to push up or avoid it by taking a slightly different route, more of a gentle climb ...

- Combination of definitive stops and 'fizzling out'
- Travel needs shift related to changes in role and location
 - Attractiveness of cycling diminishes relative to other forms of mobility
- Failure to re-purpose or adapt cycling following event
- Array of acute and chronic health issues which undermine capability, comfort and confidence
- Process of mounting dis-ease and doing it less
- Reservations about their bike/ musings about needing a different bike
- Safety concerns: balance of personal competencies/external threats

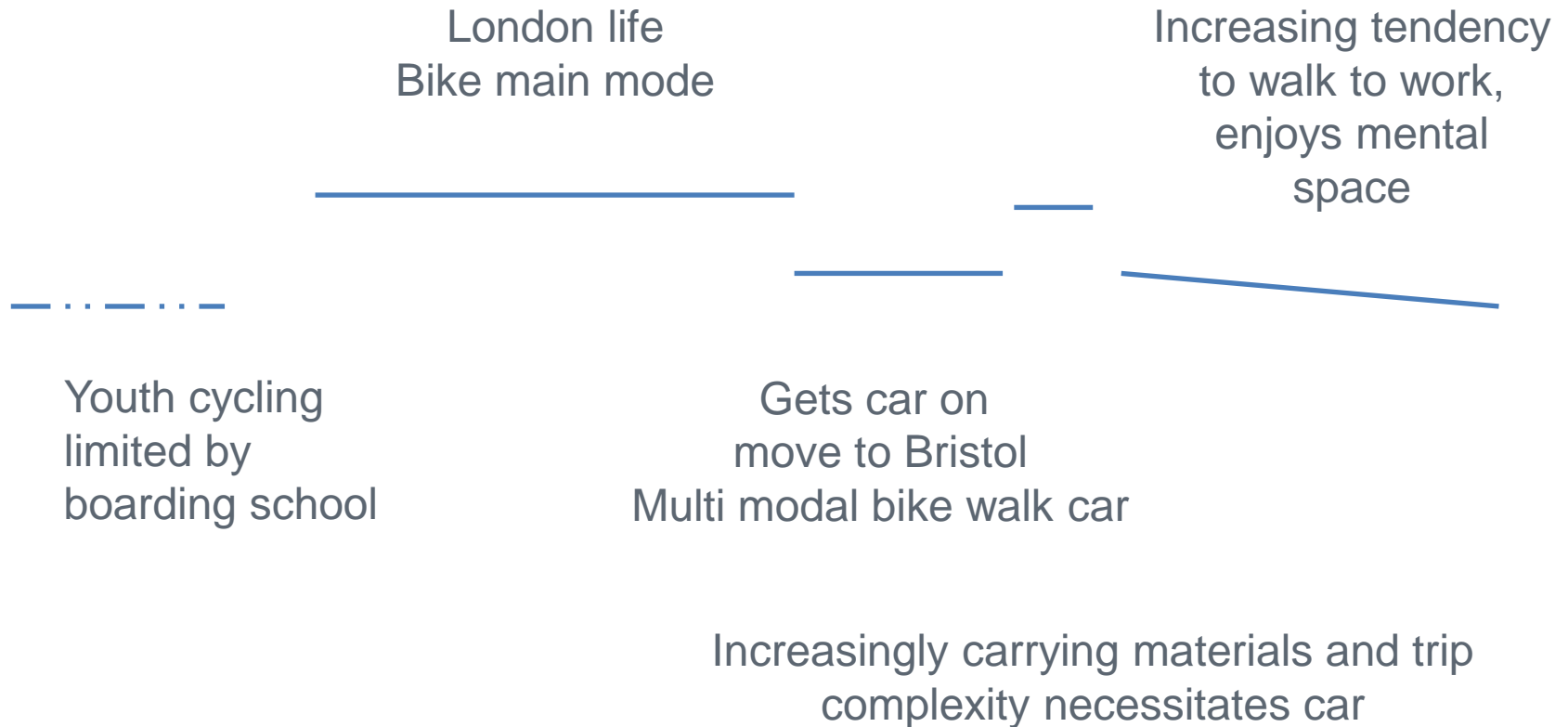


“**there has always been a purpose, to get somewhere to do something else**...having got the bike *to go to school*, a bike was then a mode of transport, an efficient and cheap mode of transport which I was happy to go on doing but it wasn't something that took my interest in its own right.”

“...then it went in the garage, I used it occasionally, I used to go up to [volunteering], having retired and got time so I did that but anything else local, Tesco's or to the shops just walk. **just once or twice I went out for a cycle ride for exercise, to keep fit because not being on my feet every day, I consciously wanted to keep fitbut me bum hurt...it was so, it was uncomfortable and it was more stressful than walking** and trying to find different routes for interest because I didn't like going there and back again for fun, it's ok for commuting but if I'm doing something I like to do it in a circle....then I stopped doing that and it's stopped now for the last couple of years....About a year ago was the last time I used my bicycle...on holiday last year when we hired bikes...”



“Golf and grandchildren”



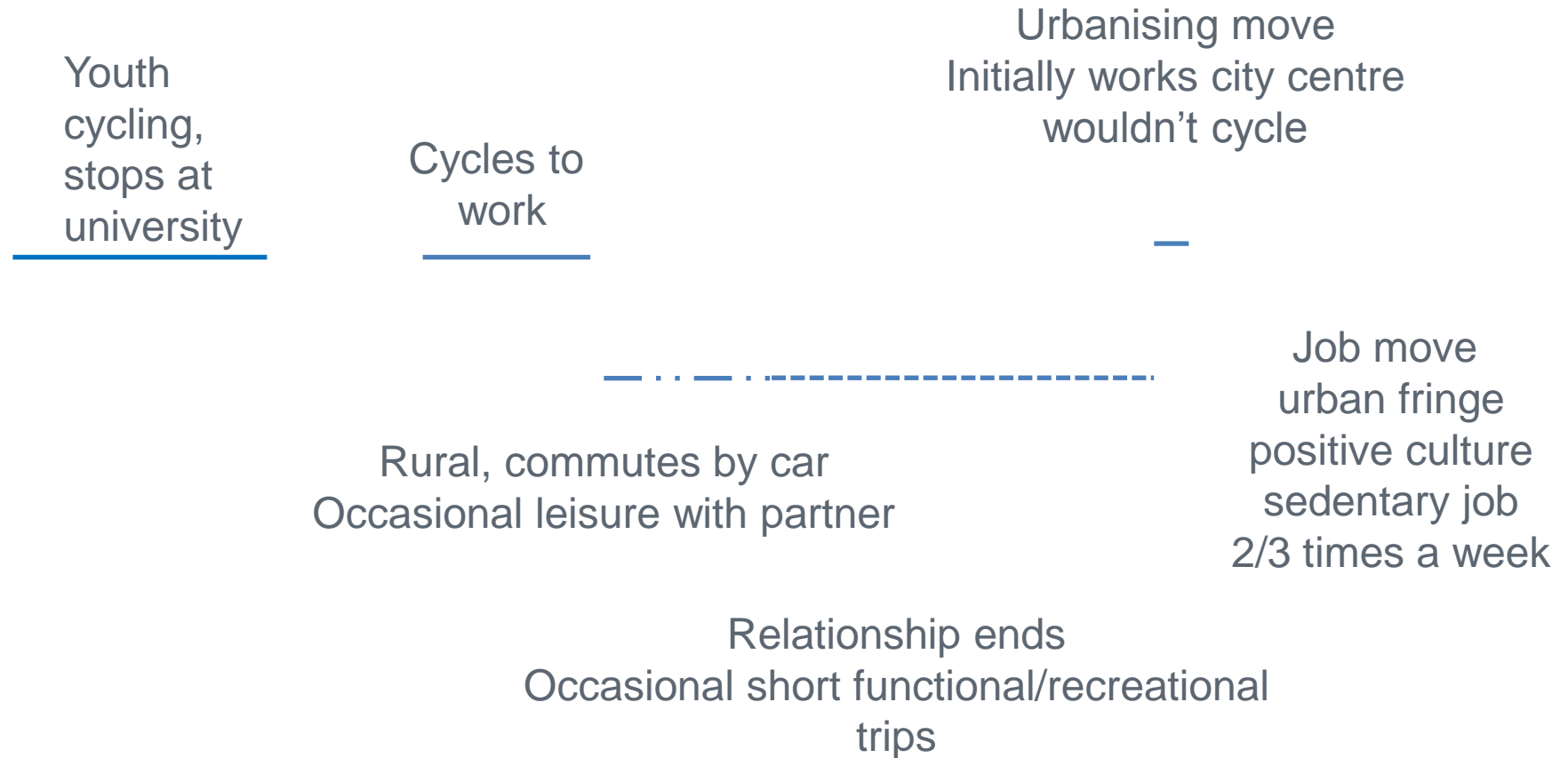
“My cycling life has really shrunk actually, not because I can’t or don’t want to, for some reason, particularly at the moment, because I’m doing a lot of things to do with work I have needed to the car to go and buy stuff”

“I used to go on the roads more, I think that I am less confident and I think that’s partly to do with I don’t do it so much, and also an age thing you feel more vulnerable, you know turning your head to see what’s coming and you use a lot of peripheral vision when your cycling and hearing, those things tend to become a little bit less acute....also to do with moving your head, balance and move, checking to see, and all those things combined they are not quite as good as they were.”

“I have been thinking it would be nice to have a decent bike, a sort light weight, with lots of gears more user friendly thing in terms of hills to do leisure cycling,.... it would be nice to have one with a motor {laughs}....it seems to be creeping up, that sort of thing”



- Lessening constraints and new opportunities to cycle e.g. downshifting, released from caring responsibilities
- Rehabilitation, ageing well, physical activity deficit “need to do something”
- Found a spatial/ temporal niche they feel capable cycling within
- Others, either as companions or supporters/facilitators, important but not necessary



“as a child fairly level, then a big stop while I was at uni, then started again and then there was another stop and then, since I’ve had this new bike, it’s probably grown and as I say I probably cycle more now than I ever have done in my life.”

“very much a fitness thing, cos at work I’m sitting down all day ...it’s only been the last 15 months....I started work there then, it’s a 6/7 mile cycle ride which is actually no further to when I worked in the city centre previously...there is absolutely no way I would have cycled from here into the city..... it’s quieter, traffic’s quieter,

..... and it’s also the attitude of work, if I’m not at my desk until 9.15 it doesn’t matter whereas before I was in financial services and it didthey have this sustainable travel policy...there are changing facilities, showers...

...I am a fair-weather cyclist, I must admit, October comes and the bike goes in the shed for winter.....some of the ring road path is unlit”



Youth cycling,
first job



Self-employed
Business necessitates van

knee issues end sport

Wife gets in to cycling

Focused on business - no time

Approaching retirement,
family got him bike
“I had to do something”

Knee ops



Didn't enjoy at first

“about 2008 the kids bought me a bike cos [wife] was bikingI'd already had a half [knee] replacementThey bought me a bike and I started just doing a little bit of biking cos I was working still, just out with the kids and that....

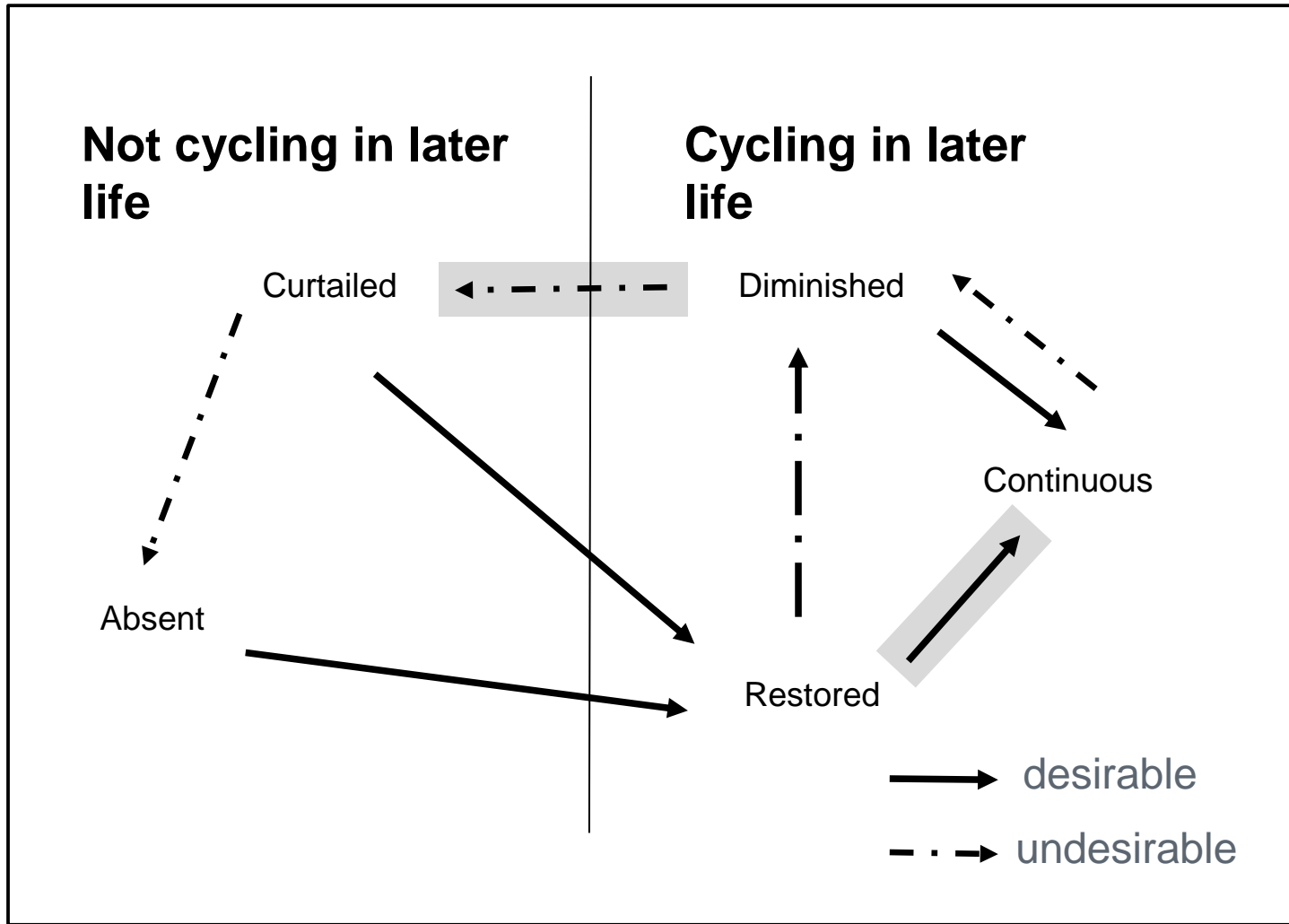
the bike was bought for you? : Yeah just to do something {laughs}, encouragement to do somethingas I say I was so embedded in work, my focus was work, building up the business and early retirement”

