

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting

held on Monday 13 March 2017

Present: Jon Bingham (Chair and Events Co-ordinator), Stephen Edwards (Vice Chair), Lindsay Bluemel (Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), Lyn Brayshaw, Su White, Hugh Davis, David Neilsen, Phil Hughes, Alan Sharpen, Kieren Bradley, Tina Davis, Peter Davis, John Heath, Chris McGeehan (Non – Member).

Apologies Sue and Barrie Colborne (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), David Thomas (Web-site Manager and IT Advisor), Andre Ventress.

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

1) Statement from Jon Bingham regarding threatening emails from a member

Because of the sensitivity of this statement regarding a member it has been decided not to include it in the public minutes of the campaign. But a record of the statement will be kept on record.

Brief Overview

One member inadvertently called another member a 'pain' using our online forum 'riseup'. This started a chain of emails between one of the members, the chairman and other members that ultimately ended up with the member making serious threats, and then chose to leave the campaign. The threats were so serious that the police were informed.

Code of conduct:

I would also like a working group to be set up to draw up a code of conduct for all members moving forwards, and also draw up a detailed grievance process. This needs to be done before the next meeting in April, where we can discuss and amend this ready for inclusion in the new constitution being voted for in May's AGM

The meeting confirmed that it wished to accept the member's resignation from the campaign and decided to return his cheque for 2017 membership fees. This is to be confirmed in writing, with a letter from our Vice Chair Stephen Edwards.

It was noted that our old constitution had no code of conduct for all members; and that we need to draw up a code of contact to add to our new constitution. Hugh Davis has a list of paragraphs that he will circulate to members for choosing a suitable code of conduct for adding to the constitution.

Action: Jon, Hugh & Stephen

2) Southampton Cycling Forum

A discussion took place as to how many members should attend the 28th March meeting. Who should go and what should it be for? This follows the last meeting where heated discussion took place on the Redbridge Roundabout Crossing. Hugh pointed out that we strayed away from the agenda leaving no time to discuss the main issues. So in future we need to be more focused on priorities and also have more influence on the setting of the agenda. Alan suggested revolving the chairing of meetings might help.

Jon and Stephen to have an informal chat with Dale about the purpose and operation of the forum to try to make it work better for mutual benefit.

Action: Jon & Stephen

3) Stoneham Lane

Stoneham Lane has been a long term issue for cyclists for many years, and requires a much more concerted effort to get improvements. Lyn Brayshaw to set up a working group by email, with Pete, Tina, Jon, Lindsa and David

Action: Lyn

4) Netherlands Cycling Design Book - current exchange rate about £134

Jon asked if we could purchase the Netherlands Cycling Design Book, and at the current exchange rates would be about £134, the consensus was that we should but Lindsa would contact a friend she has in Holland to find if it's worth purchasing. Discussion took place on other books inc. DFT cycling infrastructure design and other guides.

Jon is also keen on setting up a technical group, where we could build up inside knowledge, of best cycle infrastructure, and we could quickly suggest best plans for new schemes. It was pointed out by John Heath that The Dale Road, Winchester Road, Wilton Road cyclepath was a good example of best practice when designing facilities for cyclists.

Books purchased will accessible in PDF format for people to use.

Action: Jon & Lindsa

5) Ipley Crossroads

Following the recent cyclist fatality at Ipley Crossroads, and one of our members Mark Brummell death in 2102, Lindsa is to form a working group, and will arrange an informal meeting with New Forest Councilor David Harrison who is very much alone in supporting cycling in The New Forest.

Stop Signs have recently been proposed, but ultimately a staggered junction is the preferred solution to stop speeding motorists from failing to stop at this junction. It was pointed out that this is one of the most dangerous junctions for cyclist in the UK

Action: Lindsa, John H, Stephen, Jim P

6) West Quay

Jon has been offered a meeting with Andy Marmit, operations manager of West Quay but this is on hold until we know what the council plans are. Jon to contact Dale about alternative cycle routes around West Quay. Two potential routes are under consideration, by Asda and thro Westgate into Bugle Street. Lack of covered and secure cycle parking provision at West Quay, is also an issue that requires discussion.

Action: Jon

7) University South West Access – Ideas

The plan for steps on the South West of the campus, were recently refused as it had no disabled access or cycle provision. Following this Simon Hill a town planner, has asked the backing of SCC and Sustrans to support his plans for improving cycle routes to and across the university. SCC has copies of the plans and these documents to be circulated to a working party.

SCC would like to use Simon's technical ability, Lyn Brayshaw to organise a social meeting with Simon Hill and Adam Tewksbury of the University to discuss further. **Action: Lyn**

8) Newsletter

The Newsletter has been delayed but we hope that Liz will be able to get it printed very shortly. Bike week is coming up, so we may need to start getting another newsletter ready very soon.

Ideas for rides on Bike Week need to be finalized, ie coordination of people leading rides, and contacting the press. Lindsi asked that someone else takes on this role as it is now too much with all her other commitments.

Lindsi said there is a clean air day on June 15th, which is during bike week, so a ride could be arranged to the poor air hotspots in Southampton. Jon is going to a clean air meeting and will find more information about this event. Jo Anne Downing (British Cycling) to be contacted to find out dates for the HSBC UK Guided Rides Event in Southampton. **Action: Jon, Stephen & Jim**

9) Oxford Street

A traffic Order has been given to close the end of Oxford Street to motorised traffic for a 6 month trial. They are planning to dig the road and improving the area for pedestrians. If the trial is successfully this may be permanently closed. Lindsi to respond positively to this traffic order.

After note: Parking for Pedal Cycles

Order was given on 27/01/17 to introduce a parking place for pedal cycles in Oxford Street, south-west side, from 18m west of the western kerb-line of Latimer Street north-westwards for 5m.

10) Cycle Strategy Consultation Meeting

Hugh reported back from the meeting. There were 160 responses from various groups mostly positive, most comments concerned better infrastructure, attitude of drivers, and need for a clear tie in with the clean air strategy. But the strategy does not have appropriate budgets, and an unclear plan for funding bids. Funding is currently only £1/2 million a year from the transport budget. He will be working on a document of potential funding sources.

Design hub to collaborate on new infrastructure schemes

Riverfest Volunteers 27th May

Chris Rescue of Reece Leisure, council will provide parking for bikes at large events

AOB.

Traffic Orders

We have had positive news of traffic orders — a list of contraflow lanes, Dean Road, Grange Road, a right turn at Hinkler Road for cyclists; we should congratulate the Council on this

Sandro Inquest

Lindsay attended the Inquest and has written a report following the court case. She has also been in contact Darren Ord of Hampshire Constabulary on this case. Lindsay pointed out that Sandro used an incorrect lane, but also the lorry was overweight and should not have been using this road and taken more care moving to the left lane. Also the irrelevance for the Sandro to have lights on his bike, on what was a very sunny summer's day. We could suggest at the Southampton cycle forum that this junction should be looked at again, to seek improvements, in order to prevent this happening again.

Meeting closed at 10pm

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