

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting held on 8/02/2016

Present: Tim, Lindsy, Tina, Pete, Mark, Jamie, Sue, Barrie, David T, Stephen, Andre, Mike, Alan.
Apologies: David C.

Minutes of previous meeting agreed. Matters arising: reprinted Newsletter distributed, website changes still in process of discussion – David T and Mark.

Fishlake Meadows, Romsey: Several campaign members have suggested to Test Valley Council that the path alongside the canal north of Fishlake Meadows road be upgraded to a shared use pedestrian/cycle path. It could connect to Timsbury A3057, making a good route up to Mottisfont.

Cycle Facilities in Watermark West Quay: Lindsy to contact developers to check what the proposed cycle facilities are – so we can review and respond as necessary.

Kingsbridge Lane: Lindsy has sent round on riseup the link to the council online consultation re the 3 options. Please do take part in the survey. NB Stephen has made an individual response re its low funding priority for cyclists

Stopping Up of 2nd Avenue: Please ALL send in responses as individuals by 12 February to nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk re the proposal NATTRAN/SE/S247/2095 from the industrial estate owner to close 2nd avenue (by the Harley Davidson shop) to cycles – which would mean re-routing the NCN. Pete and Tina to send the official campaign response. The proposals are potentially dangerous since cyclists will then have to cross 2 way traffic further along the road to the west (once changes are made to the road near UPS – as discussed at previous meetings).

Stopping Up of Salisbury Rd: Another emergency action since our last meeting required some campaign members to respond by 5 Feb to a planning application by the University to halve the carriageway width along part of Salisbury Road, (linked to the re-development of a university building). What is more concerning is that, if the planning application is successful, the University plan to apply to DFT for the road to change from being a public highway to become University owned land. If this happens we will object to the loss of public right of way. Discuss again at next meeting. Thanks are due to Chris, John, Jim, Pete and Tina for noticing and following up notices on lampposts.

Streamlined Communication with the Council: Since we have the constant problem of issues cropping up between meetings, it would be helpful if we can streamline how many people contact Dale or the Council on the same matters. After discussion, it was agreed that:

- 1) When issues urgent arise, we should have a single person taking responsibility for raising queries and objections with Dale/the Council in the first instance. Perhaps the person spotting it can take the lead or, if not, flag it up to David, Lindsy or Stephen who will make sure that it gets picked up. The aim is to have a single lead person acting on behalf of the Campaign on each particular issue and doing the fact finding and coordination of group action.
- 2) The lead person should send in the official campaign response and then let everyone know, ideally via rise-up, what has been said and what the rest of us can do to support our proposals/objections. As individuals, ideally not mentioning the campaign, we can respond online or with letters/e-mails to planning applications etc.
- 3) We will try to restrict all non-urgent queries and issues to a monthly communication with Dale – he has suggested a monthly communications spreadsheet which we are currently trialling. We will need to review how that is working for both sides in a few months time.

- 4) We could consider compiling an ongoing list of issues that we want to raise at the cycle forum etc to avoid sending separate e-mails every time something arises.
- 5) We might want to be careful when copying in or including councillors in our queries in their initial stages if these are fact-finding or not urgent. On campaigning issues, the lead person should decide how and when to involve local members - at times, it will be highly desirable to copy in a local ward councillor, or the executive member or the Cycle Forum chair or someone with a particular interest in the issue. We also need to involve councillors as and when we need to escalate.
- 6) We will consider our future meeting structure in the next few months – do we need mid monthly smaller committee meetings to pick up on urgent issues? If we did that, we could open up our Monday meetings to have a speaker or to consider a particular subject in greater depth than we usually have time for. Perhaps we could program these alongside pub social meetings? To be discussed further with David and the wider group in due course.

Eastern Corridor Route: Lindsie has been campaigning on this for many years. She has a meeting with Simon Letts on Thursday 11 Feb at 5pm (others welcome to join her) to discuss the Bullar gyratory and changes needed for both pedestrians and cyclists. This could be one of our campaign issues if it is not already. Proposed alternative cycle routes along Quayside Ave are not suitable.

20 MPH limit: Jamie agreed to take this on and write a letter to the Echo supporting local moves for lower speed limits in Southampton.

- AOB:**
- 1) Pete expressed concern at the recent report of a cyclist's death near Wickham, struck by a motorist from behind. We need to find out what police prosecutions are planned.
 - 2) Tim planning another pub meeting.
 - 3) Mike has not had a response yet from Eastleigh to his accident report complaint.
 - 4) Thanks to David for bringing along his laptop to display Googlemap images of the roads/paths being discussed.

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