“Um probably since I retired, 3 years been doing it all the time, cos I've been sporty all my life and competitive, you know if I do something I want to win kind of thing, and of course I couldn't do nothing, so I started cycling”

“I didn't enjoy it greatly to begin with if honest, I'd go out with my wife and thought “aww gawd 12 miles cycle ride yeah I'll do it if it keeps her happy, keep her, you know”... it's just cycling's boring,...but then gradually you appreciate what's around you, the scenery and that and going out and stopping in a café”



Life changes	Examples	Implications for cycling
Relocation	Down-size home down-shift in work	Physical domain: Distances, topography, infrastructure, safety, aesthetics, cycling culture
Roles	Retirement/ down-shift Interests/Volunteering/Caring	Schedule Potential purposes
Relationships	New/dissolution/evolution Intergenerational Networks	Social support/influence
Health & Wellbeing	Fitness, flexibility, sensory and motor abilities Rehabilitation, management of conditions/ ageing process	Capacity and comfort Motivation



Trauma

Cycling companion stops

Onset of health condition prompts reappraisal of capabilities

Dissatisfaction with and deterioration of bike

Compatibility with travel needs

- need to travel with and transport others and things

- trip chaining

- option of concessionary bus travel

Perceived cycle of diminishing confidence and performing it less

Rehabilitation/ Weight management/ Addressing sedentariness

Making car available to partner

Beating congestion

Holiday experiences

Reduce travel expenditure/ limited other travel options

Establishing a post-retirement routine

Shared activity with family members/friends

Sustained promotion of sustainable travel in workplace

Rediscovering earlier cycling achievements



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Mobile Observations – Video Elicitation Interviews

Justin Spinney & Carl Mann (Cardiff)

Ben Spencer (Oxford Brookes) & Heather Jones (UWE)

Naturalistic Route

- Oxford – 20 Participants
- Bristol – 23 Participants
- Investigate where, when, how and why older people ride.
- Explore the strategies and tactics older cyclists use to minimise negative affects

Waymarked Route

- Cardiff – 35 Participants
- Reading – 17 Participants
- Explore the tactics older cyclists use to minimise negative affects
- Gather quantitative data on subjective wellbeing
- Investigate patterns in data on wellbeing in relation to specific locations

Common to both:

- Focus on how the journey and particular locations enhance or detract from wellbeing
- Focus on what cyclists do to minimise or maximise wellbeing

Map of Cardiff Waymarked Route



Map of Reading Waymarked Route





1. Hedonic – An assessment of satisfaction ‘in the moment’.
2. Eudaimonic – An assessment of satisfaction with life goals.

Defining wellbeing

- Subjective wellbeing: Focusing on individual experiences, calculates wellbeing based on judgements about life satisfaction and/or emotional responses to particular situations (Diener 2009)
- Ecological approach: Emphasis on how human-environment interactions affect wellbeing (Nordbakke & Schwanen 2014:115-116)



Mobility and wellbeing

- Increasing emphasis on journey quality to enhance wellbeing
- Commute stress caused by longer distances, waiting times, congestion, crowding, lack of predictability (Roberts 2009)

“to promote greater quality of life for all citizens, with the desired outcome of reducing negative impacts on wellbeing and to promote a healthy natural environment”

(Department for Transport, 2015)

- Who/what is encountered during and/or following trips
- The nature of the inter-personal interactions
- The means of transport and infrastructures used
- Influence of person's past experiences, embodied skills and capacities, goals, needs and values
- Cultural and social norms

(Nordbakke & Schwanen 2014:118)



What was the purpose of the journeys made by participants?

Work/ volunteering:

Oxford – 25%

Bristol – 50%

Leisure/ exercise:

Oxford – 10%

Bristol – 40%

Social/ practical:

Oxford - 65%

Bristol – 10%



“This is a school along [here]...but usually my time is not clashing with that, that's one lucky thing about being retired you can pick your times”

(BM20 – George, 70s)

When did participants cycle?

- Work/ volunteering – largely peak times but some control over when
- Leisure/ exercise – Overwhelmingly outside of peak time
- Social/ practical – Overwhelmingly outside of peak time



Implications of when and where?

- Retirement or semi-retirement cited as a time of increased freedom.
- Many older cyclists self-limiting in where and when they ride, in order to minimise journey stress.
- Data suggests tensions between potential freedom and constraints on when and where that freedom can be enjoyed.



Physical wellbeing

- ‘One of the good things about the bike is that it’s an exercise’ (Timothy, CM001)
- ‘I was just absolutely hooked in it as a great fitness thing’ (Neville, CM009)



Mental wellbeing

- 'I had a period where I was being treated for depression... and that was before the cancer... I found myself becoming much more open with people, and a combination of that and much more exercise I am no longer depressed. I feel a whole lot better' (Vinnie, CM003)
- 'still get a lot of fun from cycling, out in the country... the metaphorical wind in your hair... being out on your own, certainly on longer rides, it's a bit about adventure, being independent, being responsible for oneself, making one's own decisions' (Lindsey OM014)



Social Networks

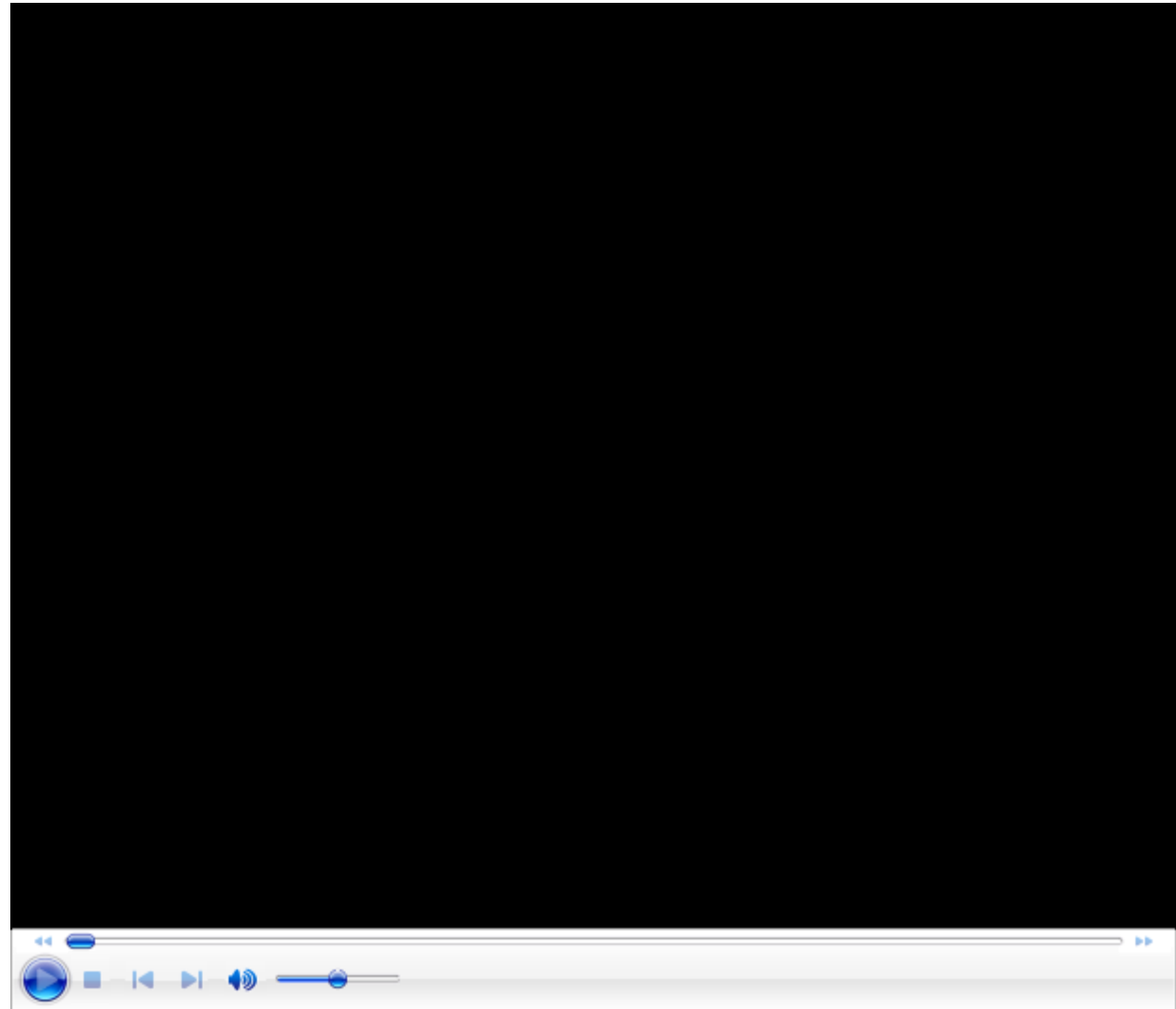
- ‘[Cycling has] certainly improved my quality of life, but I’m not a naturally sociable person. I have friends from work but I have never really sort of been a mixer, generally, but actually the cycling is good because it gets me out with a group of people’ (Bernie, CM010)

Causes of stress



'How am I going to get across this junction?'
(Eduardo, CM010)

'I didn't want to be standing in the middle of a busy junction like that'
(Sibylle CM011)

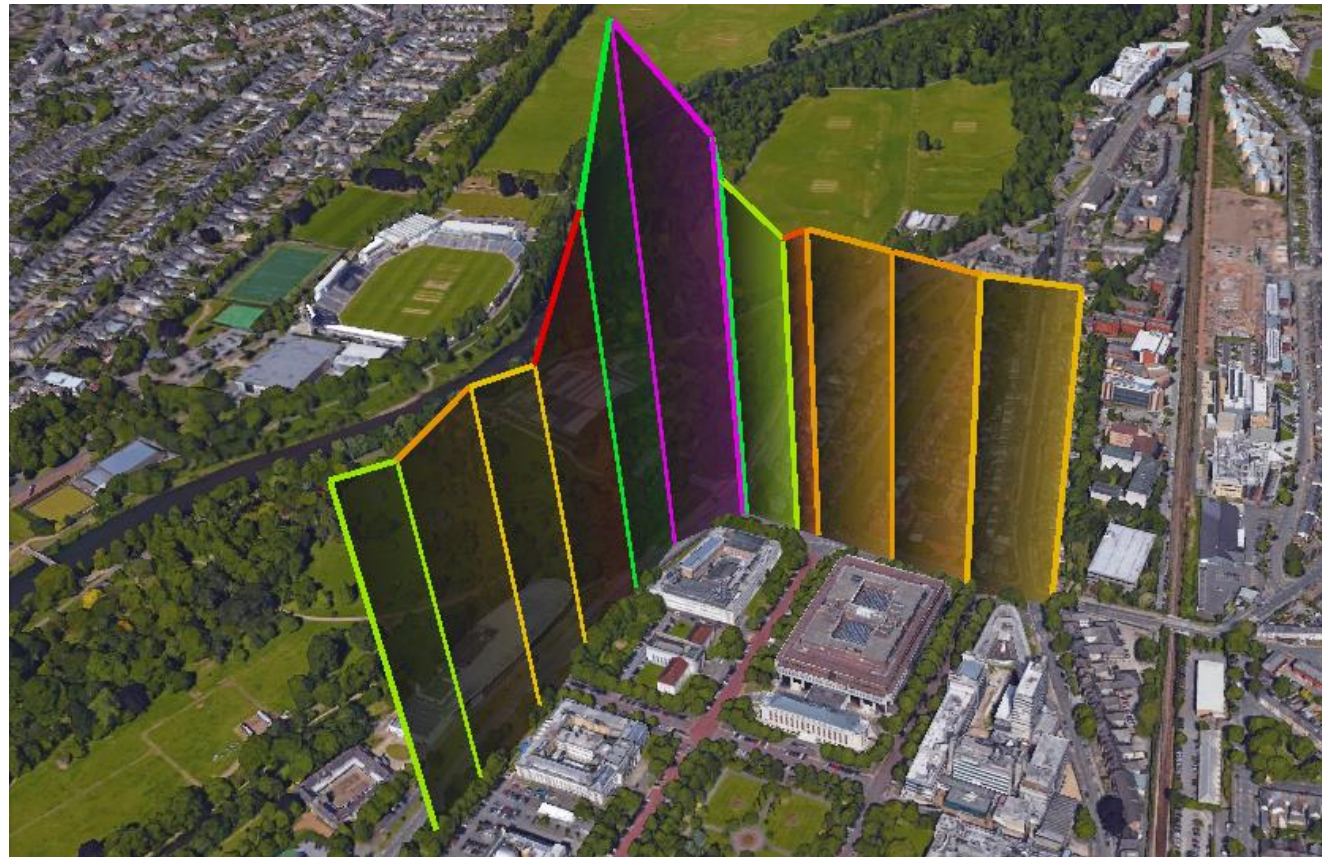


Causes of stress



Visualisation of
participant GSR
data North Road –
Corbett Road,
Cardiff

(CM007)

