

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign Meeting

held on Monday 12th November 2018

Present: Jon Bingham (Chair), Lyn Brayshaw (events coordinator), Lindsi Bluemel (Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary)

Johnnie Dellow, Steve Shaw, Colin MacQueen, Hugh Davis, Su White, Pete Davis, Tina Davis

Apologies

Cheri Dunn, Liz Batten, John Heath

October Minutes

Minutes of previous meeting agreed. No matters arising.

Updates

1) City Centre Survey

Hugh, Su, Lindsi

After completing West side of the City Centre, the working group have been looking at all the Cycle facilities on the East side of Above Bar, and noted where possible routes can be improved to encourage more people to cycle the City Centre.

It was noted the new development in the old fruit and veg market, in Britton Street and Queensway is still car centric. That gives cars access across the pavement, from Queensway to the fronts of the properties. It was commented on that Queensway should have had plans to have cycle facilities on both sides of this wide road by dispensing with the Dual Carriageway and having a two lane road along its length.

The recent consultation to The Transport Strategy closed on 16 October 2018, it had over 8,000 responses to the consultation has meant that council will delay plans until 2019

We need to be much more involved with future planning of changes in Southampton, so that we can have a car free zones in the City Centre.

The City should be consulting on all development in the city. We should advising on best cycle routes through the city and this to be shared with the council. Also we need to be looking at showing routes around town to councilors to show them where improvements can be made.

It was noted that new no cycling signs are in place on Kingsbridge Lane, The Southampton Cycle Campaign (SCC) have no objection to this. As it is a well-used pedestrian route and due to the steep gradient, would be hazardous for a mix of cyclists and pedestrians, plus there is no safe crossing point for cyclists at the top of the hill.

The alternative route up West Park Road is more suitable, apart from a no right turn at the top. This should be change to allow cyclists to get to The Guildhall and the City Centre.

Thanks were given to Lindsi who has done basic groundwork on both half's of the City Centre.

2) Chapel Housing Development

Lindsay

Plans have been shown of new cycle lanes along Albert Road North as part of the new development in Chapel on the Southern wharfs. SCC have no objection to additional cycle routes, but felt this would be little used by cyclists as most would use the quiet route from The Base Point Business Centre and around the back of St Mary's Stadium.

3) 3rd Avenue

Following a meeting with the council, Colin reported final design for cycle lane along 3rd Avenue is not ideal as it uses a shared use path from Manor Farm to dock gate 20. The other way we have a designated cycle route on the south side. It was commented that most cyclists will choose to ignore the shared path and stay on the road.

The drawings for Third Avenue showed that Duratherm treatment will be installed at the following 5 points; link from Third onto Millbrook roundabout cycle path, junction at Manor House Road, entrance /exit Calor Gas and entrance to Freightliner.

Colin reported that he was the only SCC member who attended the meeting, there was some confusion on who was invited.

After-note:- Wade has kindly offered to brief us on the meeting we missed

4) Common forum

Hugh Davies

Hugh is a member of the working group of The Common forum and reported what people like and dislike of users of the Common. The top issues are:- Fast cyclists, dog walkers with long leads that straddle the pathways, and badly behaved dogs.

User of the Common liked traveling through green space, Southampton Commons & Parks Protection Society (SCAPPS) are not minded to stop cyclists, but would like to calm cyclists, and there should have a code of conduct for cyclists using the Common.

5) Avenue Update

Inner Avenue Meeting tomorrow

6) Campaign Rides 2019 - Stephen

Dates to remember - Events

Sunday 18th Nov is World Day of Remembrance for road traffic victims and the Art House have suggested we work with them for an event.

We believe that everybody should be able to cross the road safely, directly and without delay and have chosen the dangerous junction at Bullar Rd/Bitterne Rd West next to Bitterne Station to demonstrate just how dangerous this junction is for pedestrians and cyclists, like so many others in Southampton.

Please keep the whole afternoon free.

Jon Bingham and Lyn Brayshaw are organising this event.

<http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/2018/news/world-remembrance-day-for-road-traffic-victims/>

Rides.

Sunday 18 November 10am from Eastleigh Station:

Ride to OWLESBURY with coffee stop at Fisher's Pond

Sunday 16 December 10am from St Andrew's Church, The Avenue:

Ride to (and coffee stop at) ROMSEY

Southampton Glow Ride

Friday 7th December is a glow ride from 5:30ish (co-ordinated by Ruth). Details on let's ride website, bookings on Eventbrite App.

Bling your bike up with lights, baubles, tinsel and reflectors to join our riders from Sustrans, Breeze, Cycling UK and Southampton Cargo Bikes for a winter ride with a difference!

The Bike Doctor will be there from 5pm outside Avenue St Andrew's URC Church to give your bicycle a FREE bike safety check, getting you ready to ride!

My Journey Southampton will also be giving away freebies for every rider, and a prize for the bike that's got the greatest Christmas Spirit!

The ride will start at 6pm on the dot, so be sure to get there early to be registered!

We'll take you on several loops of the Common, before joining quiet minor roads and heading down through the central parks to the Bargate, ending at the Southampton Christmas Market.

After-note Jim Probert will be leading a feeder ride from Lordshill District Centre, meet outside Sainsbury' at 16:15 further details and booking on The Let's Ride Website.

<https://www.letsride.co.uk/rides/feeder-ride-from-lordshill-to-southampton-glow-ride>

Cycle Design Hub

Colin, Jonnie and I went to Inner Avenue cycle hub - mostly good plans, gave little tweaks. (Lyn Brayshaw can feed back if people want more details).

Mtg closed 10 pm.

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