

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting held on Monday 13 February 2017

Present: Stephen Edwards (Vice Chair), Lindsi Bluemel (Secretary), Jon Bingham (Events Co-ordinator), Sue and Barrie Colborne (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), David Thomas (Web-site Manager and IT Advisor), Brian Burrell, David Pemberton, Lyn Brayshaw, Liz Batten, Su White, Hugh Davis, David Neilsen, Claire Neilsen, Phil Hughes, Liz Hughes, Alan Sharpen, Kieren Bradley, Tina Davis, Peter Davis, Andre Ventress. **Apologies:** John Heath, Angela Cotton.

Opening of EGM

Stephen Edwards opened the EGM meeting and introduced the nominations for Chair:

Nominations for Chair were Jon Bingham and David Pemberton. Jon was nominated by Hugh Davis and seconded by Lyn Brayshaw. David was nominated by Brian Burrell and seconded by Alan Sharpham.

David gave a strong and passionate speech, and as Chairman would run tighter controlled SSC meetings. He would toughen up against the council to get infrastructure improvements, and pursuing a reduction in air emissions to an acceptable level in Southampton and would demand much reduced car and lorry and encourage cycling.

Jon stated he has been a member for 4 years and is passionate about all aspects of cycling, including critical mass roads, riding his cargo bike, and running cycle repair workshops. Jon wishes to grow membership, so it will be a much more powerful force in Southampton. He will be looking to work with the council in a positive way, to seek improvement for cyclists that we all want, and will be working closely with all cycling groups including, Sustrans, Cycling UK and British Cycling to achieve that.

Members at the meeting were asked to vote, and John Bingham was elected by a clear majority.

Stephen then asked Jon Bingham to take over as Chair of this meeting and Stephen agreed to continue as Vice Chair, until the AGM in May.

John thanked David Pemberton for his contribution and would be happy to have him on board in a future role.

February Business Meeting

Approval of last month's minutes/Matters Arising: Minutes of previous meeting agreed. No matters arising.

Agenda Items

1. Membership Update

Sue Colborne reported that 40 members have renewed their membership for 2017 so far.

John stated that there is now a joining form on the website for prospective members to sign up. He would also be sending a global email inviting non members to join through the website. Sue Colborne will send a list of emails obtained of prospective members to John Bingham. **Action: Sue and John**

2. Newsletter Update.

The winter newsletter is near final completion and it was agreed that we would print 200 copies as usual and that one copy would be distributed at the next meeting to each member.

3. Plans + Timetable for the Campaign's future organisation (inc AGM)

Members were invited to submit ideas for the campaign's future organisation and objectives to Jon Bingham (jonbingham1970@gmail.com). The working group will aim to draft an updated constitution, mission statement, a list of priorities for the next 12 months and the posts that we will need to fill in future, ready for discussion at the April meeting. Revised or final proposals will be put to the AGM in May. **Action: All**

4. Cycle Route 2 to Nursling - final feedback to Dale

Hugh Davis has produced a blog showing both the open cycle map route and alternative route through Millbrook, suggested by Jim Probert and John Heath from the City Centre to Nursling. Hugh's comprehensive report was accepted at the meeting. Both routes have to cross busy roads and the current cycle infrastructure for crossing of Brownhill Way on the open cycle map route and Tebourba Way/Winchester Road crossing need upgrading. So the report was unable to recommend *either* of the routes as really suitable, but either would be adequate (and the alternative preferred) if we could cure either the Romsey Road crossing of Winchester Road/Tebourba Way or the Cycle lane crossing of Brownhill Way, at Adanac Roundabout.

Stephen Edwards to email our conclusions to Dale Bostock as he was hoping to get the route signed

Action: Stephen

5. Second Avenue Cycle path

It was agreed that the Second Avenue cycle path was a successful outcome after all the input by SCC members, in preventing it being transferred to the pavement. The recently installed flashing light warning drivers of cyclists crossing Allington Lane was also part of SCC recommendations.

Letter to be sent to the Echo praising the successful improvements made to Second Avenue, together with further improvements still to be made of this well used cycle route. **Action: John/Lindsi**

6. Cycle Strategy Consultation Meeting - campaign reps

Hugh and Jon to attend a meeting with Southampton CC on Wednesday 22nd February, to discuss the public feedback to the cycle strategy. Hugh to circulate a blog following the meeting. Our feeling is that the strategy needs to have appropriate budgets, a plan for funding bids and clear tie in with the clean air strategy.

7. Redbridge Traffic lights

The campaign has opposed the removal of Redbridge Crossing as the alternative proposals by the Highways Agency for using the subway are inadequate. There was some debate as to the ownership of the crossing — if Highways England are responsible, any alternative crossing has to be to a high national standard. Lyn to write email to Dale with our views. **Action: Lyn**

8. Morris Road,

Following the change to have a no right turn from Morris Road, cyclists no longer have a safe quiet route from Bedford Place to Central Station. Without a right turn to get to the station, cyclists now choose to ignore no right turn or go on the pavement.

Southampton City Council were planning to make alterations for cyclists, but this has been delayed. We need to deal with this both as a practical issue and as an example of cycling needing to be

considered at the same time as road changes for motorists. To be brought up at the March meeting with the Council about our top 10 priorities.