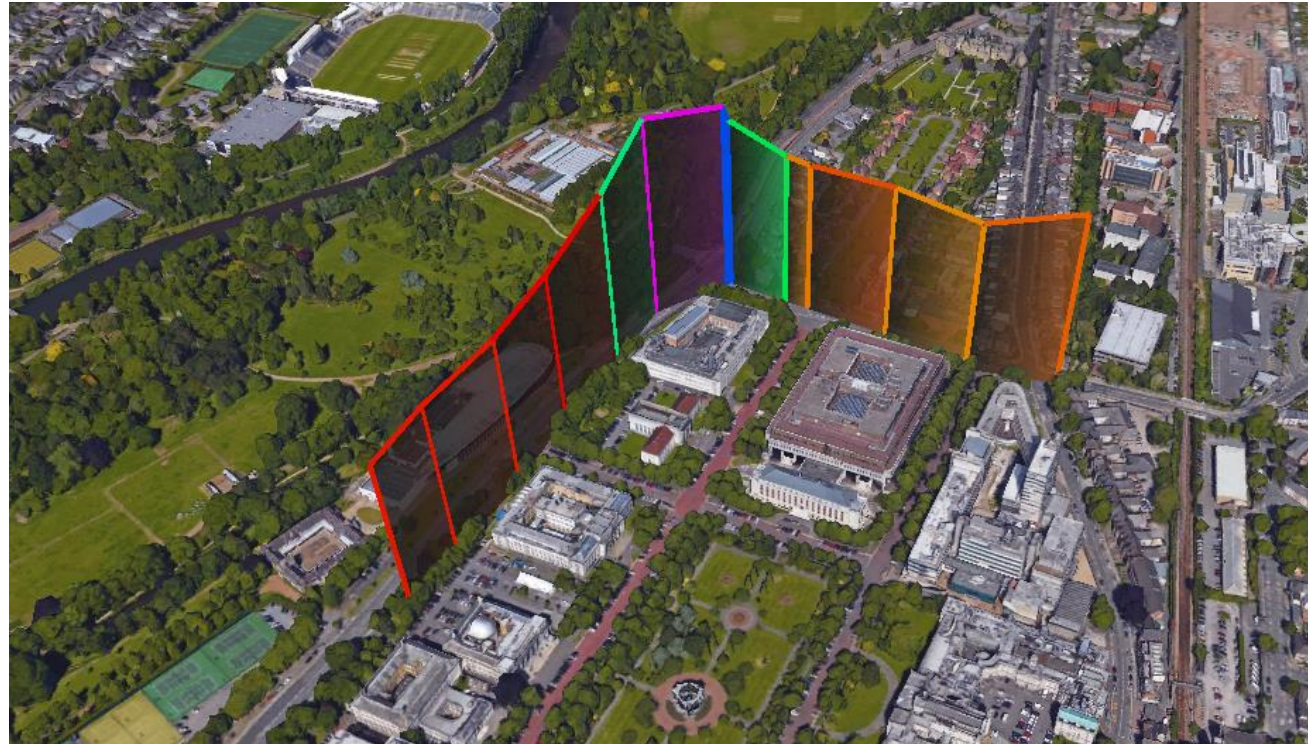


Causes of stress



Visualisation of
participant GSR
data North Road –
Corbett Road,
Cardiff

(CM008)



Causes of stress



Visualisation of
participant GSR
data Bute Park –
Castle Street

(CM003)

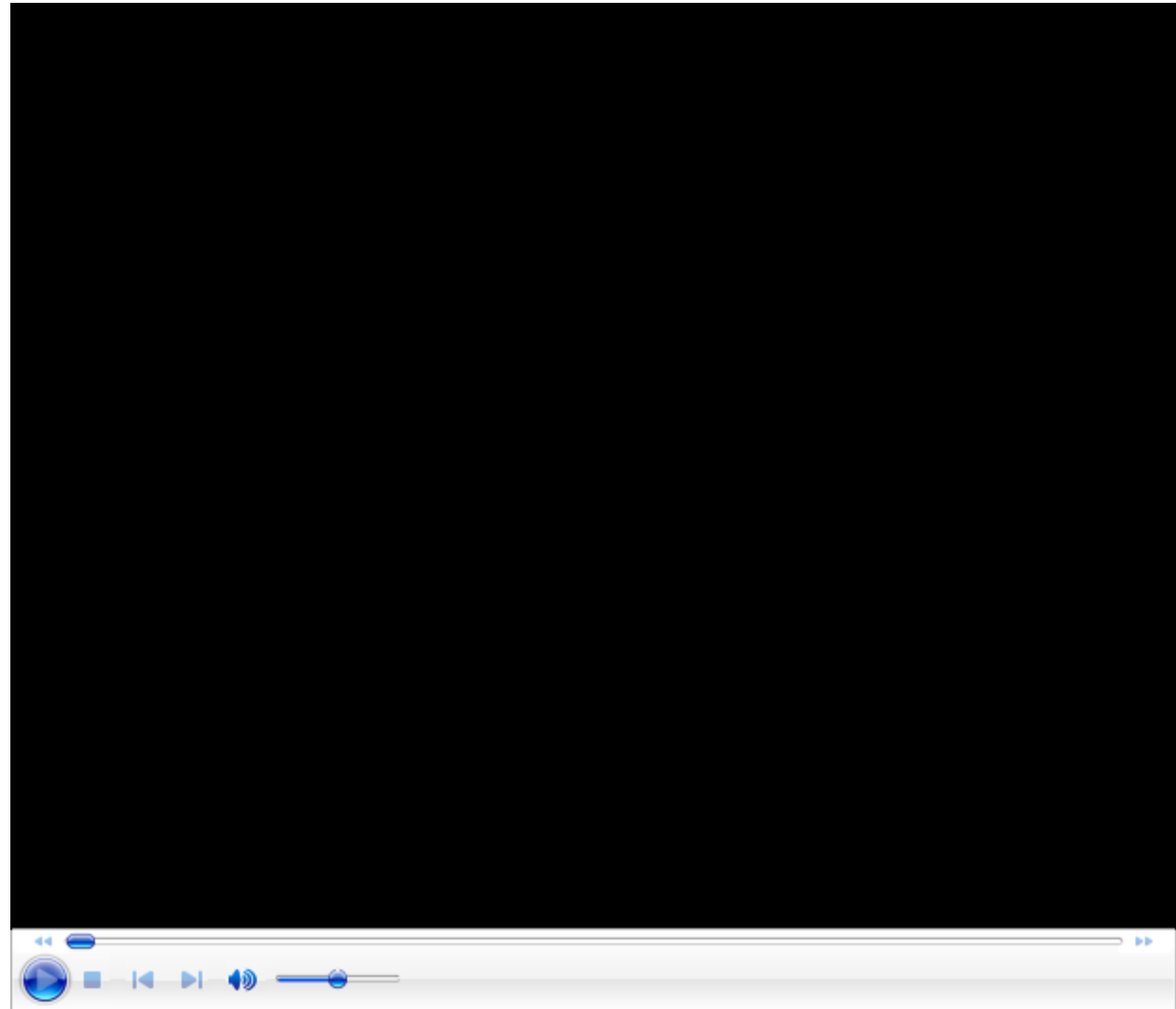




‘It's not like driving, is it? When you know you've always got a lane. On the bike you've got loads of different things, haven't you? Sometimes you have got to cross a pavement, sometimes you've got a cycle lane, and sometimes you're amongst the traffic, sometimes you're in a dangerous spot in the middle of the road. It's nothing like being in the car, is it? (Sybille, CM011)



'I feel that when I do that, I've got sort of a bad neck really – a bit arthritisy so I can't turn as I should so I feel I'm going to wobble so I'd rather stop'. (Chloe, BM015)





Turning

'I find looking over my right shoulder more problematic. It's about flexibility actually, I suppose you get on and you get less. I use my peripheral vision and also using your hearing... These days you aren't hearing quite as much cars and much less 'rattley' noises' (Vinnie CM010)

'when you've got the arthritis you can't turn your neck all the way back without wobbling and the mirror is actually not a lot of good because it is to...moves too much, alright for lipstick!' (Chloe BM015)



Balance/ Dismounting

'Most of this year I have been recovering from a cycle accident which did the knees in, well, the knees were down in before that, but being knocked off the bike didn't make it any better. That's why I tend to use the pavement to help prop myself up and push myself off with' (Eduardo, CM010)

'oh yes, well I try to do that [use the kerb]; I haven't got very long legs...more comfortable on the kerb and better for taking off afterwards [pushes off when lights change] (Gabbi, OM002)



Momentum

‘It is really hard as you get going again older to get going again. It really is, so I would always try and find a way of keeping going which is exactly what I did there. I was lucky with the light...I will always try and keep momentum...My fitness has gone down, it really has. I'm on these [...], I'm not sure what it actually is, and my blood pressure is very low...Certainly, I do not want to stop. It's really quite physically hard’

(Sybille CM014)



Bike Design

- **Mirrors:** And I think particularly reflexes and also flexibility - you can't really twist as much as you would like to or to look back, that's one of the big things, and often I've thought 'well what about a mirror?'
- **Crossbars:** I got knocked off last year. Which is one of the reasons I don't ride a full size bike anymore. I find it awkward to swing my leg over the cross bar... (Eduardo, CM010)
- **E-Bikes:** 'After attending the CB e-bike demo day in June 2014 participant had bought herself an e-bike as she was impressed with the ease of getting up Headington Hill `sold! A complete convert!' She chose one that she could cycle easily with the motor switched off so the power would be a `backup' as she wanted the exercise'
- **Trikes:** Ridden by a minority of participants, mentioned as a possibility by more as a comprehensive solution to balance and dismounting issues.



‘So if you know what is expected of you and it’s clear to you then it’s easy to fit in with it’ (Zachary R015)

- Ageing user finds it increasingly hard to improvise in the built environment
- Design guidance assumes a standard user based upon normative assumptions of the young and flexible body
- Discontinuity and illegibility of cycle infrastructure a bigger barrier to cycling for older people



“Coloured surfaces are not prescribed by TSRGD and they have no legal meaning. ***There is no obligation to use them***” (LTN 2008:19)

