

**Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting – on Zoom  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021 7.30pm**

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*SCC team we are most in contact with: Greg (who we communicate mainly with from now on), and Tony & Dale if they are running a specific project. Wade = Transport Delivery Team Leader.*

*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](http://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace)*

*SCC = So'ton City Council*

### 1. Apologies

Jill Doubleday, Liz Batten

### 2. Attendees

Greg Churcher (Senior Transport Planner, Green City and Infrastructure, SCC),

Peter Wickett (SCC TCF Project Lead (Cycling), Green City & Infrastructure, SCC),

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Jim Probert, John Heath, Michael Dodd, Pete Davis, Tina Davis, Jon Bingham, David Thomas, Pete Dargie, Wendy Clark, Simon James, Stephen Edwards, Lindsay Bluemel, Ian Roth, Steve Shaw, Ceri Dunn, Angela Cotton, Ian Rothwell, Dilys Gartside

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

AGM next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> March. Any offers?

### 4. Past events

Now in third Covid-19 lockdown so none.

[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-19.

[Future rides](#)

We will start our regular Campaign rides when we can – hopefully back to 10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/>

After lockdown, some of us may continue to informal ride with people to show them new routes – so do contact us if you need a buddy.

[Future CC meetings](#)

On Zoom for now - always 2<sup>nd</sup> 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/](http://www.facebook.com/criticalmasssoton/)

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

30<sup>th</sup> May – Bike Week (Cycling UK)

### 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.

Lots of pictures, videos and feedback links here: <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/scn>

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

--- 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, Pete D.

Steve S has been looking at route. Need to improve cycle safety at Aldi entrance/exit. Maybe have a “slow” sign?

Please give ideas to Steve S. Sometimes rules seem to go out of the window at many new store entrances/exits.

Positive – there are now green sections and surface is finished. Were they going to put green diamond surfaces there like in Millbrook? But they don't seem great in Millbrook, as where the lorries come out, the surface doesn't seem to make a difference. Better to have whole thing painted green? Dangerous section of road – too many places where vehicles cross the route. Steve S to suggest to Greg – surfacing – green surface AND reflective diamond, as

planned. Can it be used on a new development to try out and then put in here if it has worked? In Millbrook the kerb line is different to here. Anything else to slow vehicles? Maybe temp signs to remind vehicles (like at Bitt Sains). Need consistency. Steve S will email Greg.

--- SCN5 The Avenue/Lover's Walk – Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Colin, Hugh, Pete, Tina, Stephen E, Simon, Chris, Andre, Ian.  
--- SCN5 Portsmouth Rd – Johnnie (C) Martin, Lindsy, Steve S.  
--- SCN6 Portswood/Swaythling/Stoneham Lane - Angela (C), Johnnie, Lyn, Liz, Ceri, Simon.  
--- SCN7 Bitterne Triangle - Eleanor (C) Lindsy, Lyn, Angela, Liz. Jon B.  
--- SCN8 Salisbury Rd – Pete & Tina (C), Lindsy, Stephen E, John H.  
--- SCN9 Hospital Orbital Route & SCN2 West – Michael (C), Johnnie, Lyn, John, Jim, Colin.  
--- City Centre – Lindsy (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, Lindsy, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina.  
Please add routes to <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/suggested-routes/> or send to Johnnie. Please list key districts & rd names in the description. Don't start or finish routes at your home for security reasons.

--- Traffic Orders/Planning applications: Lindsy (C), Johnnie, Jim, John H, Hugh, Eleanor, Pete & Tina.