9. Portsmouth Campaign Meeting

On the 26th January 4 members including Jon attended the Portsmouth meeting. Of the many topics discussed, a presentation was given about all the improvements made for cyclists in Leicester City. Leicester City has an elected Mayor, Sir Peter Soulsby, and he is using his strong mandate and the discovery of Richard III's remains to reverse decades of car-centric planning in this medieval city. There is a new Richard-themed walking route linking many of Leicester's medieval buildings, some of which had been obscured by multi-lane highways since the 1960s but, thanks to road remodelling, are now accessible again. Over the last 10 years, Leicester's new breed of town planners have been slowly reclaiming the city for pedestrians and cyclists. Closer working with Portsmouth in future would be good.

10. Cobden Bridge/Bitterne Triangle improvement proposals

Lindsay and David had a site visit with Dale and Balfour Beattie to look at possible improvements to Bitterne Triangle, with funding available to make necessary improvements to the public realm. But no concrete ideas of the best solution to improve this junction have been identified. Liz and Lindsay observed the traffic using this complex junction, and how vehicles block the junction when lights change. Liz's ideas include stopping the traffic further back so stationary traffic does not block the junctions, improving the traffic light phasing, and enabling pedestrians and cyclist to get safely from one side to the shops on the other side. Other suggestions made included a bike lane down the centre of the junction to help cyclists turning right and limit right turns for motor vehicles. Also, let's improve access for cyclists entering and leaving river side park so they are not made to wait at lights.

Lindsay and Liz to attend a meeting with residents to look at improving the public realm of the junction on 14th February at the Butchers Hook at 7:30pm. Following the meeting, Lindsay to draw up a plan and circulate to SCC members.

Action: Lindsay

11. West Quay

Following the development of West Quay, we have lost the Sustrans cycle path from Harbour Parade to Castle Way and the Bargate. As no alternative routes were provided by the developers, cyclists are trying to find a route through this complex. But Security Guards are stopping cyclists taking a route through. Jon Bingham has talked to Andy, head of security, about this issue but he was insisting that cyclists should not go through the site. SCC to have a working group to follow this up and talk to the Echo, and Mark Bradbury, the chief developer of West Quay.

Action: Jon

12. Northlands Road/Archers Road

It was reported that there is a new cycle crossing at the Junction of Northlands Road and Archers Road. It was pointed out that it has been there for sometime and that this should be used as a model as a possible solution for Morris Road.

13. Sandro's Inquest.

Alessandro Filipik known as Sandro, was in collision with a lorry outside Solent University in May 2016. Evidence will be given at Winchester Crown Court on 27th February 2017.

Liz reported that Bargate Ward is the worst for accidents with pedestrians and cyclists, and was very upset following Sandro's death, and would be campaigning for a traffic free zone within the City Walls and Shopping Centre.

14. Cyclist killed at Ipley Crossroads

Kieran Dix, 36, of Doncaster Road, Eastleigh, passed away at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital on February 7. The keen cyclist was involved in a collision with a Vauxhall Zafira at the Ipley Crossroads, on Beaulieu Road, Hythe, on December 2. He suffered serious injuries and had been receiving treatment in hospital. A 22-year-old man arrested in connection with the incident remains on bail until March 1, 2017. We need to keep this junction in high profile as this is where Mark Brummel was killed whilst cycling. **Action; All**

15. Campaign Priorities: Top 10 Most Dangerous Junctions + Top 10 Quick Wins

A meeting with council officers plus Jackie Raymond and Simon Letts to discuss our top ten priorities document is planned at the end of March. Lindsi to liaise with them on dates and our reps. We will make Morris Road, our number one priority **Action: Lindsi**

A.O.B.

Stoneham Lane

Stoneham Lane is a rat run, and is in a very poor state, very muddy after rain, overgrown and narrow. There is now going to be new housing development which will add more traffic using this route. This would make an ideal route for cyclists as it is level and the most direct and shortest route between Eastleigh and Southampton, albeit blighted by vehicles wishing to avoid the M27 interchange. The alternative Wide Lane cycle route, has a narrow rail bridge by the airport and a particularly unpleasant junction at Swaythling Arch.

Councillor Rob Humby of HCC has replied to a request for improvements for cyclists on this route, but said nothing can be done, due to lack of funding, it being likely therefore that nothing will happen for years. Lyn to write something and send to committee for approval and will then reply on behalf of Southampton Cycling Campaign. **Action: Lyn**

Rides Programme for 2017 + City Centre cycling event 2017

The rides program has been completed, and we have a ride for every month, with extra rides during Bike Week between 10th - 18th June. Our next ride is on Sunday 19th February 2017 to Hamble, leaving Riverside Park, by Cobden Bridge. Meet from 9:45am for a prompt start at 10:00am

Jim Probert stated that this years IOW Randonnee is not taking place in May but is now on Sunday 30th April. Registration is now open at <http://www.cycleisland.co.uk>

Cycle Southampton, working with Rees Leisure, have announced an exciting new cycling action packed weekend in the city of Southampton in September 2017. Featuring a city centre Criterium on the 9th between 13:00 - 20:00 and beautifully scenic Sportive! on the 10th.

<http://reesleisure.co.uk/cycle-southampton/>

Mtg closed 9.55pm.

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