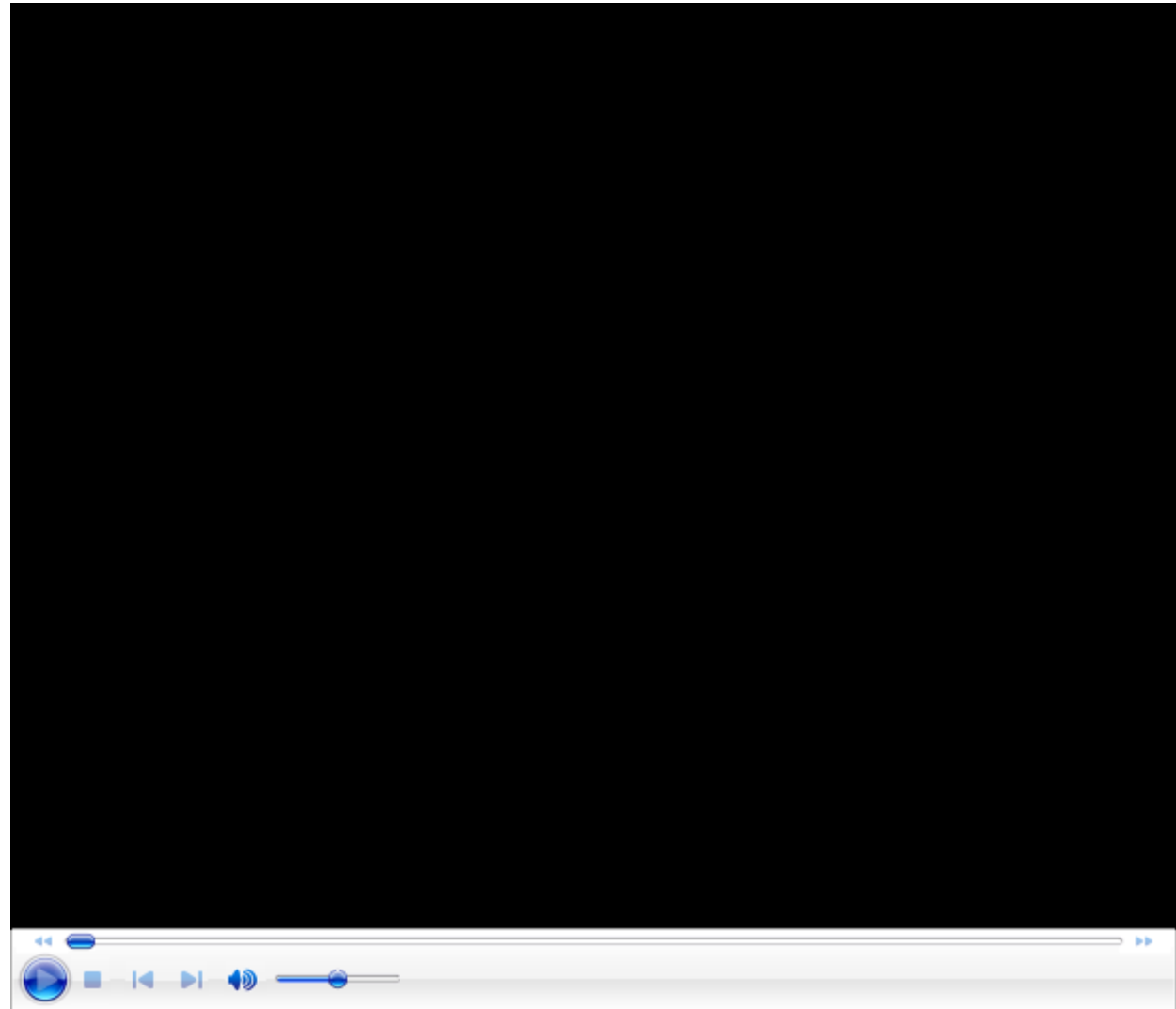
“**[Cardiff] Council will generally seek to avoid the use of colour surfacing,** except in specific circumstances where it is advisable to highlight the presence of a particular infrastructure design feature” (CCDG, 2014:22)

*‘if that had a nice distinctive colour all the way across it would be much easier to read, it would really help...when you’re here it’s quite hard to read the far side of it so you can see there’s maybe a traffic light you’ve got to read and you see that kerb and wonder what that does and I’m not at all sure because that’s the pedestrian one right? So what’s that cut through? It’s probably for pedestrians going across there to be fair, but you’d probably be safer if that was all on the one level and it was distinguished by paint or sets. If that was a distinctive colour it would lead you through. It has the potential to be really good’
(Zachary R015).*



Examples in Oxford:

- River-side path
- Meadows cycle track
- Descending steep hills
- Ring Road cycle track
- Marston Ferry Road
- Iffley Road





“As with a number of other cities and towns promoting cycling (Cycling City and Town) Cardiff Council will implement unsegregated shared use cycle and pedestrian routes” (CCDG, 2014:4).

- *‘Enjoyable, just a pleasant feeling. I felt with the lack of definition that I could be cycling there I thought people might not be aware...but you have to go very slowly and zig-zag and you don’t know if other people are going to walk in the way and sort of step sideways, that’s the thing that worries me the most.’ (Timothy CM001)*
- *‘This is perfect for me now, nobody around. That little dog is a potential hazard...it’s absolutely ideal cycling, I love it, I feel like I’m flying. The fresh air, the beauty of it...then I get slightly distracted by pedestrians and stuff (Margaret CM004)*
- *‘On anything with shared use, even if it’s got a line on it, you’re not sure of your place, you don’t know if they’re suddenly going to take off this way or that way’ (Zachary, RM015)*

“For cycling to be attractive, cycle routes and infrastructure need to be continuous and legible. Cyclists must be able to easily and comfortably follow the route, and should not be, or feel to have been, abandoned by infrastructure at difficult locations...” (CCDG 2014:24



- Older users employ a range of strategies like taking alternative routes and travelling at different times to minimise journey stress
- Uncertainty caused by poor/ absent design is a key source of journey stress – negatively impacts wellbeing
- Some older users find it harder to employ tactics due to reduced range of movement – poor design therefore a bigger barrier
- Design guidance that is based on a minimum range of movement rather than assuming a ‘normative’ flexible and fit body
- Possibilities of alternative bike designs to mitigate ageing issues virtually absent from policy and design discussions



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Cycling, cognition and well-being

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Age and cognitive function

- Age, also in the absence of pathological conditions, is associated with cognitive decline (e.g., Sandberg, 2014; Park, 2000; Salthouse, Atkinson, & Berish, 2003; Salthouse, 2004)

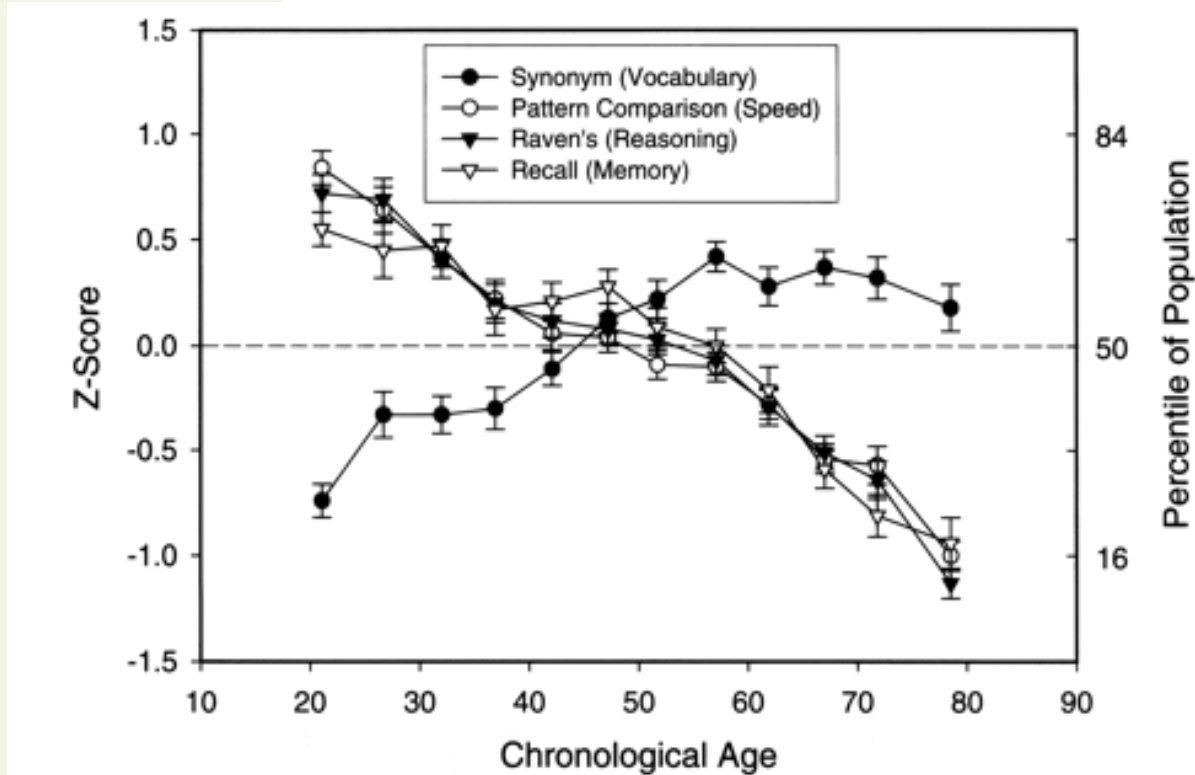


Fig. 1. Means (and standard errors) of performance in four cognitive tests as a function of age. Each data point is based on between 52 and 156 adults.

- Executive functions start to decline from the age of 20 onwards
 - vocabulary continues to increase with age

Brain volume declines from late 20s

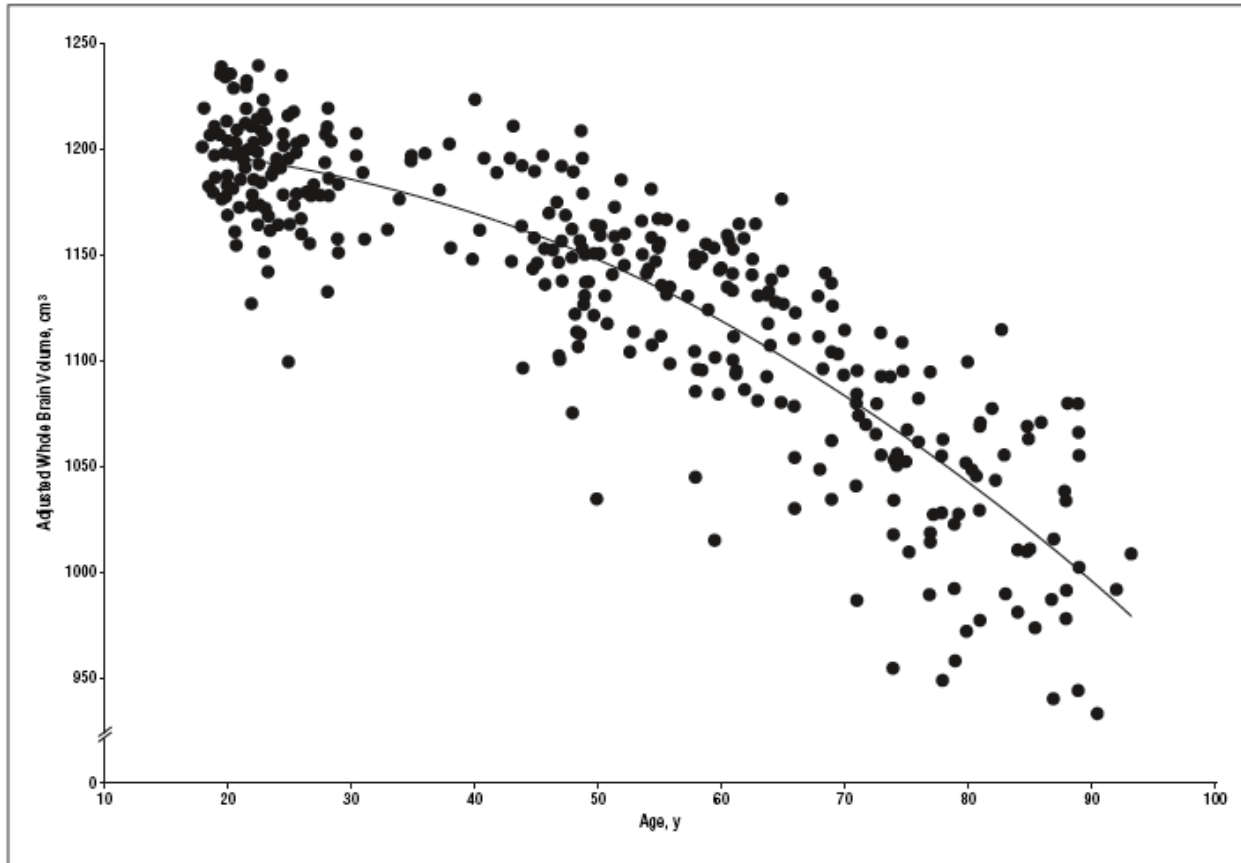


Figure 1. Cross-sectional plot of brain volume in nondemented adults over the adult life span.

