

**Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting – on Zoom due to lockdown
Monday 8th June 2020**

1. Apologies

Pete Davis, Tina Davis, Lindsay Bluemel, Liz Batten.

2. Attendees

Johnnie Dellow, Jim Probert, Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas, Steve Shaw, Tim Wakely, Laurie Carrigan, Colin MacQueen, Ruth Magennis, Wade Holmes, Stephen Edwards, Christine Gommenginger, Eleanor van der Hoest, Jon Bingham, John Heath, Alistair Chaplin, Lyn Brayshaw (& Lauren and Sam)

[Martin Hodgson, Sue Colborne, Barrie Colborne, Hugh Davis, Su White, Eric Reed, Chris Brown]

LAST MINUTE CHANGE: Wade (Transport Delivery Team Leader) and Ruth (Cycling Development Officer) joined us, as well as Laurie (Southampton Street Space).

26 page So'ton Green Transport Recovery Plan went live on 26th May (you could just read the last page): https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/media/1370/scc_green-transport-recovery-plan_final-draft.pdf The DfT has given clear direction to Councils to use experimental order powers to install schemes, and use the experimental period to monitor and consult. Schemes under an experimental order can be made permanent after six months. The Avenue already has pop-up cycle lanes from Chilworth Roundabout south and it's 30mph (it's been 40mph). Echo article: <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/18485588.new-plans-see-southampton-city-centre-become-traffic-free/?fbclid=IwAR08Xj2fQGj3zRjHBHdNmHhFB3ZO8EHoEwkuZrYcglcx3Lu2N0sua3vPU04>

We had great info sharing and questions with Wade for an hour, then Laurie, then Ruth - so that was 3 x 40 mins 'zooms', then 6 of us rounded off for 7 mins. We covered most things on the agenda, and the few things left from the agenda will be carried on to the July meeting. WE THANKED WADE for all his hard work!

Wade updated us in person, rather than replying to our long email made up of all the comments that CC and Street Space had been sent. See <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/keepactive> which has a link to the full Southampton Green Recovery Plan document (the last page has summary).

Notes from Wade's talk: (slides have been shared with those who sent apologies, but not to be shared beyond us). Automatic bike counters etc are in place. More people are riding. Traffic volumes increasing as we leave lockdown, but last week they seemed to have plateaued. Cycling staying up. Really high levels on really nice weekends, but high levels also if not such good weather.

Got £4.2 million to spend within a year. Trialing some schemes that are planned for Transforming City. Designed very quickly as trials and adjusting as they go. Tweaking as/if make permanent – getting in as fast as can, as DfT say to. Bluetooth tracking. 15 sites where pedestrians don't have to press button etc, to prevent queuing and bunching. Suspending parking on Bedford Place etc. Infilling bus stops. Queue management. In discussion about modal filter to New Road, Bellevue Rd, Polygon rd. Extra cycle parking (mass order of stands) for city centre. Traffic light pedestrian priority outside Asda and by KFC (along from Civic Centre). Map on Connecting Southampton Green Transport Recovery Plan. Every school has been told that they can have a kit to close their streets and 8 schools signed up so far so they are assessing them to make sure they are suitable. Pop-up cycle lanes – Bassett Ave done already – some lines and some cones - they are seriously reviewing traffic, and if traffic or delays to bus network are too much, it won't stay. If worth it, the top part of Bassett Ave would be painted, but isn't yet as maybe won't stay very long. District centres each have a designated officer. Some cllrs may say they've had lots of people emailing saying they don't like it, but Cllr Leggett can say - no I've had lots of positives. Gaps after each side road on Bassett Ave have got bigger, but trying to follow gov rules – balance that has to be struck, and compromises. Counters are counting cyclists. There will be more home working (eg Laurie's work) so there should be less cars. Northam bridge could have bus lane! Request from Wade - please don't post things they send to us on social media – eg mobile numbers, names. We haven't been but others have.

Question from Steve Shaw - re Brighton being so fast to implement. Wade - Hill Lane and Portswood very soon, Bitt Rd west next. Struggling because not enough line marking crews in UK – were ready earlier but no crews! Annoyingly, companies are still furloughing crews too so is a resource issue. Traffic management companies making a lot of money, and those that manufacture bolt down kerbs.

Q from Christine - air quality. Wade – it is on G R Plan. Cruise ships too (5 in today).

Q from Eleanor – very difficult in some places – some people say felt safer before lanes, as cars driving on the lines. Wade is going out cycling tomorrow and is continually checking so will go to that place.

Q from Ceri – cycle parking. Wade – looking into swipe card access (longer term) and Sheffield stands, CCTV areas too. Proper locks. Lyn asked that they be put on the contours, not like recent ones outside Rice Up.

