

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting held on Monday 13th November 2017

Present: Jon Bingham (Chair), Lindsy Bluemel (Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), Hugh Davis, Eric Reed, Angela Cotton, Thomas Edwards, Stephen Edwards, Lyn Brayshaw, David Farr, Katherine Barbour, Ron Meldrum, Andre Ventress.

Apologies:

Sue White, Colin MacQueen, John Heath, Pete and Tina Davis, Sue and Barry Colborne.

1 – Important Dates

Tuesday 14th Nov Cycle Design Hub for A3024 / M27 pt1

Bitterne Road West/Northam Road – 4-6pm Committee Room 2, Civic Centre
Response is on our Facebook Page.

Wed 29th Nov Cycle Design Hub for A3024 / M27 pt2

Bursledon Road – 4.30-6.30pm Committee Room 1, Civic Centre

Jon will be attending both meetings and would like other members to attend. Eric Reed said that he will be attending the meetings.

Thursday 30th Nov Cycle Design Hub for M271 Redbridge Roundabout

5-6.30pm Conference Room 3, Civic Centre

Jim Probert, Hugh Davis to attend this meeting. Possible outcome they could remove the Toucan Crossings over both carriageways. SCC are firmly against removal of these crossings. SCC to find out more detail of the proposals, and gauge our responses.

Thursday 16th November Portsmouth Cycle Forum Open Meeting 6.45pm

Iain Steane is giving a presentation about the Southampton 10 year Cycle Plan to Pompey Bug!

Jon Bingham is attending and will leaving Bitterne Park at 5.45pm if anyone needs a lift.

Sunday 19th November Cycling Campaign Ride – UPHAM

Meet: Riverside Park, by Cobden Bridge 9.45am

Glow Ride Sunday 17th December

This is aimed at all cyclists but particularly families, so will be a short easy paced ride around the city. We will be working with My Journey team (particularly Ruth) to put this on – no route yet decided but it will start at 3.30pm on Sunday 17th December.

It would be great if as many members as possible could turn up. If we have a critical mass of cyclists then we can choose an on road route as a preference.

2 - A3024 Response

Response was written by Jon with Lindsy's help using feedback from members

It has been published to our website

<http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/2017/uncategorized/m27-junction-8-a3024-high-ways-england-proposal/>

I have full scale copies of the entire route map that can be accessed on Google drive – access to members only ask Jon for permission

3 - Morris Rd meeting on 2nd November

Feedback back from members

Jim Probert, Pete Davis, Lyn Brayshaw, John Heath, Andre Ventress attended the meeting with Wade Holmes (City Council) and Tom Horrel (Balfour Beatty)

Concerns on access routes to both the North and South of Central Station, following the prohibited no right turn, from Morris Road into Commercial Road. Various options were discussed for cyclists to cross Commercial Road but the consensus was to change both lighted Crossings to Toucan Crossings, to give the option of using the road or shared pavement to The Station. Ownership of land in front of Frobisher House to be established, so that a shared path route could be made using the ramp in front of the Co-operative, and to erect appropriate route signage.

Wade Holmes, gave a very prompt and positive written response following the meeting, that was welcomed by SCC.

Jim to gather information and feedback to Wade Holmes.

4 – Southampton Legible Cycling – Stakeholder Meeting

took place on 23rd October 2017

A number of proposed signs were presented at the meeting and in various colours to match those of specific routes. It was felt that the signs should be all of one colour, as would be confusing to cyclists to have multiple coloured signs. The preference would be to have small signs with a number for each route. Much like the Sustrans signs and with a descriptive sign at the start and end of each route. There was mixed feelings on installing monitors to count number of cyclists passing, along a route. But gathering statistical data, would be of great benefit in showing the number of cycle journeys taken, and encouraging others to cycle.

SCC to respond to the Summary of feedback from the council.

New improved cycle map of Southampton, has been designed and will show all cycle routes to scale, and is to be printed by Pindar, who also printed the Eastleigh Cycle Maps.