Fotenos et al. (2008)

- Both %GM and %WM in the intracranial space were significantly less in older subjects (≥ 50 years) than in younger subjects (< 50 years; Ge et al., 2002)

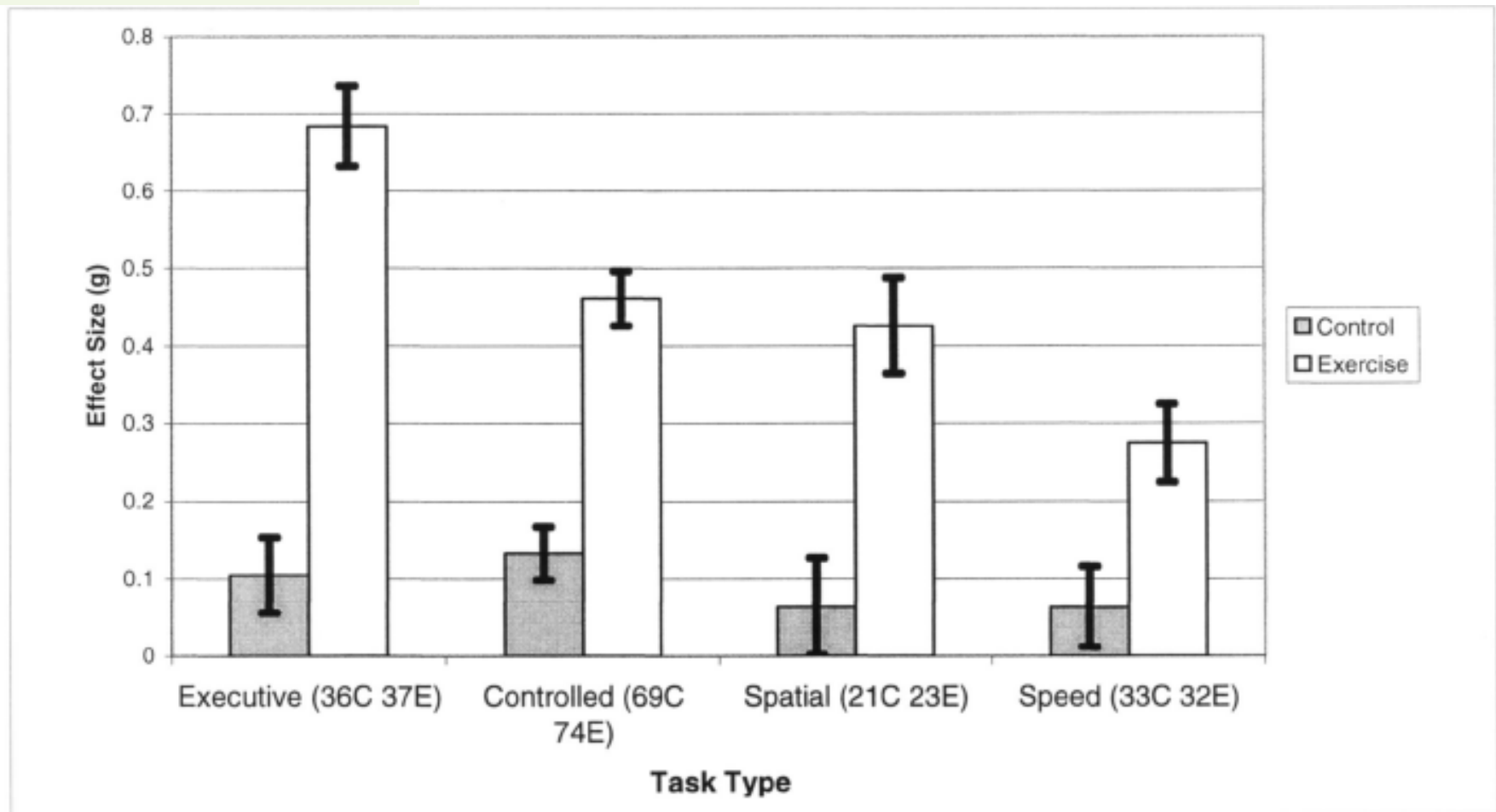


Fig. 1. Effect sizes for the different process-task types reflecting the four theoretical hypotheses concerning the process-based specificity of the benefits of fitness training. Parenthetical notations on the x-axis indicate the number of effect sizes contributing to the point estimates for each task type in the exercise (E) and nonexercise (C) groups. Error bars show standard errors.

- It is well known and has been demonstrated previously that cycling has a positive effect on physical health, including for older adults (Pollock et al., 2014)
- Physical function in older adults is related to feelings of well-being. It has been demonstrated that those who are physically active report higher levels of well-being





- Is exercise and better cognitive performance in older age causal?
- Would cycling improve cognition and well-being due to physical exercise?
 - Role for interaction with environment, the “outdoors”
- Would improved well-being underlie any changes in cognition?

- Physical exercise
- Stimulation
- Navigation
- Social
- Independence
- Increasing mobility



- Investigate the impact of cycling for an 8-week period on older adults' cognition and well-being
- Participants, over 50, cycle for an 8 week period
 - At least 1 ½ hours/week
 - Pedal bike
 - E-bike
 - Control – no cycling
- Complete a diary of rides
 - Including other physical activity undertaken
- Cognition and wellbeing are measured before the trial (pre-intervention) and after (post-intervention)



- Wellbeing/affect
- Physical and mental health
- Physical activity
- Cognitive function
 - “Executive function”
 - management (regulation, control) of cognitive processes, including working memory, reasoning, task flexibility, and problem solving as well as planning and execution
- During cycling trial: GPS, diary

**Compare pre-trial
to post-trial score**



- Participants:
 - 77 Middle to older aged (range 51-83 years, Mean age = 62) – not currently cycling
 - Pedal bike: N=33 (out of 40)
 - E-bike: N=32 (out of 40)
 - Control: N=12 (out of 20)

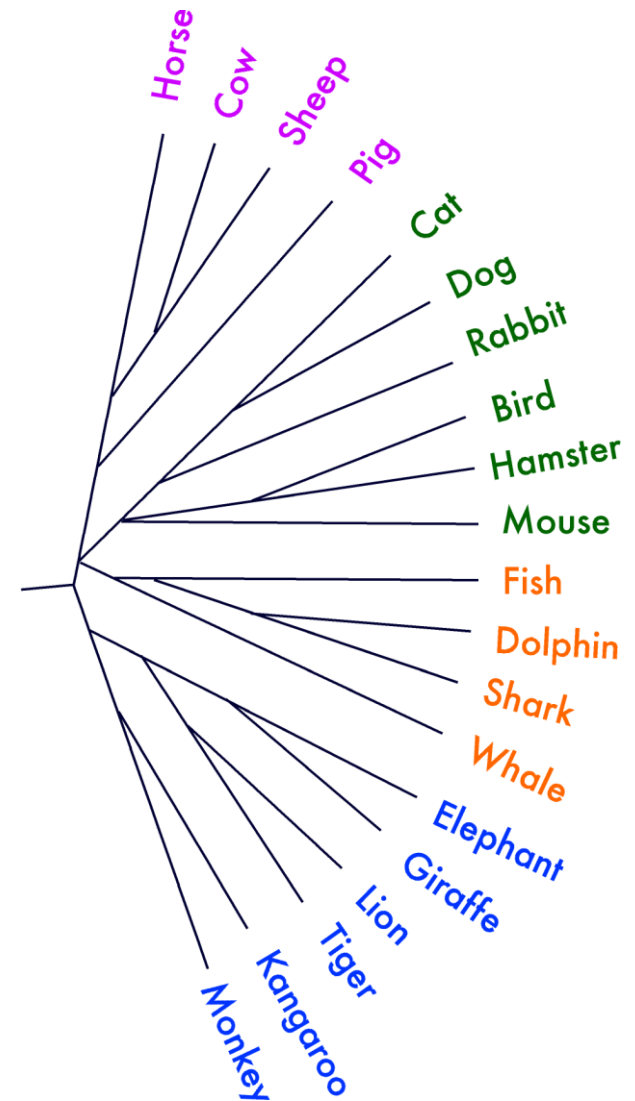
- Scales of Psychological Well-Being (PWB, Ryff, 1989)
- Autonomy, environmental mastery, personal growth, positive relations with others, purpose in life, and self-acceptance
- Items include:
 - *“I feel good when I think of what I've done in the past and what I hope to do in the future”*
 - *“People would describe me as a giving person, willing to share my time with others”*
 - *“I think it is important to have new experiences that challenge how you think about yourself and the world”*
 - *“With time, I have gained a lot of insight about life that has made me a stronger, more capable person”*

Personal Growth “Has a feeling of continued development; sees self as growing and expanding; is open to new experiences; has sense of realizing his or her potential; sees improvement in self and behavior over time; is changing in ways that reflect more self knowledge and effectiveness”

Purpose in Life “Has goals in life and a sense of directedness; feels there is meaning to present and past life; holds beliefs that give life purpose; has aims and objectives for living”

Positive Relations with Others “Has warm, satisfying, trusting relationships with others; is concerned about the welfare of others; capable of strong empathy, affection, and intimacy; understands give and take of human relationships”

- Composite executive function
- Verbal fluency scores
- Memory composite scores



- It is feasible to provide cycle training for older adults who have not cycled before (or recently)
- Suggestion that both pedal cycling and e-bike use can improve psychological well-being and some executive functions for older adults.
- As those on e-bikes improved as much as pedal cyclists, the increase is likely to be due to the enjoyment/reward and independence gained during the trial and is not necessarily only due to increased cardiovascular health/cerebral blood flow (e.g., Erickson, 2011).
- This has implications for re-engaging older adults with cycling through the use of e-bikes



Thanks!

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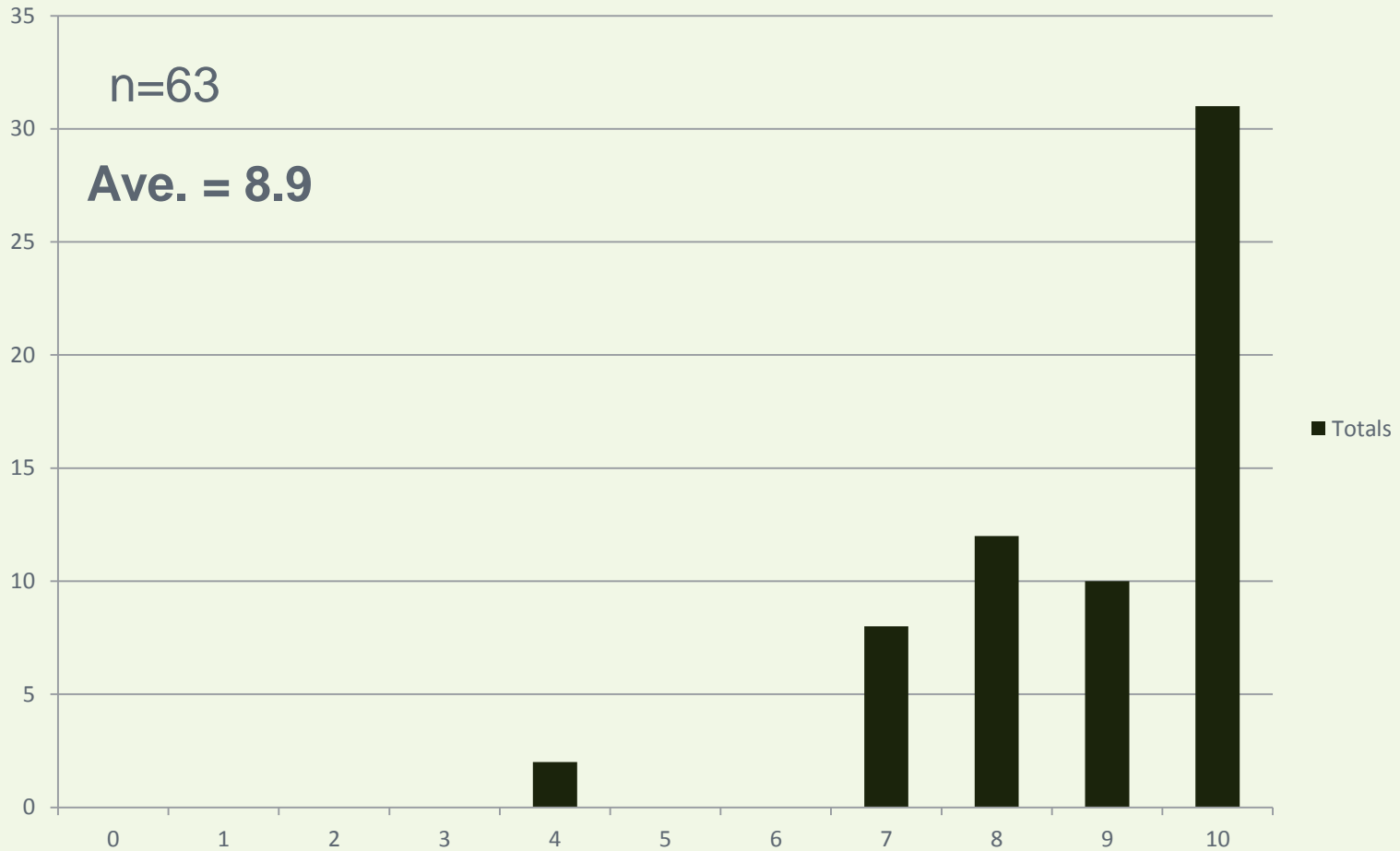
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Wellbeing Trial Exit Survey | Results

Nick Beale (Oxford Brookes)

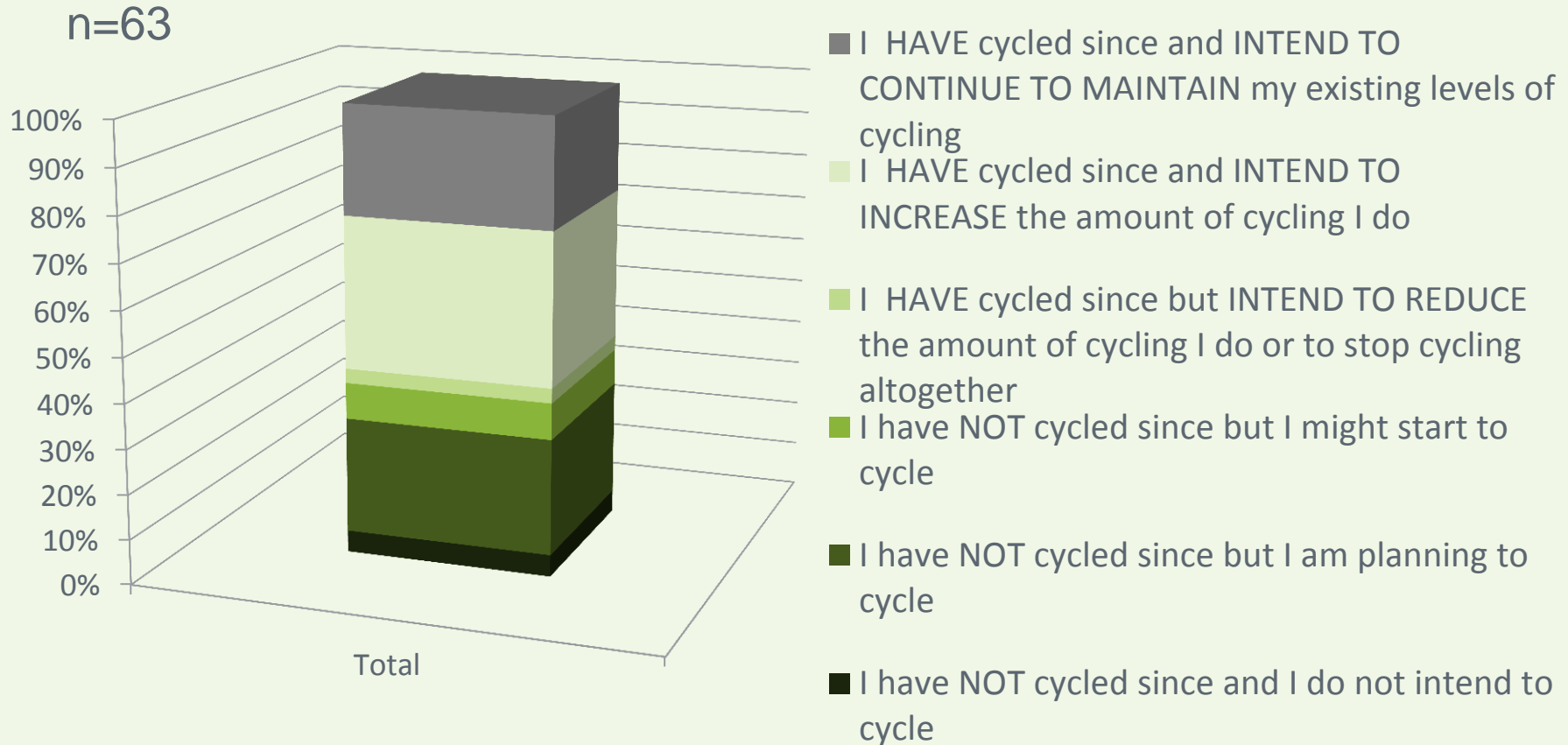
Feeling on participation in the cycling trial

Q. Please indicate, on balance, how you feel about your participation in the cycling trial [on a scale of 0-10 where 10 is very positive]



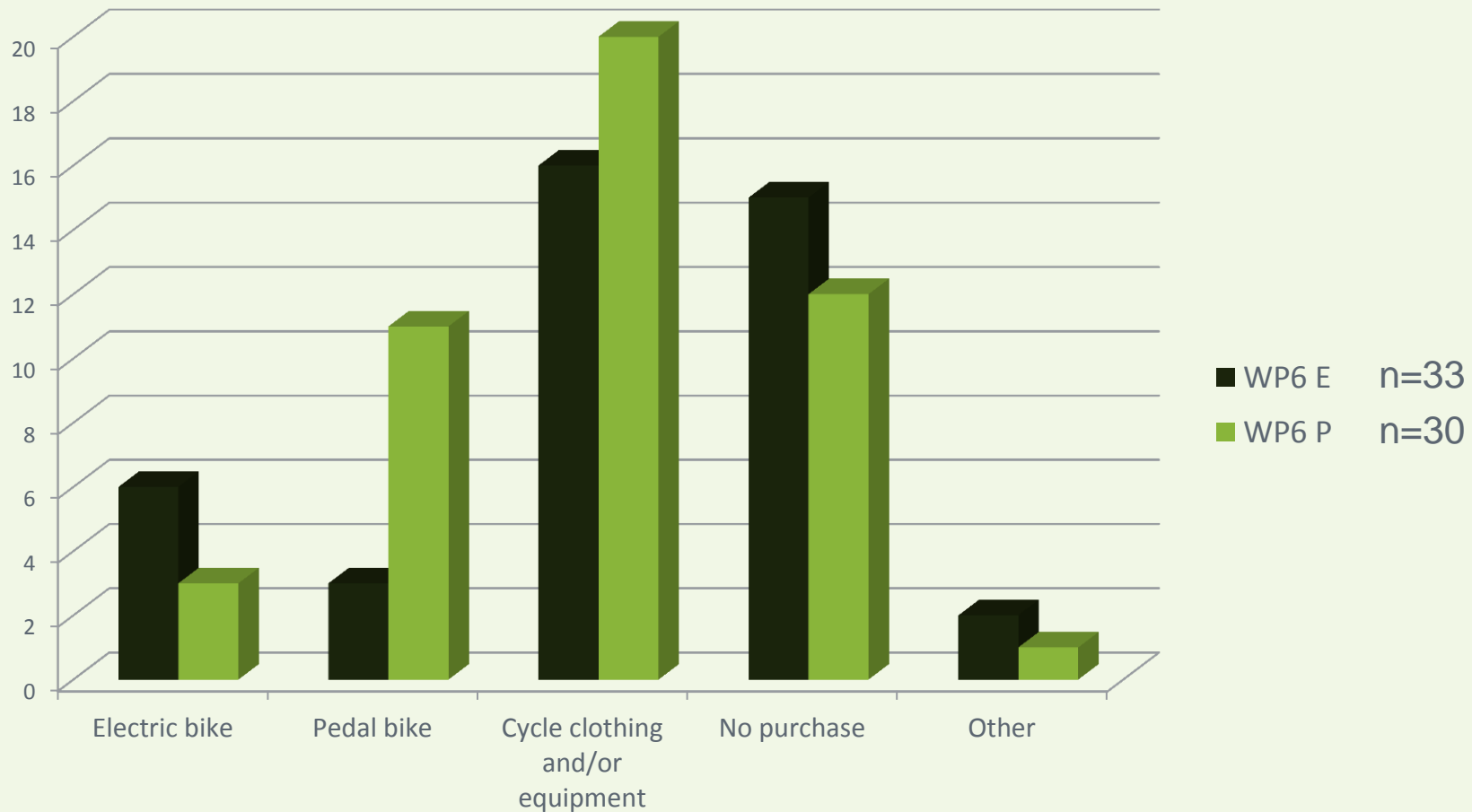
Cycling since the trial, and future plans

Q. Please select the statement that best represents your cycling activity SINCE COMPLETING the cycling trial AND your plans over the next 12 months



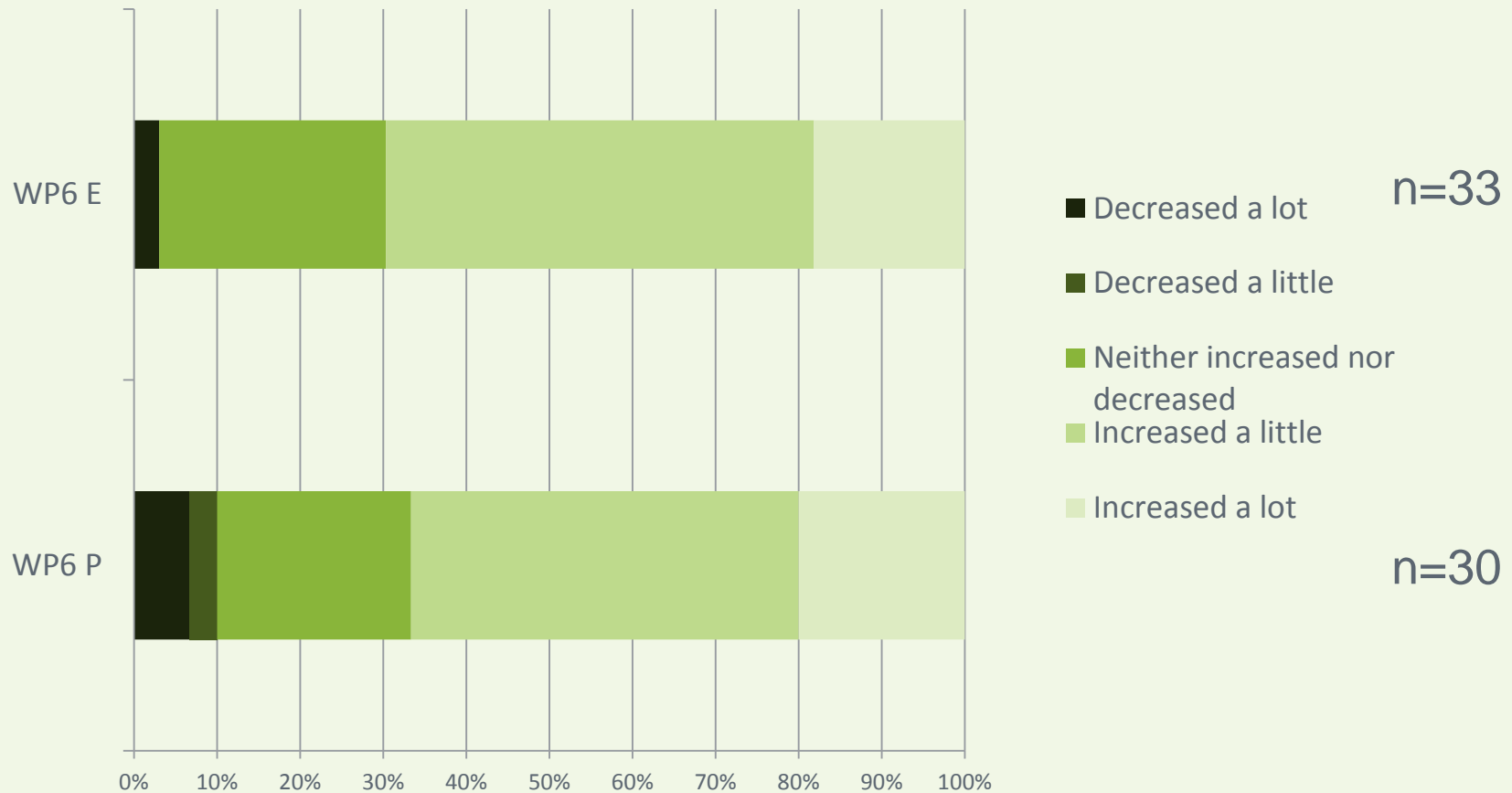
Cycling purchases since completing the trial

Q. Since completing the trial have you or anyone in your household purchased any of the following



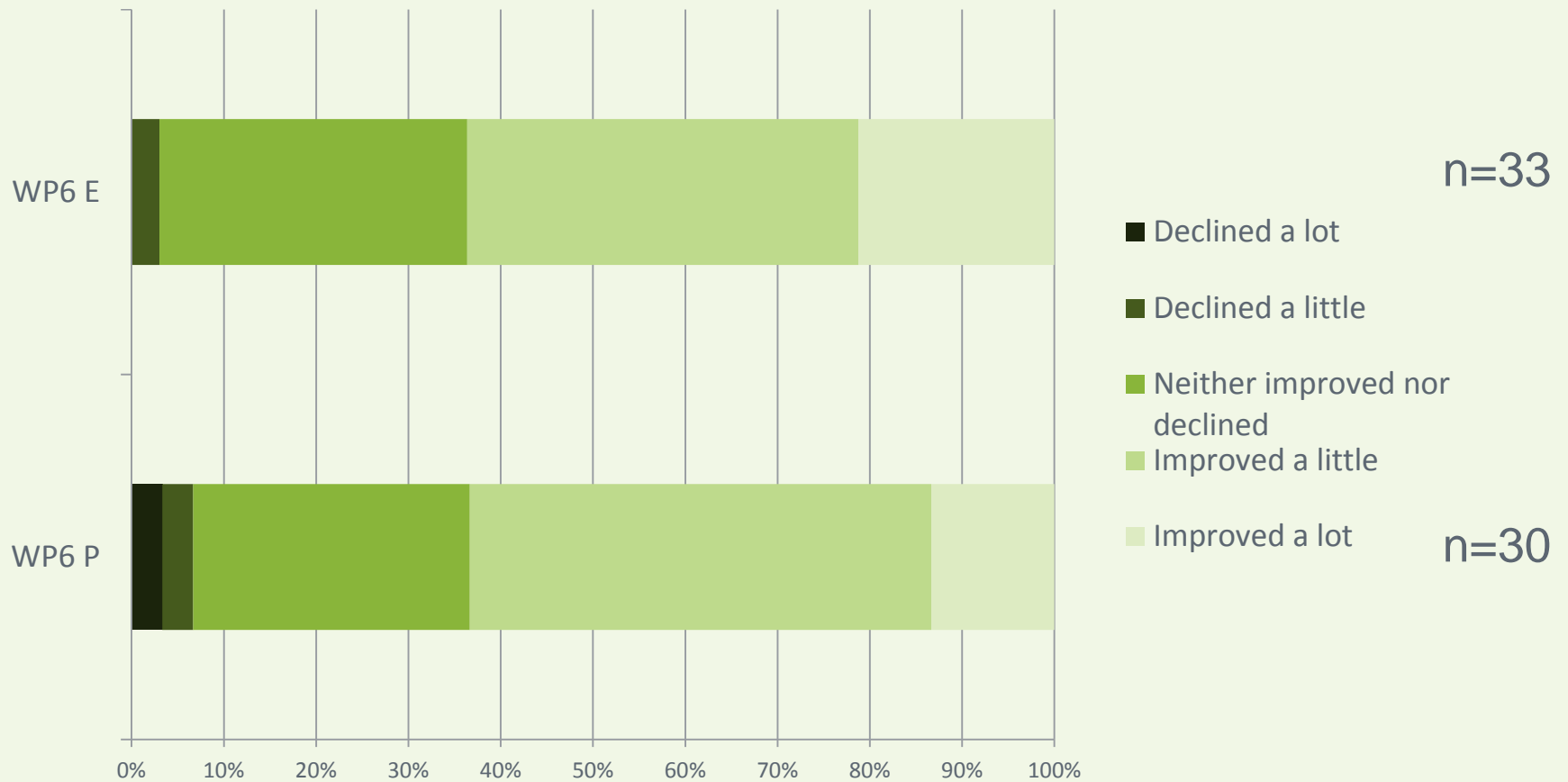
Perceived change in physical activity

Q. Please indicate below how YOU perceive YOUR physical activity has changed compared to BEFORE taking part in the cycling trial



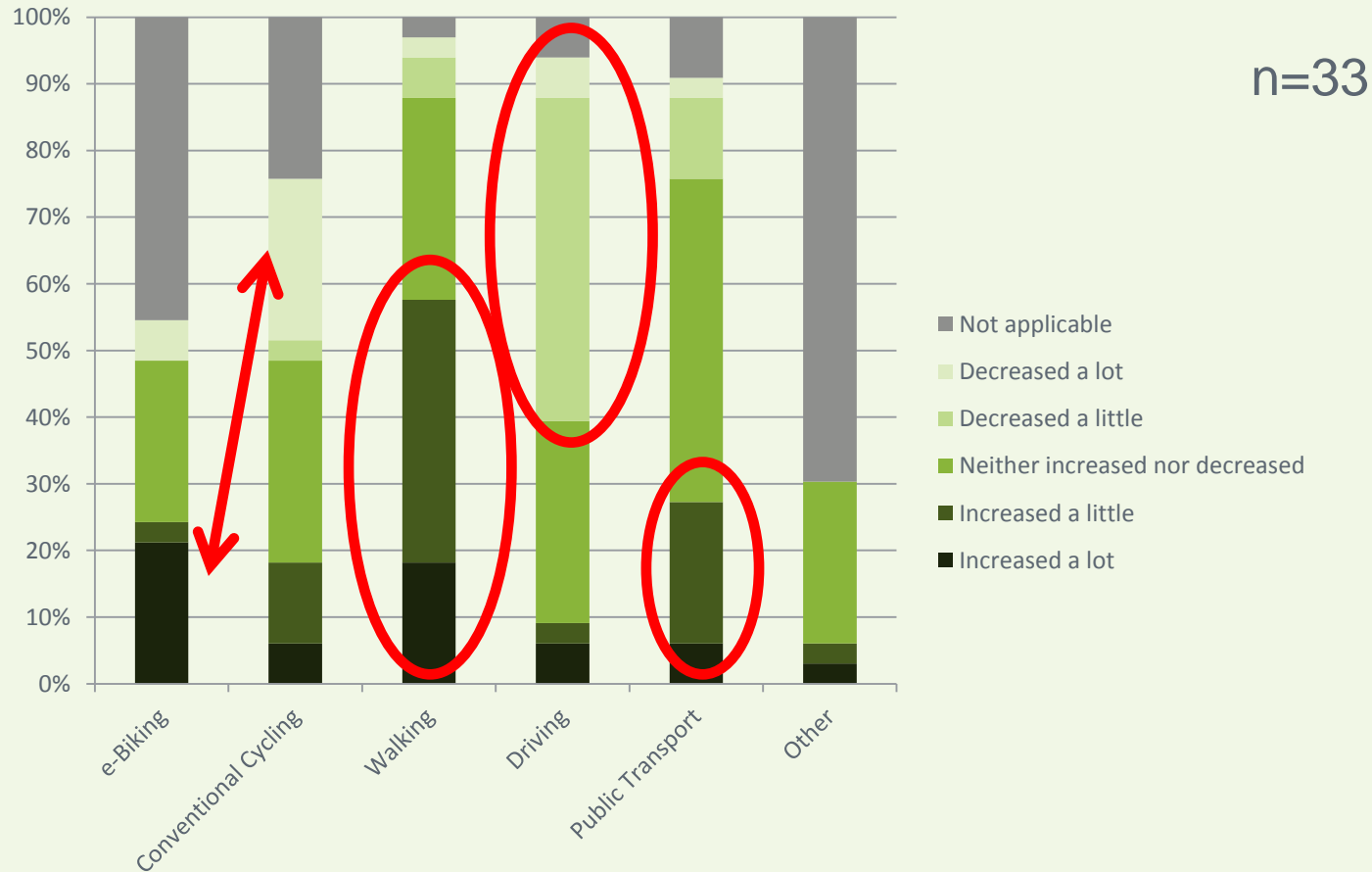
Perceived change in wellbeing

Q. Please indicate below how YOU perceive YOUR wellbeing to has changed compared to BEFORE taking part in the cycling trial



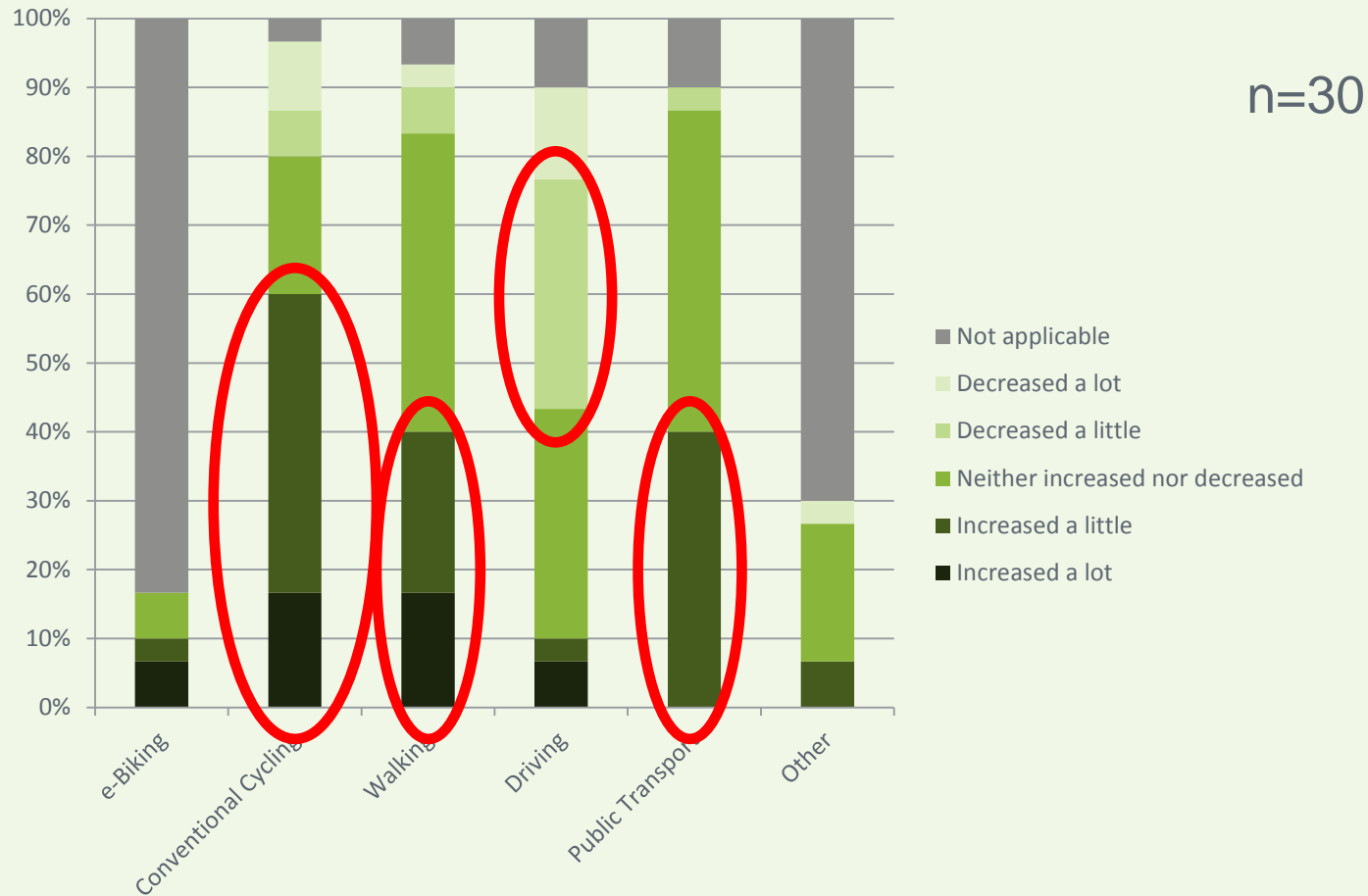
Perceived change in travel behaviour after taking part – e-Bikers

Q. Please indicate below how YOU perceive YOUR travel behaviour has changed COMPARED TO BEFORE taking part in the 8-week cycling trial



Perceived change in travel behaviour after taking part – Pedal cyclists

Q. Please indicate below how YOU perceive YOUR travel behaviour has changed COMPARED TO BEFORE taking part in the 8-week cycling trial





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Diary of Cycling Experience (DoCE)

Tim Jones (Oxford Brookes)

“Getting
busy in
middle
age!”

Complexities of work-life

Job | move to suburbs | household |
caring obligations

Personality – antecedent state

Mode preference | Road danger |
Health issues-energy | social
circles/lack of cycling culture

No reason! – not uppermost in
sphere of consciousness

Acknowledge:

‘Allure of the e-bike’

Positive antecedent state towards cycling or physical activity.

Health [maintain-improve-overcome]

Alternative mode

Access outdoors – exploration

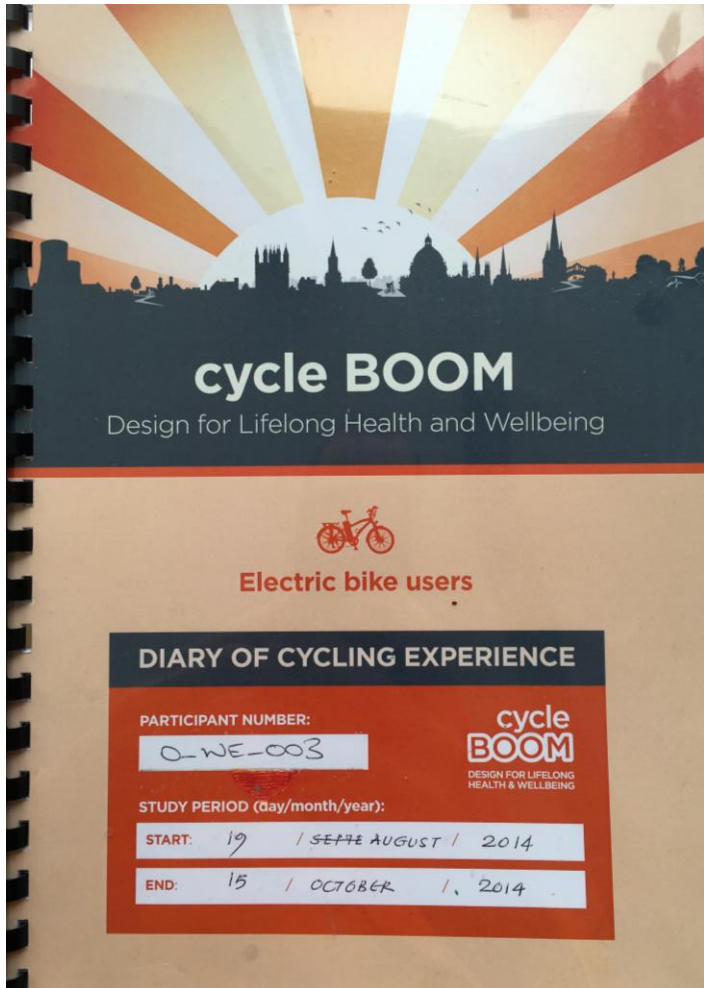
Regain confidence cycling

Social riding

Overcoming hilly terrain [e-bike]

Time /(in some cases) disposable income

Diary of Cycling Experience (DoCE)



FACTS

Week beginning (date/month): Monday 4 / SEPT						WEEK 3							
1: Cycling/physical activity description <i>Please give brief description</i>	2: Start time <i>Write in to nearest minute</i>	3: End time <i>Write in to nearest minute</i>	4: Level of Intensity <i>M=Moderate V=Vigorous</i>	5: Purpose <i>P=Practical R=Recreation</i>	6: (If a journey) From <i>Write in street name and area</i>	7: (If a journey) To <i>Write in street name and area</i>	8: (If cycling) Cycle used <i>P=Push R=E-Bike</i>	9: (If e-bike) Proportion of time in each power setting <i>Insert per cent (%)</i>					10: Personal reflection on cycling/physical activity <i>How did you feel? What was good/not so good? Were you alone or with others?</i>
						Off	Eco	Tour	Sport	Turbo			
MON 1 WALKING	15-00	16-30	M	P	OX14 3XT	CENTRAL ABINGDON SHOP						DO NOT EVEN WALKING AT PRESENT BUT FEEL I MUST DO SOME, HOPE TO IMPROVE BY DOING MORE BUT SO SLOW! COMPARED WITH CYCLING, ALONE. ABOUT 2/2-3 MILES	
TUES 2 CYCLING (Hike 1)	09-48	11-07	M	R	OX14 3XT	SHIPPIN COTLED WESTON BEARS HILL	R	0	0	75	24	1	SWANNI WALKING, GOOD TO BE OUT. SLOW RIDE ALONE WITH GILL WHO WANTED RIDE WITH BRACEY FOOT O.K. SHORT RUN BUT PLEASANT
TUES 2 CYCLING (Hike 2)	18-40	19-24	M	R	OX14 3XT	HINDSLEY AND DIVISIONS OF ABINGDON	R	0	0	100	0	0	RELAXING NET SEVERAL FRIENDS MET SEEN RECENTLY
WED 3 SWIMMING (OUTDOOR)	14-30	15-05	M	R									RETURN ROUTE HOME VIA THAMES PATH TO SANDFORD, BETTER THAN OWN ROUTE. EVEN ABOUT ALEAITH TRACKS SEEMING
WED 3 CYCLING	16-14	17-01	V	R	HINDSLEY OUTDOOR POOL EXPORD	OX14 3XT	R	0	0	0	99	1	WITH GROUP OF 6 THIS WEEK - ALL GOT SOME GOOD GAMES, PUNING HR. CAN ONLY THINK ANYONE WOULD USE THIS GEAR (E-BIKE) WOULD THEY PREFER TO DO MOST OF THE WORK. SLOW EASY RIDE.
THU 4 BADMINTON	10-00	12-00	V	R									WITH GILL, TRICE CALLO PASTOR, THOMAS AND PAULINE BOY RIVER LEGS TIED AT END ONLY PLAYED FOR 1 HOUR IN SESSION. RUC TO INFLUX OF NEW PLAYERS, TWO MORE STANDING BY TIME. LIKE MORE ACTION.
THU 4 CYCLING	15-15	16-45	M	P	OX14 3XT	LOCAL ABINGDON SHOPPING	R	1	99	0	0	0	ONLY 25 MINUTE CYCLING IN THIS PERIOD. MATHIAS WANTED TO DO A NEW BEATS
FRI 5 CYCLING	09-25	13-26	V	R	OX14 3XT	TO WALLINGFORD	R	0	0	0	99	1	WAS 10 THIS WEEK AS THE WEATHER AT WALLINGFORD. SWIMMING BUT NOT E VALUATING (14-10-176)
FRI 5 PICKLEBALL	19-30	21-45	V	R									
SAT 6 NO ACTIVITY													
SUN 7 CYCLING (Hike 1)	10-16	12-32	M	R	OX14 3XT	LOCAL ABINGDON	R	0	0	100	0	0	
SUN 7 CYCLING (Hike 2)	14-01	18-37	V	R	OX14 3XT	HINDSLEY POOL EXPORD	R	0	0	0	98	2	
SUN 7 SWIMMING (OUTDOOR)	15-40	16-00	M	R									

WEEKLY REFLECTION ON YOUR CYCLING/PHYSICAL ACTIVITY EXPERIENCE

Use this space to record reflections on your experience at the end of each week. Feel free to include text, photos, sketches etc. Please don't forget to include a date and caption.

WEEK 3

A successful week of activities. With GMS broken Dore declared Monday we were able to use the e-bikes for journeys we would not normally have undertaken or when we would have used a car.

Extremely bumpy sections of cycle track have convinced me that it is safer to ride with the cars than try to avoid being with them. One journey took us along the Thames Path, including a field section, and this was in better condition than the road on which we had made the outward journey - and more scenic.

Still using constant power settings and using gears, except boosting on steep hills. Have climbed hills not managed before. Strange phenomena is that it is sometimes better (repeat sometimes) to change up a gear going up a hill than the to change down, which is the logical way. This sometimes gives more power and it must be due to pedal pressure bringing more assisted power into play.

Due to the heaviness of the bike and high centre of gravity due to battery and saddlebag one must be careful not to lean the bike too far when stationary. I was caught unaware and the e-bike toppled over and took me with it. No damage to either but I am more aware now and being more careful.

The bell is in a very awkward position and plans to move it to the opposite side since it will be more accessible.

Slight adjustments to the saddle position, about 12mm up and 12mm back have made my riding position better.

Am taking readings from the car's milk after each ride which I will submit with the diary and may be useful in your research.

Hoping weather stays reasonable and look forward to enjoyable rides in the next 5 weeks. The e-bike has certainly made cycling easier and although effort is required one finishes a ride feeling fresh. It's also thrilling to go faster.

FEELINGS



Wallingford Bridge. We enjoy company at Wallingford. The site is a few metres away by the Riverside
5 SEPTEMBER 2014



Time for a walk around Harcourt Arboretum near Hencham (Wiltshire), leaving e-bikes at the gate.

20 SEPTEMBER 2014

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Short stop at Clifton Hampden.



Witcham Clumps, near Dorchester. Not even the e-bike could climb this hill.

5 OCTOBER 2014

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TECH

Re-acquainting

Comfort

Manoeuvrability

Operation

Knowledge-support

BODY

Adapting-learning

Pleasure

Weight loss

Better sleep

Confidence/capability

Pain

Aches

Tiredness

Colds

Crashes!

PLACE

Expanding- discovery

Weather

Infrastructure

Social networks

Nature

Transgressions

Overwhelmingly positive experience

Motivation: cycle training & structured plan

Intention: develop & maintain cycling

But partial cycling [time/space]

POTENTIAL CATALYSTS

Awareness/knowledge of healthy ageing

Growth in more supportive/better quality infrastructure

Growth in availability/affordability of E-bikes

Gillian Flynn

Barton, East Oxford

Age: 60s

Pedal cycle trial

Returning to cycling after several years

It has been a great experience! I have met new people and made friends and it has made me more independent and outgoing.



My cycling with a conventional bike was getting slower, harder, and less enjoyable, and I have now regained the pleasure of cycling, easier but still giving a reasonable amount of exercise .

Brian Hook

Abingdon

Age: 80s

Electric-bike trial

New to E- bikes after recently reduced pedal cycling



A portrait of Val Scatchard, a woman with short, light-colored hair, smiling. The background is dark.

Val Scatchard

Cumnor, Oxford

Age: 60s

Electric-bike trial

New to E-bikes after recently reduced pedal cycling

“I would like an e-bike as I live at the top of a 1.5 mile hill...[taking part in the trial] proved the benefit of exile!”

A portrait of Michael Quirke, an older man with glasses and a dark sweater, smiling. The background is dark.

Michael Quirke

Donnington, Oxford

Age: 80s

Electric-bike trial

New to E-bikes after recently reduced pedal cycling

“Appreciate value on wellbeing and ease at things...Great experience great team well organised easy to do and of benefit.”



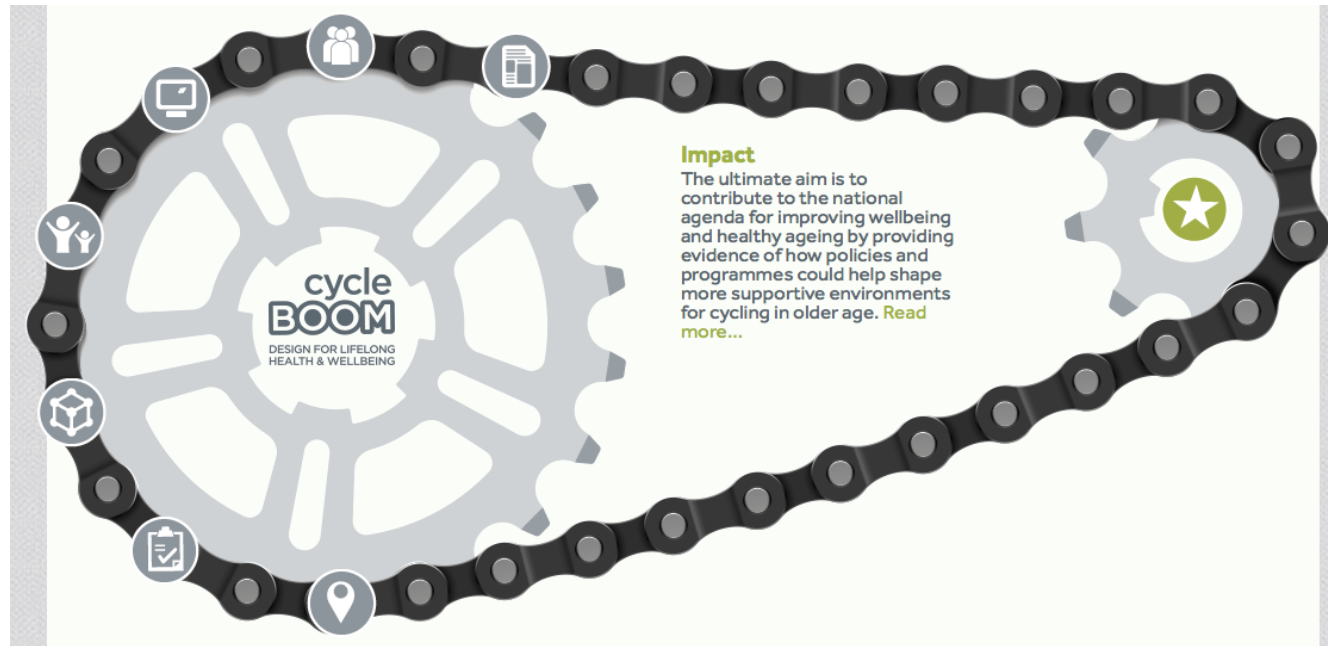
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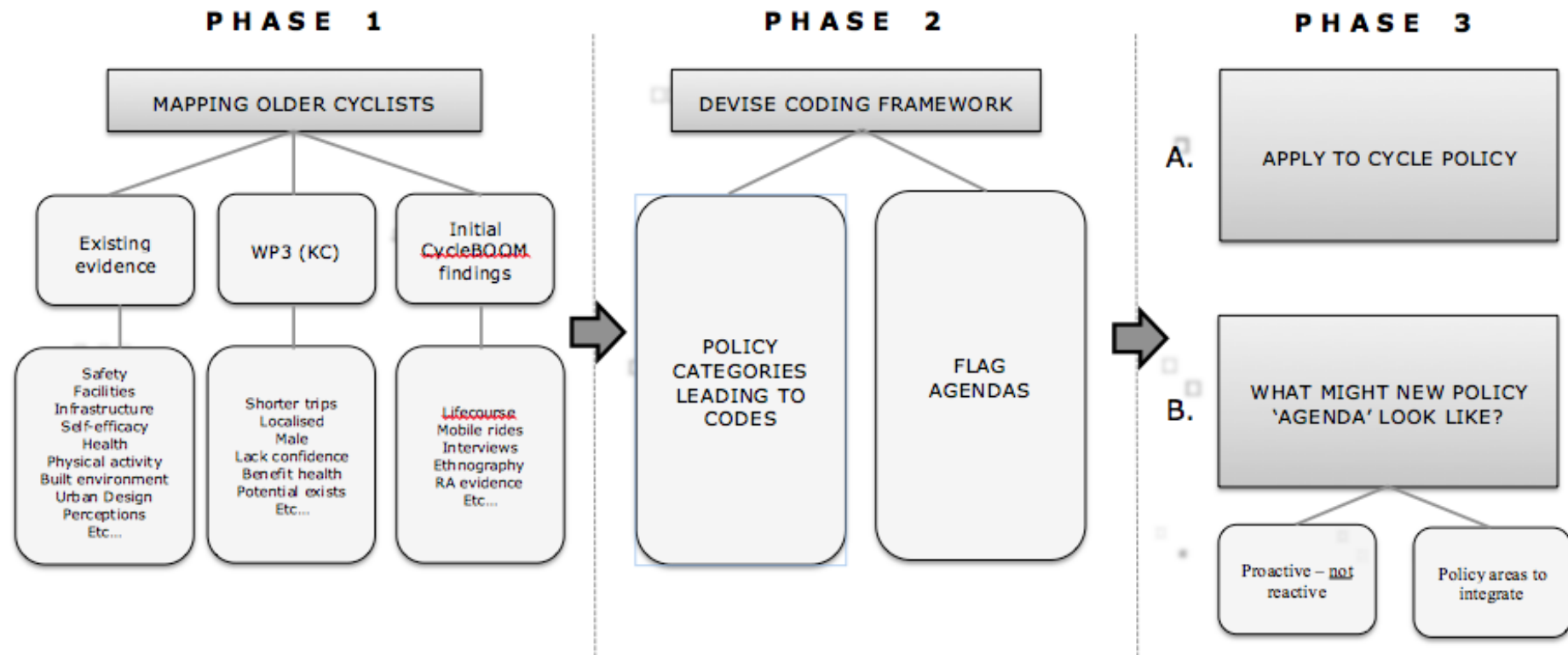
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