Comment from Jim – yay - Dale rd. Wade – taken away 6 parking places from an allocated residents parking zone! Big deal! Yes!

Q from Jon – segregate Dale Rd with armadillos (like Church Rd)? Wade – can't buy anything to mark off edges at the moment. On Dale Rd there are lots of driveways, so would have to be smaller, like armadillos, not kerbs. There's a serious shortage.

ALL PLEASE DO:

1. If we all write to our cllrs saying we like the temporary lanes, and if we use them (there are counters), then they are more likely to become more permanent and therefore more might be painted (they aren't painted north of Winchester Rd as it's a very temporary try out) [find your cllr here: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/moderngov/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0](https://www.southampton.gov.uk/moderngov/mgMemberIndex.aspx?FN=WARD&VW=LIST&PIC=0) and cc Traffic.Orders.Legal@southampton.gov.uk Portsmouth just pulled their big scheme, (maybe Eastern rd, north south route) so let your cllrs know you like what Southampton is doing! Can also use whatever website they pick to feed back (they haven't decided yet) – there are too many so they will choose one. Can also send feedback to Lyn to compile. Wade has long email from us with everything up to 7th June.
2. The Echo has printed letters opposing the cycle lanes, so to outweigh the negative letters with positive letters, so please send a short letter to letters@dailyecho.co.uk supporting the “active travel” (rather than cycling v walking – better for pedestrians if cyclists have wide space).

Laurie – Street Space Southampton launched around 26th May.

<https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace> Inspired by Waltham Forest visitor we had last year. Open Letter signed by us and lots of groups and NHS workers etc, to the council, supporting more measures for Active Travel in the city. Based our letter on Portsmouth's, but we know we have a council who are more committed to do this. 3 asks – 1 Provide safe space for people walking and ask for 20mph, 2 Active travel corridors, 3 Low traffic neighbourhood with modal filters (to cut rat running). Lots of signatories already but let Lyn/Laurie SouthamptonStreetSpace@hotmail.com know of any groups for pedestrians that we can ask.

Pushing for 20mph - a default urban and village speed limit would be less costly if country wide. Birmingham is pushing for 20mph (details on <https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace> posted 28/5 starting "one thing missing..."). If hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph, 9/10 pedestrians survive; at 30mph 5/10; and at 40mph 1/10. More info at <http://www.20splenty.org/>

Comment from Jon - Leicester had lots of complaints for 4 weeks, then it sorted itself out, with people working out that they too could cycle etc.

MORE TO ALL DO:

3. Please also do this very quick message to your MP - already the Romsey MP has agreed, so they need to know what people think! http://www.20splenty.org/email_a_decision_maker
4. If you have time, please take photos of yourselves walking or on the pop-up lanes, with comments about how good it is (and how you'd also like 20mph) and post on <https://www.facebook.com/SotonCycling> and <https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace> or email to Laurie at SouthamptonStreetSpace@hotmail.com
5. Let Lyn/Laurie SouthamptonStreetSpace@hotmail.com know of any groups for pedestrians that we can ask.
6. Please LIKE <https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace> and <https://twitter.com/SotonStreets>
7. If you are/know an NHS worker, teacher, school governor, local business owner, community group organiser, etc, please ask them to email SouthamptonStreetSpace@hotmail.com with details if we can add you/them as a supporter to the Open Letter to the council.
8. Winchester Street Space petition: https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/covid-19-safer-streets-in-winchester?fbclid=IwARDDA3DDi3ki3y-YzkbOEQj1F1NXdMchtMktUT-URsY_0BcgqL1MjZPIOw
Portsmouth: <https://actionnetwork.org/petitions/pompeystreetspace>

Ruth - Cycling Development Officer at SCC.

Big Bike Revival can no longer happen in the same sense as previous years. Key workers can get discounts etc through 5 places - The Hub Shirley, St James, Monty, RideRide, and DV cycles. These 5 applied for the funding, and

RideRide used all their funding within 3 weeks. How do we keep key workers on the road? Success with local residents donating bikes to St James, being fixed up, and given to certain groups.

Virtual Bike Week – interviews, bike yoga on Tues, 4 seminars about building back better. #7days of cycling #Build-back better, pics of new infrastructure. 13th June Pride Ride – diversity – LGBQ - SE and SW groups including Southampton.

Ruth has been taking photos to help planning places for temporary bike parking - our previous lists were used (thanked us). She'll be helping with school street closures.

