

## **Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting on 9th November 2015**

The meeting opened at 8.05 pm

Present: David Cooper (Chair), Andre Ventress, Tom Moore, Lindsi Bluemel, Jim Probert, David Thomas, Stephen Edwards, Jonathon Chant, Tim Wakely, Pete Davis, Tina Davis

Apologies: Eric Reed, Lyn Brayshaw

Minutes were circulated; discussion of matters arising deferred until later in the meeting (shortage of time prevented this taking place)

1) **Discussion of October meeting** with Cycling Officer Dale Bostock and new member of Sustainable Transport team with responsibility for promoting cycling in schools. David felt that the time was not used to the best advantage and a Campaign meeting is perhaps not the best place for criticism of the Council's efforts with regard to cycling. Stephen thought that the Campaign should have a more measured response and more would be achieved if a small group of two or three met with Dale at the Civic Centre rather than inviting him to a meeting. Tina pointed out that our responses to proposals were generally ignored hence a constructive relationship with the Council was difficult. Pete suggested that the Forum was an appropriate place to raise some of the controversial issues. Members agreed that an effective working relationship with Dale was necessary for progress to take place.

2) **Priorities** Discussion of the parts of the highways infrastructure most in need of improvement to make cycling in the city safer and more pleasant. A list of our "top 10" had been requested by Dale in response to our criticism of the proposed expenditure of money from the cycling budget on Highfield Rd and Kingsbridge Lane. David suggested members should, if possible, suggest how improvements could be achieved. The following were agreed:

Dale Rd and access to the General Hospital - Jim

Gyratory - Lindsi

North/South access to Central Stn - Stephen

Winchester Rd and the roundabout at the Hill Lane junction - David T

General point - inadequate access to many ASLs - Tina

An additional list would be drawn up of the roads most in need of resurfacing and Andre said Priory Rd should be a priority.

David will co-ordinate and contact Dale when the list of priorities and suggested improvements is ready. Lindsi suggested extending to the whole cycling community through the Echo and social media; this would avoid the resulting list being regarded simply as the views of the Campaign; this was agreed.

3) **Traffic congestion on Archers Rd** David and others have had a letter from their councillor about this problem. Tim pointed out that Wilton Avenue was closed and this was contributing to the problem. It was agreed that there was insufficient time to discuss this in depth and it could be held over to the informal.

4) **Itchen Bridge/Saltmarsh Rd/Albert Rd N junction** Lindsi unsure as to how to respond to approaches from CTC, London Cycling Campaign and TfL for further information. It was agreed that the results of the survey should be supplied to these organisations along with a short report (Pete agreed to write) which should be submitted to Dale and posted on the website at the same time.

5) **The Avenue TRO** Stephen thanked Lindsi for her response to this ie objection to the removal of the segregated path on the west side of The Ave (between Northlands Rd and Bannister Rd); no objection to the removal of the segregated path on the east side (between Alma Rd and Westwood Rd). Pete and Tina would have preferred an objection to this as well and they have submitted their own response to this effect.

6) **Second Ave planning application** Frobishers had submitted an application for the removal of part of a previous planning application ie for a cycleway through a car park at the eastern end of the proposed 2nd Ave cycle route. Representing the 2nd Ave working group, Pete explained the impact of the application on the route and provided a map. He recommended no response as the cycleway through the carpark was a diversion suggested by Sustrans and not much liked by the working group and this was agreed.

**AOB** PCF meeting on Thursday with an expert on cycle casualties and "near misses". Lindsi and Jonathon to attend, poss Pete and Tina

Newsletter - following items to be submitted by end of week: Priorities (David); Campaign rides (Lindsi/Jonathon); cycle routes needed in N F (Jim); Lidl/Eling Wharf (John H to be asked); Lordswood Lane (Jim/John); trial of cyclist killed at Curdridge (Lindsi); report of PCF meeting (Lindsi); updates from working parties (Pete); Itchen Bridge survey (?)

David T has volunteered to assist with St Denys Community Centre website, in return for which we may be able to use a room there free of charge. Location is convenient and it would have the advantages of 1) AV equipment and 2) being close to the Junction PH. It was agreed that David should pursue this possibility.

The meeting closed at 10.05 pm