

Southampton Cycling Campaign (CC) meeting - Monday 13th May 2019

Minutes Secretary Jim Probert

7.30 – 8.30pm

Wade Holmes - Transport Delivery Team Leader from SCC – came to meet us and discuss how we relate as a group with him. Wade was warmly welcomed by Cycling Campaign (CC) and introductions were made. Wade gave a positive talk of future cycle provision in the City.

SCC now have a £19 million budget this year* to deliver a number of schemes in Southampton (compared to £4 million last year), including SCN5 Northern Cycle Freeway - Inner Avenue, SCN6 Stoneham Lane and SCN1 Western Cycle Freeway at Redbridge Roundabout. (*for integrated transport as a whole – needs to cover congestion reduction schemes, accessibility schemes and road safety as well as cycling.) Greg Churcher, Dale and a new person will be supporting Wade to deliver these ambitious projects (with Wade doing the most expensive schemes, Greg the next most expensive, etc). SCC are eligible for £120 million over 4 years, linking suburbs to city centre, and have £6 million to spend by November this year. Iain Steane gets the money and hands over to Wade. Wade's boss is Head of Planning and Strategic Transport, and his boss's boss is Head of Growth.

SCC now have a marked change in the way they do business, with a dedicated website <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk> "Connecting Southampton - Better Transport for a Sustainable City".

The [ten year cycling strategy](#) sets out an ambitious plan to make Southampton a true cycling city. They are developing a network of high quality cycle routes, ranging from Cycle Freeways to 'Quietways', so that people can cycle wherever they want to go. The latest developments are on the [Southampton Cycle Network](#) page. Southampton Cycle Network has 9 corridors. Inner Avenue to be open in a month. The 10 year plan to deliver these routes is now down to 4 years.

Infrastructure Tours to visit other cities and learn how their schemes were delivered included Munich, Manchester, Netherlands, and Waltham Forest. Much can be learnt from the cycle schemes in Waltham Forest, so Paul Gasson will be coming to our next meeting to tell us about the experience of developing and implementing the Waltham Forest mini-Holland scheme. (CC to invite Portsmouth, Winchester, and Romsey cycle forums.) CC may join some new members of Wade's team on an arranged tour of Waltham Forest.

Wade wished for a more constructive relationship with CC to progress resident-led schemes, rather than council-led schemes. SCC now have a more ambitious delivery team, and are now learning from past mistakes.

CC raised points with Wade -

1. Promises by developers are sometimes not kept, eg to build a riverside route along the Itchen at the Vosper's site. So how do we check that present promises are kept – eg Meridian site? Wade offered to be link to follow up the Meridian route. Also Nelson Gate, Salisbury Road.
2. We discourage Wade from using consultants, as in the past we have come up with suggestions, then consultants have said the same thing. We hope to ride a route /discuss a junction with Wade before consultants are brought in at great cost.

Communication between CC and Wade –

We agreed that Working Group leads will make it clear at top of emails that you are writing as the lead of xxx working group. Wade much prefers issues raised by email and at our meetings, and not raised at the forum. Wade is willing to join us regularly. The Cycle Forum will change, to be more about promoting sustainable travel in the city. Wade is invited to attend the start of the September meeting and the June mt on Waltham Forest.

If non-leads are writing to Wade, please make it clear that you are writing as an individual.

Route updates –

On the east of the city £200,000 was spent on Western Shore to stop further erosion of the Western Shore cycle route. Cutbush Lane is being looked at.
In Shirley the Armadillos on Church Street are to be replaced.
Discussion followed on Inner Avenue cycle lane width. Stage 1 is to get it built, then stage 2 will be to modify and exchange Common Land to widen it.
SCC are looking to restrict use of New Road, between the Civic Centre and Station forecourt, to buses only and encourage cars to use the ring road.
Confirmed that route next to Asda being looked at, as urgently needed to replace ramp removed a few years ago.

Campaign members thank Wade for all the work been done to improve the cycle infrastructure, and wished for a better working relationship in the way CC do business.

To report potholes <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/roads-parking/road-maintenance/>
To report glass etc <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/street-cleaning/>
To report other road problems <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/roads-parking/road-maintenance/other-road-problems.aspx> (could put shortcut to potholes on computers).

--- 9pm

1. Apologies

Barrie Colborne, Sue Colborne, Jill Doubleday, Su White.

2. Attendees

Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, Colin MacQueen,, Eleanor van der Hoest, Hugh Davis, Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), John Heath, Johnnie Dellow, Jon Bingham, Lindsi Bluemel (Secretary), Lyn Brayshaw,(Chair) Pete Davis, Stephen Edwards, Stephen Shaw, Tina Davis.