My Journey can't promote our "ask a cyclist" but Cycling UK might, perhaps if Cargo Bikes (one of Ruth's "community clubs") could support it as a risk assessed activity? Ruth will think about this. Johnnie has already written to Cycling UK about our "ask a cyclist" scheme.

Cycle Forum minutes – will be put on council website from now on.

Q from Laurie - close passing - would put off newbies. Close passing campaign on social media? Police & ? campaign - "You're passing a key worker – give them space" Ruth - looking at how to pre-promote this campaign outside the normal groups, access funds. How to target more people and not just preach to the converted? Eg learner driver groups. What's best way to promote close passing campaign? Campaigns team is flat out. But get police (some in other areas are doing great promotion already on safer driving around people on bikes). Laurie has tweeted Hants road police. Hants seem reluctant due to resources – put pressure on local police and crime commissioner. Does save resources in the long run. West Midlands have seen reduction since more proactive approach. Ruth will take it back to team.

Q from Eleanor – AA and RAC? Message about close passing needs to get out to drivers. Could Cycling UK contact them?

Comment from Johnnie – campaign about what is socially unacceptable, like drink driving/ smoking/ mobile phones in vehicles (hasn't worked yet). Positive message - be kind to all.

ALL THINK ABOUT PLEASE:

9. Please think about any ideas of how/who else to target a close pass campaign (eg residents that we don't usually target - and let Lyn/Ruth know).

[3. Previous Minutes - here: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/](http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/)

(SCC team are: Wade - Transport Delivery Team Leader - Greg, Tony & Dale.)

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

4. Past events

Events cancelled due to lockdown.

5. Future events

Our stalls

Tbc depending on lockdown. Most events have been cancelled:

Sat 13th June – Cycle UK mass Cycle Day – Ruth and Lyn sorting a ride, and hope to have a cargo bike ride included.

Sat 20th June – So'ton Sporterium – Ruth and Lyn trying to sort a cargo bike 'show-off' and a Kidical Mass.

This event has two sportive's standard (~100km) or a short (~60km) ride, and a 1.72km Criterium around the city parks. The 'Spin City' will be based near the start line inside East Park, with bike stalls, activities, cycle clubs as well as the best view of the Criterium Series Event! <https://www.sporterium.co.uk/>

Jim is organising a cycle event on 16th August at 9:15am. It's an annual 50k or 32k self guided ride from Romsey in the Test Valley and hills. It is not a race but an opportunity for riders to enjoy a leisurely cycling event in The Hampshire countryside finishing at Poppies Tea Rooms for refreshments and a chat. All Southampton Cycling Campaign members are invited to this free event. Fingers crossed the lockdown will be finished by then. If not we may be able to release riders in small groups.

Our rides

Next Campaign ride – usually 10am on 3rd Sunday. <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/>

Our meetings (always 2nd Mon except Aug)

13th July probably on Zoom.

[If you are late, please knock on window (to right of door, last window on that side).]

Other meetings/events

Monthly Critical Mass rides may or may not start again in summer www.facebook.com/criticalmasssoton/

Next Cycle Forum – tbc – go as individuals or member of other group, so meeting is not dominated by us.

6. Working groups - location then non-location. SCN = Southampton Cycle Network, NCN = National Cycle Network.

"Lessons to learn" doc for SCN 1,3,5 given to Wade after April mt (The Avenue, Bursledon Rd, Millbrook Rd) – Wade is looking at it.

--- SCN1 Western Approach - Jon Bingham (Co-ordinator), John, Pete, Tina, Hugh, Liz, Colin, Jim.

--- SCN1 Central Railway Bridge – Stephen E (C), Jim, Hugh, Su.

--- SCN1 Central Station South Forecourt - Johnnie (C), Lyn, Lindsi, Liz, (Cara), Colin.

--- SCN2 Bitterne Road East/Thornhill Park Rd - Eric (C) Lyn, Lindsi, Johnnie, Steve S.

--- SCN3 Bursledon Rd A3024 – Steve S (C) Eric, Lyn, Liz.

--- SCN3 Quayside Rd – Lindsi (C), Eric, Liz, (Stuart).

--- SCN5 The Avenue/Lover's Walk – Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Colin, Hugh, Pete, Tina, Stephen E, Simon, Chris, Andre.

--- SCN5 Portsmouth Rd – Johnnie (C) Martin, Lindsi, Steve S.

--- SCN6 Portswood/Swaythling/Stoneham Lane - Angela (C), Johnnie, Lyn, Liz, Ceri, Simon.

--- SCN7 Bitterne Triangle - Eleanor (C) Lindsi, Lyn, Angela, Liz. Jon B.

--- SCN8 Salisbury Rd – Pete & Tina (C), Lindsi, Stephen E, John H.

