

## Southampton Cycle Campaign – Minutes of meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012

*Apologies for any omissions / errors. Please bring any to my attention on [lizkerans@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizkerans@yahoo.co.uk)*

**Present:** 15: Thea Bjaaland, Tim Wakely, Jonathan Chant, Peter Davis, Tina Davis, Mike Charlton, Paul Garratt, Jim Probert, Liz Holmes, Grant Holmes, Dilys Gartside, Lindsi Bluemel, Barry Colborne, Sue Colborne, Tom

1. **Apologies:** Chris Bluemel, Eric Reed, Mike, Lyn, Richard
2. **Minutes of last meeting:** of 9<sup>th</sup> July were distributed, and accepted as read. Some items were discussed in more detail.
3. **LSTF Eastern Cycle Corridor:** Lindsi was invited onto Council committee to discuss the Eastern approach to Southampton. (Portsmouth Road / Itchen Bridge). The aim is to complete this route by the end of 2012. It was suggested that SCC provide feedback from its members on their views of the route. There are to be major changes to both ends of the bridge; there are to be onroad cycle facilities along Portsmouth Road and Portchester Road. This action is being taken as a result of the cycling survey.
4. **Stoneham Lane:** Council say that a lower or varied speed limit on this route would be 'unenforceable'. SCC does not agree. Options include chicaning, build-outs such as on Moorgreen Road, double white lines etc. SCC agreed that radical action may need to be taken, such as a protest on Stoneham Lane.
5. **Cycle stands on Oxford Street:** Mike mentioned that when he tried to park his bike here he had to lock it to a sign, which when he left was immediately taken up by another cyclist. Lindsi met with Murtaza of Balfour Beatty on Oxford Street. Bike stands were full at 10.00am. Because of the cobbled surface, people think the street is shared space, hence the huge signs everywhere! Murtaza told Lindsi that a number of sites were designated for trees. It was noted that any 'structure' - such as a bike stand - needs to be at least 2 metres from the frontage of a shop/restaurant. Murtaza and Lindsi looked at a number of places where bike stands could be installed. The intention is to install approx. 6 bike stands.
6. **Cutbush Lane:** Complaints about the number and type of barrier along this route. The Eastleigh / Southampton boundary goes through the middle of the lane, which hinders things. Southampton does not seem to have a policy on barriers. Mike volunteered to look into this with Dale. Dilys mentioned that Townhill Park Regeneration Group had discussed Cutbush as a priority. Liz and Grant Holmes to get in touch with the group and find out the discussion points and try to get them to keep SCC up to date with proceedings.
7. **Queen's Park Scheme:** Cyclists currently directed into Vokes park via a Toucan crossing, which is proving very unpopular. It was agreed that the intention of the Council in this instance was to get cyclists off the road. Lindsi suggested that a better route could be put in along the north side of the park which could be made 'except cyclists'.
8. **Thomas Lewis Way / Horseshoe Bridge lights:** New traffic light phasing on this junction, however, Lindsi has noted that it did not work when she tried to cross. It was decided the best course was to contact Actionline. It was noted that the University Road / Burgess Road lights had the same problem – sensor not working... Paul to pursue University Road problem.
9. **Mark's Ride:**
  - About 17 people took part.
  - Noted that a red geranium had been planted at the crossroads
  - Agreed that an annual ride should be held, albeit a different route each time, perhaps a visit to the different pubs that Mark liked to frequent.

**10. Car Dependency in Southampton:** Southampton is 5<sup>th</sup> in the list of cities who are least dependent on cars for transport.

**11. Unused bikes and bike bits:** Thea gave us an update on this. It's a rapidly expanding venture. Held twice a week at Jordan House, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1100am to 4.00pm, with the Ropewalk Scheme at weekends. Donations of bikes / trikes welcome. Meanwhile rideride operate from Unit 12, Solent Business Centre, 343 Millbrook Road West, Southampton. Volunteers are also needed for the Society of St James back to basics transition group.

**12. Membership:**

- No comprehensive membership list exists. Problem in that not all members have e-mail addresses that they can be contacted on for renewal etc.
- Options for easier renewal were discussed – direct debits / standing orders / 2 year memberships / 5 year membership including 1 year free.
- What do members get out of being a member? It was suggested that we have more social evenings / bike ride to a pub / showing of short films about cycle facilities in other countries etc.

It was concluded that we would have a separate 'social' meeting to discuss membership further. Mike C to look into date and venue.

Sue read a letter from a 'retiring' member, Jennifer. She is saying farewell to the SCC as she is losing her sight and sadly must give up cycling.

**13. Warden Updates:** Eric needs to know missing links on NCN routes, so anyone with information on these, please e-mail him. Further warden updates covered in points 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 above.

**14. AOB:**

- Court Leet to be held on 20 is plenty on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. (Apologies, I missed where this is happening)
- Thea informed us that cycling has increased by 21.6% in the last year.
- Mike C suggested that we should have a Good Cycling Campaign, distributing leaflets to schools. SCC to promote safe cycling and make a statement accordingly, which should help give us some positive press.

**Next meeting:**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 7.30pm for 8 – the Friends Meeting House, Ordnance Road.**

