

**Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting – on Zoom
Monday 9th Nov 2020 7.30pm**

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SCC team are: Wade = Transport Delivery Team Leader. We communicate mainly with Greg from now on, and Tony & Dale if they are running a specific project.

GTRP = So'ton's Green Transport Recovery Plan

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign (us)

SS = So'ton Street Space (we are first signatory to the Open Letter) www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace

SCC = So'ton City Council

1. Apologies

Jon Bingham

2. Attendees

Michael Dodd, Jim Probert, Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas, Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow

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

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and said we'd aim to end by 9pm.

4. Past events

Most events cancelled due to Covid – now in second lockdown.

Past social media (just fb) and mailing list -

Lots shared on fb and on mailing list. Any members can join mailing list once been to a meeting (or if they know an active member).

5. Future events

Future stalls

All events have been cancelled due to Covid.

Future rides

We will start our regular Campaign rides when we can – hopefully back to 10am on 3rd Sunday.

<https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/>

Some of us are informally riding with people to show them new routes – contact us if you need a group of buddies.

Future CC meetings

On Zoom for now - always 2nd Mon except Aug.

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

Other future meetings/events

Monthly Critical Mass rides may or may not start again 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.

We communicate mainly with Greg from now on – through Lyn though please.

Co-ordinators of working groups communicate with Greg, Tony or Dale if they are running the scheme.

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

"Lessons to learn" doc for SCN 1 shared with Greg – see 7c below.

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

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

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

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

"Lessons to learn" doc for SCN 3 updated by Lyn and shared with Greg – see 7c below.

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

"Lessons to learn" doc for SCN 5 updated by Lyn and shared with Greg – see 7c below.

- 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). Work in progress at last.
- 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, or send to Johnnie.

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

Lots coming through and being shared on mailing list.

7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a) Membership fees suspended - David simplified web page to just have donation button. We've cut "associate member" category. An email will go to Lyn, Johnnie and David when someone joins and Lyn will send welcome email.

[Note - Renewing membership – now just clear list every few years.]

[Note - New members need to come to a meeting or meet/know one of us, before can join autistica list.]

[Later - Once events start again, edit Membership postcards and Cycle Code leaflets and get more printed.]

While in lockdown how shall we boost membership & get more people on autistica, so people respond to emails etc? Re-post Cycle Aid on fb. If specific thing to do, we could try to get specific volunteers via mailing list/autistica list.

b) Newsletter – Chris asked for articles and has got it ready to go. Jon just given access to mailchimp to Chris, and Chris says he'll attempt to access it tomorrow.

Future newsletters could include sections on (1) maps, (2) could do themed newsletters – eg GTRP; SCN1 and deliver to businesses on the route and hand out to people on the route, (3) ask the 117 readers what they want from it / ask us questions / submit things, (4) videos and photos! Could do A5 paper copies for bike shops in future if high enough quality articles in newsletter!

We have 117 people on list and it would be good to keep in touch with them more regularly.

c) Johnnie and Lyn talked to Greg on Zoom – Greg responded to our questions following last 2 meetings and gave extra feedback on the routes he is working on. *We communicate mainly with Greg from now on, not Wade any more, through Lyn though please.* Co-ordinators of working groups communicate with Greg, Tony or Dale if they are running the scheme.

Main points:

1 From our previous priority list - getting these feasibilities checked and designed up before 2021 and hopefully most/all done by end of March. Costed up for next year's budget. We will provide response against each request as to why not deliverable or expected delivery date.

a Extending shared use up to entrance to Bitt Manor Park.

b Shared link just before Bitterne Railway bridge at Chafen Rd.

c Central station southern side footway is now shared use; putting in a dropped kerb so can join it after bridge.

d Ocean Way - advance stop across 3 lanes across Canute Rd.

e Woolston Bridge link on Woolston side.

"Happy to take requests and I will log them however expectations need to be agreed as there will be a set budget each year so we can only work through what that allows. We discussed those schemes picked off currently from the last top ten. These will be fed back shortly as deliverable or not and if deliverable then timescales. These can come

to me not Wade now. Each year we can pick off measures from the outstanding request list based on priority / a package of measure that should fall within the annual budget. I will always try to find funding outside of cycle budgets to increase deliverability where possible.”

2 We've edited our "Comments on SCN5, 3, and 1 from So'ton Cycle Campaign to SCC Wade 22/4/20" so Greg will go through in detail with BB. Lyn edited/updated 3 & 5, and Johnnie checked SCN1.

3 One-way streets - Lyon Street - it's no vehicles except loading, so could be 2 way for bikes. Got good design guidance now. Discussed other city centre one way bits and routing, suggesting contra flows for one ways at East St, St Michaels St, and a review of the traffic flows and one ways in Back of the Walls to allow cycle contraflow and reduce rat running by only having the necessary flow to the Multi-story carpark entrance and exit.

4 Discussed East St and New Bargate area - could East St be cycle contraflow by removing parking? Some of us made comments on Bargate consultation, asking that East St be shared use or contraflow, and Greg says Ian and others will see those comments. Also, the central reservation on Queensway needs a gap through to lower East Street and the new shared use to Chapel Road/St Mary's St.