--- SCN9 Hospital Orbital Route - Johnnie (C), Lyn, John, Jim, Colin.

--- City Centre – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Hugh, Su, Liz. Chris, Simon.

--- NCN2 Ipley Crossroads – Eric reports back from HCC mts (attends as Sustrans rep).

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

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

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

Please add routes to <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/suggested-routes/>, remembering to list key districts and road names in the description and don't start or finish routes at your address for security reasons.

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

Lots coming through and being shared on mailing list. Lindsi and Johnnie following up with Greg/Tony.

7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a) Southampton Street Space – new campaign. Laurie to introduce. Laurie, Lyn, Alistair & Liz have had 2 zoom calls and lots on messenger. Laurie bravely joined fb just for this (was on twitter already so it was on Twitter first).

b) So'ton Green Transport Recovery Plan feedback – email has been sent to Wade. Wade joined us (as above).

c) This week is Bike Week – Ruth joined us (as above).

d) Meridian route from the board walk to Northam Bridge - Johnnie contacted Iain and cc Wade again and yet again no reply from Iain.

e) Roles – stopping having Secretary role. Lindsi will continue to do traffic orders and planning applications.

f) Research – side road crossings. Lyn and maybe others did a mass call with a researcher.

g) Cycling "Aid" or "Ask a cyclist" - good work David, Ceri and Lyn! Ridden with one cllr so far. Posters are up in bike shops, Rice Up and Thrive. Some have sent to residents' newsletters. Thanks all who have written to cllrs. Ruth responded about My Journey and sharing (above). "Ads" are on fb. New email is cycleaid@southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk or see <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk> or <https://www.facebook.com/SotonCycling>

If we did it again we would have a new email "ask a cyclist", we would add the words "Ask a cyclist" to the "ad", we'd add advice on cycle training and we would specify that we will ride with people (including on new "pop-up" lanes).

TO DO: Please contact your cllrs and fill in on spreadsheet (which has suggested wording). Lyn will email them all at some point, but would be better if residents contacted ward cllrs.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RYe4GRbAw7HTUBKxiOkj26UPFmlHrHpiCSOZ6bWXhVuM/edit?usp=sharing> (but if it doesn't open for you, please click on the link to ask permission)

h) HCAN (Hampshire Climate Action Network) and SETN (SE Transport Network) – Johnnie is being link person. Interested mainly in how routes out of Southampton negotiate new developments. Wrote to Eastleigh, Hampshire CC Highways, and the developers re the One Horton Heath development about its impact on current routes and about providing joined up infrastructure for active travel from the development.

i) Angela just sent email to hospital link person, John Forder, (Wade gave us contact and Angela vaguely knows him), saying that Lyn, Katherine and others would like to input about routes in and out of the hospital.

j) If you haven't already, before THIS FRIDAY 12th June please comment on leisureworldsouthampton.co.uk. After the West Quay 2 fiasco with its cycle provision consisting of a "cyclist dismount path", we need to be on the ball early with these developments. Scroll down and down to "Give Your View" then to "Let's Get Started". You need to decide if you Support/are Indifferent or Don't support. There are only 15 questions (some are your name/age/etc) but you could include... see email 4pm on 8th June for ideas.

Ran out of time for:

j) NEXT MT: Bait bikes. David to ask Lindsy about the police contact – Darren Orde. Ceri & David to think more about it, maybe contact Ron. It would have to be done as individuals rather than CC.

k) NEXT MT: Could offer ourselves as cycle couriers (done with Covid Sewing Scrubs etc groups).

l) NEXT MT: Items that are available on loan: Pete will try to get Mark Brummel's tools from Mike C. Pete has made inventory of what he has so far and has sorted storage. Jon B has the CC camera.

m) NEXT MT: Other local transport campaigns: Greenpeace's next local group campaign is Transport. Join at <https://greenwire.greenpeace.org/uk/en-gb/groups/southampton-greenpeace>
Friends of the Earth local campaigns are Airport and Cruise ships: join at FoESoton@gmail.com

7 (later) AFTER LOCKDOWN?

a) Edit our Membership postcards and Cycle Code leaflets and get more printed?

b) Newsletter - next one (not sure when) to include sections on (1) maps, (2) items that are available on loan, (3) how we fed back re the 3 completed routes. We'll make A5 paper copies for bike shops.

8. AOB

- a)
- b)
- c)

9. Last thoughts...

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

-- If want to feedback on meeting, please do. What could improve it?

Reminder - join mailing list by emailing sotoncycling-request@autistici.org & join on our web page for newsletters.

-- Next meeting will be on second Monday of next month. Next AGM in March 2021. The Meeting closed 9.37pm.