5 – Western Corridor Update

Resurfacing of Millbrook Rd West – end of November

Wilson Massie (Balfour Beatty) Contacted Lindsie and Jon about the need to close the shared use path between Regents Park and Millbrook Rd E from 10pm at night, to level and resurface this route. Wilson has concerns that the cycling diversion options aren't very good, and that no alternative provision for cyclists using this route could be provided. It was suggested that part of Millbrook Road could be coned off, but that may interfere with the maintenance vehicles doing the work. We will get a copy of the notice when it goes out, and to share it with members.

1st Avenue Design

Jon showed the designs of 1st Avenue, but these showed little detail of cycle crossing points, will there be a Toucan Crossing. This was of concern, particularly the number of vehicles entering and leaving the docks.

Jon also announced that Millbrook Roundabout is to have a major upgrade, this may have an impact on final designs of Dock Gate 20 Crossing points.

3rd Avenue is to be changed to one way for vehicles, but will have two way cycle provision similar to that in front of the UPS Depot, but this will follow the upgrade to Millbrook Roundabout.

6 - Cycle Forum Update

Positive meeting, that included an Air Quality Team of three, we are still to have the minutes. Eamon was a positive Chair and much was discussed. Feedback on forum, **Jon to add detail???**

Minutes will be published – probably on SCC Website or My Journey

Much changed format needs to be discussed once we have received the minutes

7 - Dominos pizza Path

SCC to give Feedback to council and Balfour Beattie, and to give them marks out of 10 for completion of this path. It's was felt that before the upgrade it was 4 out of 10 and since the upgrade it's still a 4 out of 10. Cars still park on the path, the width of the path is only 2.5 meters, and is not wide enough for shared use. The bollards restrict the width further and makes it difficult for cyclists to pass pedestrians, the green painted surface should have be along the path and not on the side junctions as this gives the impression that vehicles have priority over pedestrians and cyclists. If travelling North confident cyclists stay on the road until past the parade of shops. SCC to gather information and put together a cohesive response. Hugh Davis to feedback a response.

8 - Rise up Replacement

There are two major problems with Rise Up, time delay and a very limited attachment size 500KB Jon has been searching the web and found a very similar alternative, that uses an email list from www.autistici.org

This works exactly the same way as rise up, is secure, emails are sent and received immediately and admin can control the size of allowed attachments. Users can choose to receive emails this way or just a daily or weekly update. www.autistici.org/mailman/listinfo/sotoncycling. Once joined all members have to do is email this address, sotoncycling@autistici.org non members emails will automatically be blocked but can be authorised by admin.

Jon would like to get members switched across from riseup so asked that we all sign up and give it a go.

AOB

Lyn Brayshaw reported that in the tunnel in Stoneham Lane has very poor lighting, and has been trying to report this to Highways and Councils, but no one admits responsibility.

Eric Reed to find out who is responsible, and report back.

Eric Reed reported a new roundabout will be built in Stoneham Lane outside the Concorde Club, and is to have a link road to traffic lights at Nightingale Avenue. This may have issues for the current cycle provision. Eric to report back further details.

There is still no link from the end of the Boardwalk to Northam Bridge, it was hoped that The Meridian development, would build a link path, but no news or plans of cycle provision have been announced. It was also expected that there would also be a direct link from Radcliffe Road, through the new build to the Shore, thus avoiding the narrow path from the Industrial Estate. It was also noted that there is no signage that this route exists from Radcliffe Road.

Radcliffe Road, Northam Railway Bridge End, Jon mentioned that there was no dropped kerb at the end of this road to get on the path to go under the bridge. Also when the Bridge is rebuilt alternative safe crossing of Northam Road to Britannia Road needs to be provided.

Rides

There is a full program of rides on the website at <http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/ride/rides/>. and there is now a link that shows the rides that Southampton CTC provide.

Eric has also volunteered to lead some of the rides.

Mtg closed 10pm.

DONM: Monday 11th December 2017

JP 9/11/2017