5 Kingsbridge Lane - they had lots of objections. They had hoped for larger TCF funding so could change how top of K Lane works, but didn't get the higher level of funding. Top of West Park Road - advance stop line is so far back, could it be closer to crossing but on the left side half width?

6 Slope by Asda - ownership of the land is in question (car park ownership issue) so problematic. Discussed coming out into the Car Wash area as already a trodden path, but ownership of land making it v tricky. Discussed the need for access to West Quay from both here and further down towards the swimming pool where both Simnel St and the cut opposite from Upper Bugle Street to the Esplanade opposite the pool could be reconfigured for shared use.

7 Greg has been personally working on SCN5:

-- Study currently just complete assessing options for Archers Road and modelling impacts on traffic, will look at and get back to us on options;

-- SCC were going to add a bolt down kerb segregation at the Church of Scientology development site (Inner Ave southbound) - was being costed – on hold currently as planning still anticipate work on site in near future. If no action then bolt down kerbs will be installed.

-- Addition of arrows to cycle symbols to enhance signage of the one-way system in segregated lanes;

-- Pressure to remove shared use footway just south of The Common (north of Cavendish Grove to where the segregated cycle lane re-joins footway). It currently does not promote the southbound segregated cycle lane. Shared use between Bannister Road and Cavendish Grove would remain. L&J expressed reasons to keep it - children etc. Shared use - need to learn to respect each other. Work to go ahead as new cycle facility does provide a segregated facility north and southbound with crossing facilities to link with City Centre, Archers Road, Banister Road.

Lyn will FEED BACK from CC – we still feel it should stay shared use all the way, but we understand the rationale (to get people onto carriageway) but don't agree because of families with young children etc. If taken away please put in a toucan crossing across from Banister Rd to Lodge Rd (especially now as to Lidl).

8 There's a missing dropped kerb at Kingsbury Rd on new Bevois Valley route. Greg said they were right up to the budget, and couldn't manage Blackberry Place to link in, which they'd have liked to be able to do - but limit of TCF budget. The Lodge Rd link to Lawn Rd etc is in next phase. We emphasised how busy this is, a very important link with a very very poor surface and multiple bad repairs around drain cover. Links to Lawn Road from Lodge Road junction and Avenue Road have been emphasised in study for next phase of Portwood Corridor.

9 Dog signs / cycle signs on Common etc - Greg took all our comments (there were many!) and we hope we like the newer draft - he will fwd. Discussed attitudes to active travellers on The Common etc. Update: "Share with Care signs attached for use in parks and common. Share with Care will be use used both in parks and on shared footways across the city. The signage attached is bespoke to use at parks and The Common."



10 We thanked Greg for all his hard work and "coping" with all the verbal bikelash!

PS: Greg then emailed: "Also wanted to raise with you a request we have had at Weston Shore from outside of CC and Cycle Forum. Just before the city boundary the shared use path is regularly covered by stones washed across at high tide. I have to express an interest as this is my ride in! There are options sensitive to the local environment that our own parks and open spaces team could progress to stop this and keep path clear. Is this an issue the CC are aware of & agree is an issue?" We've replied that safety is an issue!

d) Bait bikes. David has talked to police person and has more ideas. It would have to be done as individuals rather than CC. D has looked into sources of suitable bikes. Let David know if interested.

e) Items that are available on loan: Update: Pete will try again to get Mark Brummel's tools from Mike C. Pete has made inventory of what he has so far and has sorted storage. Lyn is collecting the camera from Jon B - does anyone else want to use it?

f) Does anyone else want edit/add to fb page?

SCC has good posters now on back of buses "full bus = this number of people"

SCC bike images and figures that we could share on fb etc found by Michael:

The council post stats on their Facebook and Twitter page every Monday

(e.g. <https://www.facebook.com/SotonCC/posts/3705684422809884>). There's also weekly updates for:

- The Avenue pop-up lane (under "Latest traffic data"): <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/transport-projects/green-transport-recovery-plan/green-transport-recovery-plan-bassett-avenue-the-avenue/bassett-avenue-the-avenue-faqs/>

- Bitterne Road West: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/transport-projects/green-transport-recovery-plan/green-transport-recovery-plan-a3024-bitterne-road-west/a3024-bitterne-road-west-faqs/>

Still awaiting the 3-month review of SCN4 Hill Lane to be published (this should have been done end of September).

Re the big delay in the next tranche funding for GTRP, there was a Parliamentary question 3 hours ago – with an ominous last line.. we are waiting...

g) Local election – do a survey on active travel. Update: David recommends this link as a source of information about local elections in Southampton. Useful for looking for marginal seats.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southampton_City_Council_elections

Here are the questions that we've used in the past:

2015 <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/archives/local-election-surveys/election/questions/>

2016 <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/archives/local-election-surveys/election-survey-2016/may-2016-local-elections-questions/>

2018 <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/may-2018-local-elections-questions/> Got 54% return on our questionnaires.

In 2019 you couldn't get home addresses, but should be able to get agent's addresses.

