

Minutes of Campaign meeting held on 10th March 2014

The meeting opened at 7.45 pm. Present: Jonathon, Pete, Tina, David T, Nick Steve, Eleanor, Jim, Alan, Barry, Sue, Chris J, Lindsi, Eric. Apologies: Mike, Grant, Chris B

Minutes of previous meeting agreed. Matters arising: Church St, Central Stn to Millbrook Stn route and Bullar Rd. Members with information on these matters updated others. Rob Stanley's departure mentioned as now no Council contact for Church St; Eric asked about timing of works. Bullar St lorry restriction facility slowed traffic and members were encouraged to have a look at it when in the area.

Eastern Approach Route Discussion of the new junction replacing the roundabout took most of meeting. Generally members not happy with the way the junction works and several dangers were identified: going straight ahead from cycle lane inside left turn lane; potential conflict between cyclists and peds at bus stop; false sense of safety created by green strips, esp for vulnerable cyclists. Pete, Tina and Chris reported on their earlier mtng with BB engineer Hi and John Dales: facility will remain as it is and be monitored; accident with hit and run driver discounted; Campaign not consulted on changes from original plan due to time constraints; green strips are there to indicate to motorists that there will be cyclists around; not enough space for full-width ASL boxes; roundabout was an accident blackspot and Council asked for something "continental and forward thinking"; official assessment of junction 2 out of 3. Chris reported on trials for low-level lights for cyclists in London which may result in DfT regulations being changed. Jonathon asked for his observations on the junction (visible from his work).

Campaign response Hi requested a response from the Campaign. Members appreciated Council's intention to improve safety for cyclists and felt more time was necessary before a full assessment could be made. Following recommendations were made: full-width ASL boxes; staggered lights; space taken from pavement to widen bus boarding island so shelter could be accommodated; 20 mph; information boards at various points showing cyclists how facility should be used. Campaign will submit response to Hi (and poss Echo) listing recommendations.

Western Approach Update from Chris: planning application for western end of Second Ave withdrawn so possibly Traffic Order related to UPS site no longer relevant (Eric confirmed this was the case); planning application pending at the Harley Davidson end.

Report on Cycle Forum mtng on 25th Feb at Civic Centre Members present who attended (Chris, Jim and Lindsi) gave a short report: members introduced themselves; no issues of importance discussed, concerned mainly with organisation, representation, frequency of mtngs etc; presentation of Southampton Cycling Strategy given by Dale; questions; working groups to be established to look at particular issues eg signage, cycle map. Lindsi felt that group meeting quarterly was unlikely to make much progress. Any Campaign member could request to represent Campaign on the Forum.

Brummell Bummel Lindsi asked for members' views on route of ride. She felt NF roads too busy on BH WE and suggested possibility of different route. Various opinions on route and no decision reached. Eric suggested a different date and it was generally agreed that previous WE would be better.

AOB Eric suggested the Campaign adopt upgrading of the Shoreburs route (Bursledon Rd to Western Shore) as a pledge to celebrate Southampton's 50 years as a city; local groups encouraged to make a pledge to achieve something this year as part of the celebration. This was agreed by all.

The mtng closed at 10.15 pm

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