

Southampton Cycle Campaign – Minutes of meeting held 25th June 2012

Apologies for any omissions / errors. Please bring any to my attention on lizkerans@yahoo.co.uk

Present: 15: Lindsi Bluemel, Robin Bluemel, Jonathan Chant, Mike Charlton, David Cooper, Pete & Tina Davis, Dilys Gartside, Liz & Grant Holmes, Steve & Nick Hudson, Jim Probert, David Thomas, Tim Wakeley

1. **Apologies:** Eric Reed, Barry & Sue Colborne
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** of 10th June were accepted as being correct.
3. **Matters Arising:**
 - Some people finding it difficult to attend both Monday and Tuesday meetings, e.g. Barry & Sue. It was agreed that we would hold a forthcoming meeting nearer to their area.
4. **Trial of Driver involved in Mountbatten Way:**
 - Lindsi, Pete, Tina and Dilys volunteered to attend the Crown Court on 1st July. This date and subsequent court dates to be put on Doodle.
 - It was agreed that there should be more follow up on cycling accidents in general.
5. **Cutbush Lane:**
 - Eric attending a Townhill Park meeting to find out what money is being spent on.
 - Agreed that Cutbush has two problems 1) Too many cycle unfriendly barriers. 2) Its status is unclear.
 - Need to find someone to protest about it, someone who would be affected under the Disability Discrimination Act. Need to talk to Southampton Disability Group.
 - Mike, Pete, Tina, Liz, Grant volunteered to be the 'Cutbush Group'.
6. **Traffic Lights:**
 - At various junctions in Southampton, traffic lights do not give cyclists enough time on the green to cross. Examples include Bevois Valley to Portswood Rd., (Lodge Rd. Jnct); Bassett Green from Thomas Lewis Way; West Park Road to Commercial Rd.; Nursling St. / Romsey Rd. St Deny's Road over Thomas Lewis way has been corrected following a previous complaint.
 - Particularly difficult for kids.
 - To be discussed with Asa Thorpe at his next meeting.
 - Members encouraged to volunteer to time lights, and report back on problems as part of Warden Updates.
7. **Feedback on success (or otherwise) of Bike Week:**
 - Generally agreed a success, with far more numbers than last year and many new participants. Good points: Great route through Hedge End. Bad points: endless barriers, crossing roundabout at West End.
 - Pre-registration of rides was discussed for when numbers increase.
 - Thanks to all Bike Week ride leaders.
8. **AOB:**
 1. **SCC Business cards:** We can get these cheaply from Vistaprint. Should have facebook, website details, etc. They can be handed out during the Sky Ride. Steve & Nick have taken this on, and hope to have results by end of July.
 2. **Winchester Road:** Vermont Grove / Bassett Avenue to the mini-roundabout: an island sticks out creating a pinch point, whereas a cut-out would be better, or there is plenty of room for a much wider cycle lane.

3. Items to be discussed with Chris Gregory at meeting on 1st July:

Chris is the Sustainability Manager of the New Forest Park Authority and will speak about the joint bid by the South Downs and New Forest National Parks for improved cycle routes / facilities in these areas. It was agreed that the following items should be discussed with him:

- In the bid, it states that the funds would be made available to parish councils, not linked into an integrated plan.
- Traffic calming needed (build outs, chicanes).
- What is being done about dangerous junctions?
- Improved access for cyclists (no direct route from Southampton to Brockenhurst).
- Specific routes: Ashurst / Lyndhurst bike track not good; Marchwood bypass crossing;
- Better signage needed.
- Is park & ride being considered? Will summer specials be considered on trains.

4. Dominos Pizza:

- Lots of accidents here, due to drivers having to cross the cycle path to get onto the road and wheelie bins left on pavement forcing pedestrians into the cycle lane.
- Proposed solutions include realignment; education; moving the parking area elsewhere.
- Asa Thorpe has suggested a meeting with ourselves and the Road Safety Authority, as he has concerns about other stores as well. David C has agreed to attend the meeting provided it's on a Mon / Tues.

It was agreed that problems like Winchester Rd and Donimoes should be discussed on Cyclescape.

Next meeting:

**Monday 1st July @ 7.30pm – the Friends Meeting House, Ordnance Road.
Speaker: Chris Gregory, Sustainability Manager, New Forest Park Authority**

