

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign Meeting 12th September 2016

The meeting opened at 8 pm. Chair: Stephen Edwards. **Present:** David P, Brian B, Stephen, Pete, Tina, Lindsy, Lyn, Alan, John. **Apologies:** Jim, Jon. Minutes of the July meeting agreed.

Waterfront walk/cycleway at the Vosper Thorneycroft development: Lindsy and Brian reported on the planning meeting at which Crest Nicholson's application to vary the plans regarding the waterfront walk/cycleway was approved by councillors (ie it was agreed that part of the walk/cycleway be removed from the plan). Discussion followed on how the Campaign could get involved at an earlier stage to influence plans but it was recognised that there were significant difficulties in achieving this. Jenny Barnes' petition called for early consultation with groups like SCC

Romsey Rd bridge replacement: Mark has put the 3 options on sotoncycling@riseup. Members had expressed a preference for on-road lanes. It was agreed that advisory lanes were likely to be as effective as mandatory and the Campaign's preference for option C should be submitted.

Lead-in lanes and traffic lights: Recent DfT guidance for LAs states that lead-in lanes to ASLs are now optional for reasons of cyclist' safety. Lindsy to email Balfour Beattie expressing local cyclists' concern at the removal of lead-in lanes and to request an update of the situation re traffic lights. John: Burgess Rd lights adjusted after he reported on-line not responding to cyclists; now working correctly.

Cyclists' Code: Lyn outlined the work of the working group and passed around draft copies of the Code for comment. Various minor changes were suggested and Lyn agreed these would be incorporated if agreed by the other members of the group. Darren Ord would be asked for Hampshire Constabulary's approval (so logo could be added). The aim was to have it ready for Freshers' Wk.

Cycle Strategy: Brief discussion of the meeting at which the strategy was presented. Stephen thought the Campaign needed its own strategy, the key element of which should be cycle lanes on all of the main roads into the city, possibly concentrating on one or two initially, such as The Avenue. Lindsy expressed concern at the proposed "branding" of cycle signage preferring the blue and white standard highways cycle signs (as used in Eastleigh) as being clearer and recognised nationally; Tina agreed and though the "branding" a great waste of money; agreed by members present.

Cycle Forum: Main issue arising from Forum was site visit with BB engineer to Itchen Bridge to look at the proposed alterations to the cycle provision at the Saltmarsh Rd/ Albert Rd North/Central Bridge junction. 21st Sept was preferred date for visit; Stephen to email Dale with date.

Salisbury Rd: Pete reported that he has found nothing on-line relating to the stopping up; he will email sotoncycling@riseup when date is known and encourage members to respond as individuals as well as drawing up a response on behalf of the Campaign. Lindsy agreed to write to the Echo to publicise the stopping up and ask those opposed to it to submit objections (unless RoW agreed).

Solent Deal: Lyn reported on meeting organised by Transition, addressed by Simon Letts, about the Solent Deal. It was agreed that members respond as individuals as not specifically a cycling matter.

Second Ave: Nearing completion.

Meetings with Councillors: Those who attended the mtng with Cllr Paffey thought it worthwhile. It was agreed that the next of the mtngs should be with Stephen Barnes-Andrews, Beavois Valley Ward.

Dates: 10th Oct- business mtng; 18th-Titchfield Haven ride; 28th-informal at Blue Keys LB12/09/16