

**Southampton Cycle Campaign –
Minutes of meeting held Tuesday 28th October 2013**

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

Present: 10 – Lindsi Bluemel, Pete & Tina Davis, John Heath, Grant & Liz Holmes, Steve (surname?) Chris Jenkins, Jim Probert, David Thomas

1 Apologies: Mike Charlton, Chris Bluemel, Dilys Gartside

2 Lover's Walk

- Tina and Pete reported on the meeting of 22nd October. Attendees included Robert Stanley, acting for the Council, Balfour Beatty, SCATTS, some local residents, an ecologist from the council, 4 campaign members.
- The results of the meeting were that 60% wanted existing pathway widened. The council propose widening the pathway to 3.5metres with 4 metres at Burgess Rd and Furzedown Rd entrances. SCAPPS objected to 4 metres. If the pathway was widened as outlined, 2,000 sq metres would be lost to the common, again objected to by SCAPPS. A bramble hedge along the pathway was also proposed.
- Other problems noted (our meeting) were awkward exit to Burgess Rd. from the north end and the phasing of the traffic lights there, the fact that the pathway needs to be upgraded in any case; the sudden appearance of 'no cycle' signs, the numbers of both pedestrians and cyclists that use the route.
- The situation is to be monitored, all relevant documents and reports kept for records.

3 Second Avenue

- The proposal to remove part of the contra-flow cycle lane and reintroduce two way traffic for motor vehicles on part of Second Avenue was discussed.
- A few members wanted to withdraw SCC's objection to the removal of the contra-flow. Others agreed that any objection would only be to the traffic order and not to any new facilities introduced and that it (the objection) should be upheld.
- It remained undecided as to how SCC should proceed on this issue and that further discussion at the next meeting was needed.
- It was (importantly) noted that the traffic report drawn up for the UPS plans made no mention at all of cyclists.

4 Cycle path behind Southampton Football Stadium

- The issue of poor access to this pathway from Melbourne St. has been raised on cyclescape. The access gap is narrow and often blocked by cars. This route also needs better signage as not the easiest to find in the first place.

5 Underpasses and Newts

- SCC issued an objection to the proposed narrowing of the underpass. The result is that a much narrower pipe is to be used. I believe a council member emailed Mike about this, but apologies I have lost the email with the details of the exact proposal in.

6 **AOB**

- Lindsa has requested a meeting with Councillor Jacqui Rayment, Cabinet Member for Environment. Jacqui is trying to get other cycle groups across the city to come together to meet. Lindsa is also trying to get Councillor Andrew Pope (Redbridge) to come and talk to us.

**Next meeting:
Monday 10th November, 7.30pm, Friends Meeting House
1a Ordnance Rd
Southampton SO15 2AZ**

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