We will ask the parties rather than individuals this year – and we'll do it sooner than usual.

Michael heard from Cllr Dan F about Active Travel Zones:

<https://twitter.com/doddyuk/status/1325039865168277504>

<https://twitter.com/allpartycycling/status/1325839435087441921>

Ideas for questions:

What would you do to enable cycling and other active travel?

How are you going to work with other parties to ensure that provisions are supported?

...votes on party lines...

h) Lidl – position of bike parking & shared pavement too narrow – Mike and Maggie met the manager but they said they worked with SCC and it's too late now. Lyn has asked Greg how SCC can learn from this.

j) Millbrook footbridge – Lindsay written letters.

k) City Vision – key messages – <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/emerging-plans/cityvision/haveyoursay.aspx> First 3 points and last one pasted below as relevant to CC:

“Over 3,100 individual comments were received through the on-line survey, with further responses received by email..... Here are some of the key messages:

- People want to have more sustainable and environmentally friendly options, particularly when it comes to transport, neither public transport or cycle/walking routes are adequate to deter the use of cars
- Some felt that more radical decisions should be made such as the city centre being completely car free
- Many respondents expressed concerns that increased development could put pressure on the city's parks and green spaces. A Local Plan must protect these areas
- [port / waterfront / local highstreets and support business start-ups and local independent businesses / the 'state' of the city; rubbish, poor pavements, homelessness and general upkeep and look of the city / space standards & outside space / lower rise blocks of perhaps 4-6 storeys with good outdoor space]
- Many feel the city has great potential but there is a need to be bold and take a different approach, at present there is a slight feeling of despair and little faith that change will happen”

l) GTRP – keep feeding back. Lots of examples of routes being removed across the country – keep the pressure up. Write to Echo etc. Can use this link: <https://action.cyclinguk.org/page/70542/action/1?ea.tracking.id=CLIPS>

m) Ruth's job: today is her last official day working for Cycling UK (& SCC). “I am due to take up a community engagement post with the Sustainable Cities team within SCC from 16th, still working on active travel - however I will no longer be the go-to contact for the Community Cycling Clubs. Currently the council and Cycling UK are deciding the future of the rest of the Community Cycling Club programme in Southampton. For the moment, my colleague Sarah Cunnold will be taking over some of my work in Southampton, although she already has big commitments with her current role as Portsmouth cycling development officer. However, if you do have any questions for her, then please drop her a line at sarah.cunnold@cyclinguk.org and she will be able to help you with your enquiries.

It's been a pleasure to work for Cycling UK in Southampton for the past few years, helping to grow cycling in Southampton and the surrounding areas - and a pleasure engaging with you all also on trying to achieve that vision. I hope to continue working with you in my new role - if you want to reach out to me then please do contact me, to help support the ongoing work of My Journey Southampton and the council's sustainable travel team.”

Not sure if this means someone else will organise the Cycle Forum...

n) Jon B says that he's been working at Rideride in Bitterne Park Triangle since July. Cycling UK is funding a free bike doctor Tuesdays 2pm-6pm - it's in a disused shop just down from Aldi's in Bevois Valley and Jon is putting up a poster tomorrow so hopefully people can find it OK.

8. AOB

a) Jim - People could write to roads@hants.gov.uk about complete lack of cycle diversion at Redbridge Causeway – partly SCC, part Highways England, part New Forest, part Hants Road – made worse as there are roadworks on M271. Going to be closed for maybe 4 months – not sure why for that long.

Jim's letter that you could re-word: I regularly cycle out to the New Forest from Southampton, and since the bridge at Redbridge on the shared use side has now closed, I am shocked to find the lack of alternative provision.

The only alternative is to use the terribly narrow, badly surfaced path on the North Side and past the Adams Morley HGV Garage to cross the river, with the ongoing roadworks on Redbridge Roundabout it's difficult to work out how to get to the North Side, due to the inadequate signage. I dread to think how a visitor to Southampton finds his way from Totton to Southampton or back to the New Forest, without having to join the highly dangerous main carriage-way, also anybody on a non-standard bike (cargo, tricycle etc), would not be able to use the path on the North Side and get through the roadworks and subway.

It appears that the bridgework has been organised to cause minimum disruption to drivers and maximum disruption to cyclists and pedestrians. Even if you remove cyclists from the mix, the only way for anybody to walk across leaves no room for social distancing.

What hope do we have for social distancing, and to be environmentally friendly, to allow this sort of poor planning which makes driving the only attractive option?

b) Jim - Marchwood bypass upgrade is being planned – there was a local cycling group in contact with us who wrote a very long document. Johnnie added a few comments.

c) Jim - Good bike stands at cemetery between Ower and Romsey (Test Valley Crematorium) – good!

d) Johnnie - Consultation on line about Horton Heath – might fwd info to group if still time to respond.

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 if haven't (ask for link) & join on our web page for newsletters.

Next meeting – second Monday of next month. Bring a winter drink?? Next AGM in March 2021.

[At AGM – suspend membership fees? Change constitution about fees?]

In March – re-do list for Greg for small pot of money – ask him to start with new list.