



Portsmouth Cycle Forum Newsletter January 2013

PCF open meeting 10 January



The first meeting of Portsmouth Cycle Forum in 2013 will be on Thursday 10 January at the Stacey Centre, Walsall Road, Copnor at 7pm. This month we will be welcoming speakers from Portsmouth City Council who will be telling us about the Northern Road bridge replacement project which will see extensive road closures and diversions in the coming months. In

addition, they will be able to explain the proposals for a temporary one-way traffic system in and around Cosham High Street. We'll also have time for discussion and updates on our activities and cycling in general.

How to find the Stacey Centre: From the roundabout at the junction of Baffins Road, St Mary's Road and Milton Road, follow Langstone Road taking the second turning on the left into Lichfield Road followed by the first turning to the right into Walsall Road. The centre is on the left hand side. The postcode is PO3 6DN.



LSTF consultation



We are expectantly waiting to be invited to consultations with PCC about the LSTF schemes that involve cycle routes and improvements to cycle routes. So far we have been invited in to discuss one route and had had a second meeting aborted – due to safety concerns.... as one of the rationales of the LSTF is supposedly to revolve around community buy in and engagement this isn't going too well!

[Cyclenation Conference – Bristol](#)



The campaigner's conference this year was held in Bristol and the theme was 'More and Safer

Cycling: National Context and Local Action'. There were a series of short guided rides to see various elements of Bristol's cycling culture. This was followed by a 'world café' style event to discuss various topic themes.

After lunch we heard a series of briefings from Cyclenation and the CTC and enjoyed the launch of Cyclescape. Gordon Seabright, Chief Executive of the CTC presented the "The National Cycling Action Plan" and Adrian Davis, Public Health; Bristol City Council spoke about "Public Health and Cycling".

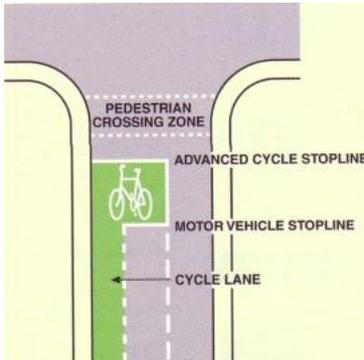
Northern Road Bridge



review the ban once we see how many vehicles are using it', so some hope still...

We've also been along to speak to the project manager of the Northern Road Bridge replacement in Cosham. We talked about how the scheme would accommodate cyclists and pedestrians in the final design. Despite presenting a very convincing case for continuing to allow cyclists to ride over the bridge during the works when, after all, taxis and buses will still be able to drive over it, we were told 'we'll

Albert Road meeting



updated on any changes that are planned. Currently it is impossible to clear the junctions before the signal changes to let the vehicles on the other arms move.....

We recently met with PCC representatives and councillors at the junction of Elm Grove and Victoria Road to look at some safety concerns we have. These are shared by one of the local councillors and they concern the works on the 3 junctions in this vicinity and the recently completed crossings. We feel that the schemes have had a detrimental effect on cycles using the road to negotiate these junctions. We can report that the issues with the junctions have been taken back to PCC and will be investigated..... we will keep you

Rides



Our next rides are coming up at the end of December and January – [The hayling houses ride ride on the 27th January and the Fort Nelson Tea ride on 24th February](#). We really hope to see some of you on them. The fish and chips ride was a great success and we thoroughly enjoyed a ride and some lovely fish and chips at the Kingfisher in Albert road at the end. Sadly we've have put the Wednesday rides on hold until Spring.

Sustrans Volunteers meeting



meeting early in the new year with the regional manager for Sustrans so we can come up with ideas for how to raise the profile and usage of the routes.... So watch this space for more news on that!

Some of our members are also involved in volunteering locally for the sustainable transport charity Sustrans and they help look after and promote the National Cycle Network around Portsmouth – routes 2 and 22. We are having a planning