

## Southampton Cycle Campaign – Minutes of meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013

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

**Present:** 18: Lindsi Bluemel, Jonathan Chant, Barry & Sue Colborne, Pete & Tina Davis, Dilys Gartside, Liz & Grant Holmes, Steve & Nick Hudson, Chris Jenkins, Rosie Marshall, Jim Probert, Eric Reed, David Thomas, Tim Wakeley

**Speakers:** Chris Gregory and Mark Holroyd, New Forest National Park Authority

1. **Apologies:** Chris Bluemel, Mike Charlton, David Cooper
2. **Minutes of previous meeting:** of 25<sup>th</sup> June were accepted as being correct.
3. **Eastern Corridor:**
  - Funding prohibits Phase 1, so only town centre from Itchen Bridge will be included.
  - ABP insisting they need two lanes on Kingsway due to cruise liner traffic, but on carriageway cycle lanes to be introduced.
  - Route over Central Bridge to be improved with wider segregated cycle path over Marsh Lane.
  - Elliptic roundabout on Evans Street/ Marsh Lane/Threefield Lane Junction.
  - Segregation on Kingsway will be more than just lines.
4. **Evans St.:**
  - Two weeks to respond to the plan to introduce a new toucan crossing across Evans St.
5. **Splash Maps:**
  - David Overton, MD of Splashmaps brought samples of his Splash maps of e.g. New Forest, South Downs, Isle of Wight. The detail on the maps is produced using Ordnance Survey data and Open street map data. The maps are rain proof and can be scrunched up, worn as scarves, washed.
  - Details on the map can be scanned with iphone / ipad, and are linked to further information online. (I did not catch whether you would need special software for this?).
  - They are available to buy on [www.splashmaps.net](http://www.splashmaps.net) Prices from £18.99.

### **Speaker: Chris Gregory and Mark Holroyd:**

spoke to us about funding to improve cycle facilities / routes in the New Forest. Some interesting points:

- A massive 90% of visitors to the NF arrive by car.
- 1.5 million cycle trips are made in the NF each year. 380,000 cyclists.
- Off-road routes in the forest were designated prior to it being made a National Park. Routes have largely stayed the same. Attempts to integrate routes have failed. The NPA have limited powers to do anything to resolve this.

-The NPA have three aims with their funding:

1. Reducing carbon emissions
2. creating sustainable transport
3. Linking communities

- They aim to introduce a travel concierge at Brockenhurst station to provide visitors arriving by train with information. They will also take visitor's luggage to their accommodation while the visitors cycle.

-They aim to rejuvenate Brockenhurst station and improve the cycle hire facilities there, introducing a family cycle centre.

- They aim to introduce a 'transaction and release' cycle hire scheme throughout the forest.

- They aim to introduce 'pedal busses' and a 'beach bus' service to Lymington.

- They want the Hythe-Brockenhurst NCR to be extended to Christchurch.
- They aim to provide local businesses with funds to provide better cycle facilities.
- They have applied to the Highway Authority to get better signage in the forest.

Chris also mentioned – on questioning from members – that any new recreational facilities proposed for the NF must be approved by the verderers. They will only look at such proposals if they come from the Forestry Commission. The verderers are ‘guided by’ the New Forest Act 1970.

*Many thanks to Chris and Mark and also to David Overton for coming to speak with us.*

**Next meeting:  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July @ 7.30pm – Venue: The Highfield**