3. Previous Minutes - here: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/

AGREED: Current numbers of members n/a

4. Past events (not ones linked to working groups)

REPORT: Monthly Campaign Ride, Mid-week ride to Beaulieu, Big Bike Revival - by Bargate with Stall on 3rd May – thanks from Lyn and Ruth. 6th May - May Day stall – thanks to 5 volunteers. Dozen riders went on the IOW Randonee.

5. Future events then regular meetings

May, June & July - Big Bike Revival #5 - (BBR) <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/cycle/big-bike-revival-2019>

Sunday 19th May - 10am Redbridge start - Mark Brummell memorial ride. To The Bold Forester for coffee and The Spot in the Woods for lunch.

27th May - Environmental Rock, noon - 6pm - stall www.facebook.com/events/302384313808069/ Lyn will set up. Maybe Lindsi will help. Please volunteer!

8-16th+ June - Bike Week 2019 - rides have been finalised by Stephen.

www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/, scroll down a bit and you get to a list and a link for download.

20th July - St Denys community Centre day - end of BBR.

21st July - Let's Ride – email sent requesting leading rides in. Meet for picnic next to BBR stall. Include cargo bike photo opportunity? Jim, Stephen S and Dilys have offered to lead rides.

<https://myjourneysouthampton.com/letsridesouthampton2019> (note - all kids and bikes go free on Hythe ferry that day)

21st Sept – Gosport cycling event – ride there?

Tbc 22nd Sept - World car free day - maybe the week later in So'ton - Music in City.

Meetings – all welcome to all

10th June - monthly meeting with speaker from Waltham Forest on how their group works with the council & what they've achieved together – do we want to offer to ride in with people?

8th July - monthly meeting with session tbc.

Aug - no meeting

9th Sept - monthly meeting with Wade at 7.30pm. Film showing at some point.

Next Council/Green Charter launch Thursday 20th June – watch this space...

Next Campaign ride - 3rd Sunday

Next Cargo bike ride - 22nd June

Next Cycle Forum - Tues 9th July 6.30pm

6. Working group reports (alphabetical order) - Location then non-location

--- Bitterne Triangle - Lindsi (Coordinator), Lyn, Angela, Liz.

--- Bursledon Rd A3024 – Lindsi (C), Eric, Lyn, Liz.

--- Central Railway Bridge – Stephen E (C), Jim, Hugh, Sue.

--- Central Station South Forecourt - Johnnie (C), Lyn, Lindsi, Liz.

--- City centre – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Hugh Sue, Liz.

--- Eling – John H (C), others when necessary.

--- Ipley Cross – Eric reports back from HCC mts (attends as Sustrans rep).

--- Lordswood Lane - John H (C) others when necessary.

--- Portswood corridor (& Soton end of Stoneham Lane) - Angela (C), Lyn, Liz, Ceri.

--- Salisbury Rd – Pete & Tina (C), Lindsi, Stephen E, John H

OPINIONS NEEDED ON: Letter drafted re Stopping-up order to Wade and University.

AGREED: Send to Wade to send on to Jo.

--- Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh - Lyn (C), Liz, Angela.:

--- The Avenue & Lover's Walk– Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Colin, Hugh, Pete, Tina, Stephen E.

OPINIONS NEEDED ON: The So'ton Common Forum 24th April workshop was reasonably cycle friendly.

--- Quayside Rd –Lindsi (C), Eric, Liz, (Stuart).

--- Western Approach - Jim (C), John, Pete, Tina, Hugh, Jon, Liz, Colin.

AGREED: overhanging vegetation needs removal on some of the route.

ACTION: Jon to provide video evidence, and Jim to raise with Wade.

--- Mapping & Signage – Angela & Johnnie (C), Lyn, Lindsi, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina.

AGREED: busy on mapping!

--- Traffic Orders: Lindsi (C), John, Hugh & Eleanor.

7. Updates

a) Our "Top Ten" priorities: satisfied that Wade working from the list (Cutbush Lane).

b) Newsletter & new members email. Sue will fwd new member's emails to Lyn, so Lyn sends out New Members email. Lyn to write short newsletter and Jon to email out.

c) Name – abbreviate to CC for now, to differentiate from SCC. Discussion to continue. Jim Bluemel to choose shorter web site name.

d) How to get working group updates on web page? If goes to email list will it go on web page?

e) Stolen bikes from gardens/sheds - often now not allowed bikes in shared houses. Lyn updated on comments on this from Wade/Waltham Forest/Cllr Steve Leggett/Cllr John Savage – planning.

8. AOB

a) Hugh re NOT being vice chair. Ask for offers next mt.

b) Lindsi – should CC ride be changed as clash with Let's Ride? Tbc.

9. continue with any big agenda/unfinished items

n/a

10. Last thoughts...

-- Anyone want to offer to join a working group / suggest and take on a new role?

Thanks to the outgoing Chair and Deputy Chairs, Jon Bingham and Hugh Davis.

-- Next meeting will be on Monday 10th June 2019. (Monthly except August).

Next AGM in March 2020.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm