

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting held on Monday 11 July 2016

Present: 17 members,, Stephen Edwards (Vice Chair), Lindsi Bluemel (Secretary), Jon Bingham (Events Co-ordinator), Sue and Barrie Colborne (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), Tina Davis, Peter Davis, John Heath, Mark Small, Alan Sharpen, Nick Coates, Lyn Bradshaw, Angela Cotton, David Pemberton, Brian Burrell, Chris Jenkins.

Apologies: David Cooper (Chair), David Thomas (Web-site Manager and IT Advisor), Hugh Davis, Su White.

Approval of last month's minutes: Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

Matters Rising

Election Follow-Up, David to report at the next meeting.

Action: David Thomas

Jenny Barnes Petition! Over 300 signatures have so far been signed, some SCC members still have not signed. Lindsi to re circulate the petition to members, and consult with Jenny, as to what she has done following the success of the petition and what we can now do to ask for action following it.

Action: Lindsi

Itchen Bridge Press Release.

Working party to produce a press release following last years survey of cyclists using the Itchen Bridge.

Action: Tina, Pete and Stephen

Agenda Items

Millbrook Rd West Cycle Lane and temp Re-Routing

Following the number of complaints by members of the temporary re-routing of Millbrook West Cycle Lane, there is now a pavement route from Allington Lane to the subway, where you can now continue using the diversionary route to Dock Gate 20 and rejoin the cycle route by The Harley Davidson Garage.

Chris Jenkins uses the route daily and reported that things are in a state of flux, but would report any further problems as the works progress.

Action: Chris Jenkins

Screw fix Contraflow

Dale Bostock sent us an email about the cycle lane at Millbrook Rd West which seems somewhat redundant as there is a newer cycle lane along the verge, and asked for comments on its removal.

Chris Jenkins sent a response against the closure of this route, let's keep it and have it repainted. Stephen Edwards to send email to Dale, as to why it's useful to keep the cycle lane and to have it repainted.

Action: Stephen

Romsey Road Bridge Replacement

Sue Colborne to remind Mark to put the 3 proposals to members and report back in September so we can finalize the Campaign response.

Action: Mark Small

Top 10 infrastructure Proposals

Following the informal meeting at The Wellington Arms, David was to report back the top ten proposals.

David to put the top ten on rise up and the website.

Action: David Cooper

Lovers Lane - Simon Hill alternative proposals

Stephen Edwards reported that Simon Hill has some interesting ideas about the University campus, and circulated his map showing existing and proposed new routes including a new southern entrance to the campus (which might then not require the widening of the Lovers Walk tarmac path.

After some discussion it was agreed that the worst bits of Lovers Lane need to be repaired, and we should continue to support the widening of Lovers Lane until the University are willing to consider proposals such as a new southern entrance.

Working group to look at proposals, and invite Simon Hill to informal meeting to show his plans, and look at meeting at a pub or coffee house.

It was suggested we should also meet with Adam Tewksbury of Southampton University at the Next Informal Meeting on 27 July at the Arts Centre Mettricks.

Action: Working Group/Lindsay

Response from Dale on our cycle infrastructure queries

Stephen produces a spreadsheet with current issues and regularly sends them to Dale Bostock for comment. Feedback below:-

1 Closure of NCN thro West Quay, we have lost this cycle route completely and given a cyclist dismount route as a replacement. Dale asking for signage suggestions.

2 Air quality policy, Dale promised to put us in touch with the Air quality team.

3 Central Station bridge, we have been offered a site visit with the engineers to discuss plans when Network Rail have made available any funding - but no early decision is expected.

4 The new Paynes Road scheme, was designed to calm traffic, with a marked cycle lane to make drivers aware of cyclists. It has been safety audited. Scheme to be reviewed later this year. We still think it is dangerous owing to vehicles swerving left to avoid the traffic island so Hugh will be asked to feed back observations to the review inc any near misses we see. **Action Hugh Davis**

5 The policy of filling potholes and the loss of ASLs - Dale Bostock is looking at the resurfacing programme and policy here inc. reinstating ASLs

SCC to start compiling a list of lost ASLs and highlighting new ones needed, Our basic policy is that that they should all have lead in lanes (perhaps except where there is an automatic turn left lane). Lindsi to ask for input on rise-up and respond as appropriate. **Action: Lindsi**

Big Bike revival (Cycling UK)

Angela Cotton (Transition Southampton) reported the aims of the initiative and that money has been made available to fund various cycle projects, rides and promotional material.

Ruth Magennis is the cycle development officer working on this project, and is employed by Cycling UK. Her contract is for 6 months from June to December although she hopes they'll extend it. She is working in collaboration with Southampton city.

Money has been made available for the cycle repair cafe, lead rides, in collaboration with SCC, but they also need to report back using feedback sheets. These were made available at the meeting and filled and pasted back to Angela. Spare copies were passed to Alan, Jim and Lynsey to use on lead rides and events.

Darren Ord has asked SCC to promote the message not to go on inside of vehicles, this follows the recent number of cycle accidents in the city.

We will ask for A5 leaflets of the cycling code, to include adverts and logos to be produced with the funding.

Action: Lindsi

Transition Southampton

Angela reported that The Repair Cafe is open this Saturday at The Scrap Store in Belgrade industrial estate, from 10:30 to 12:30.

Current Issues

Salisbury Road, Pete and Tina had nothing yet to report as NATRANS have had no application from the University re the stopping up order.

Membership is up to approx. 85 and we recruited 24 new members during bike week.

It was reported that a new cycle track provision has been completed over a bridge in St Mary's, similar to that of the bridge going over Southampton railway station.

AOB: Urgent Issues Only

Lindsi reported that the Bitterne Gyrotory does not have a legal way to cross this busy junction, and that cycle signage has been removed. Lindsi to ask Dale what the plans are for Gyrotory and to ask why the signs have come down.

Action: Lindsi

John Heath reported that The Echo headlines showed a big new development in Woolston and it will not have a waterfront riverside walkway. This was a concern for all members as we were always promised that there would be one.

Action: John to write to Echo, Sue to get in touch with the Councillor Warwick Paine who is also objecting to the plan. Planning meeting at 6pm on the 12th July 2016 conference rooms 3 and 4 civic centre. Lindsai and other members to attend.

Next informal meeting at Mettricks Coffee Shop, Guidhall Square on Thursday 28th July 2016 8pm

Next Rides: Sunday 17th July - Cobden Bridge / Riverside Park to Upham 9:45

Sunday 21st August - Bursledon Station to Stokes Bay (9:35 train from Station)

Meeting was closed at 10:00 pm

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