## 7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

- a) Greg Churcher (Senior Transport Planner, Green City and Infrastructure, SCC) and Peter Wickett (SCC TCF Project Lead (Cycling), Green City & Infrastructure, SCC) told us that the schemes going in soon are the ramp by station, and the TRO for whole of station to civic centre link. They then answered questions for at least 45mins.  
\*\* Martina (TCF Programme Manager, Green City & Infrastructure, SCC) & Peter Wickett are coming to next mt to talk about city centre plans – time tbc.
- St Denys “Cyclist Dismount” road signs – we thought SCC has agreed not to use them: Lyn told Greg about the signs last Tues (as soon as saw pics on fb) and Greg replied early morning saying he’d ask Tom from BB to go and talk to them, as they are Gas signs. But the signs were still there on Sun eve so Lyn emailed again. Greg told us that he will go himself tomorrow (Tues) – need to sort out and establish that SCC has asked that those signs are not to be used! Done.  
[From fb: Only signs in a red circle are commands. Rectangles just provide information.  
<https://www.cyclinguk.org/cycle/cyclists-dismount> The Department for Transport guidelines state quite clearly: ‘Where access is permitted for motor vehicles, “Cyclist Dismount” signs should not be used. The hazards to cyclists at roadworks are rarely great enough to justify this measure. In any case, cyclists are likely to ignore such instructions.’ ]
- Why is it taking 5 days to remove cycle lane on Hill Lane? [not that we want them removed, of course] Echo article saying 5 days – Lyn fwded to Greg. From SCC: “pop-up cycle lanes in both directions ... 8 February 2021 to remove the cycle lanes between Bellemoor Road and Burgess Road. The work will take approximately 5 days, and to do this safely, we will require a full road closure between Bellemoor Road and Burgess Road to be in place from Tuesday 9 February. We will be working between 9am and 6pm, and a diversion route will be signed.”
- What is SCC long-term plan for reaching Winchester Rd? Any plans for Winchester road improvements? The Orbital route, including Dale Rd is being sorted first, then route to Sports Centre.
- We’ve seen some very poor pothole repairs again – eg Quayside Rd, Hinkler Rd.
- Are there going to be “bus gates” for Portswood scheme? Presentation to follow soon...
- Winchester Rd/Bassett Ave/build-outs at Vermont Close/Narrow bit from roundabout onto Bassett Ave from Winchester Rd? Will be looked at as part of The Avenue route. Designs out hopefully in early summer. That route has been delayed by The Common section 38 bits (Common land) but they are working their way north.
- Polygon consultation/Ring road proposal/cycle lanes on ring road? Greg will get back to us.
- When will we hear more about Bitterne Triangle next stage? Not at the moment. Response from consultation: nothing major scored highly, however minor bits like the wall coming out (done or very soon?). Lindsy gave list a while back of what locals thought was essential and asked Greg if they can take notice of that - it included a crossing by Bitt Park Hotel, 20 mph, shared space... Lots of local support. Jon and Eleanor also did some feedback on the Triangle.
- City centre - lots of little bits – if all come together... eg Cumberland Place. SCC plans ready soon.

- Millbrook station footbridge and ramp? On Cycle Minor Works list to be looked at. Not SCC's bridge, so need to talk to partners. Will be picked up to look at.
- After the meeting we then emailed Greg to ask: Lindsy says there is some v odd signage around - so if you are reviewing signs do ask please. But we're v happy the cycle signage is in!
- After the meeting we then emailed Greg to ask if they ever checked out all the notes on the routes? There are still weird things - again the signing of the route just north of Bitt precinct came up in the mt (after Greg had left), and the random "no cycling" sign that is before the new cycle sign. We said if Greg would prefer us to take pics or vids of what we said on the list we can do so, or one person could cycle the route with one of you.

We sent Greg our list below a few days before, and he is sorting it into 4 categories: Quick wins – let's get straight to delivery; Good ideas but need a bit of thought / design or consultation; Being delivered as part of TCF or other scheme; Not minor works / needs bigger budget / not deliverable because... "Once I have finished, I'll share with you my initial thoughts and feel free to push back if you think I've sold an idea short."

Draft for our "Small pot of money" for financial year 2021-22 list.

*Our Top Ten + 17 doc (2017): lots has been done or is on the SCC plans – which is great!*

*Our "Small changes for big gains" list (March 2020): lots done already – great!*

2 routes north from golf-course/Chilworth/Lordswood.

Build-out on Winchester Rd – make safer. Others similar? Learn from this when putting in new ones.

A bike ramp channel on the shallow angle stepped rail footbridge between Tenterton Avenue to The Grove. This links up a quiet way between Weston Shore and Portsmouth Road then using Botley Road on to Hedge End. It is also adjacent to the Oasis Academy Mayfield Secondary School.

Lawn Road and Spring Crescent route – hopefully coming up as part of Portswood scheme. Need re-surfacing and double yellow lines, and maybe parking on other side of Spring Cres. Maybe lengthen the lead-in lane to the lights at TLW from Horseshoe Bridge where it crosses Empress Road – but need more than a line painted. Often it is blocked by the queue and vehicles pull out. Evaluate the priorities at the Lawn Road /Dukes Road T junction as currently cycles from Belmont Rd/Osborne Rd face an awkward 'right turn' in order to carry on along Lawn Road.

Cycle lanes or enhancements on Howard Road, Paynes Rd and Foyes Corner as there is not really a feasible alternative route to SCN1 from Inner Avenue, Portswood and beyond or The Common.

Upgrade the existing shared use path on the A27 from NCN23 at Mansbridge to Cutbush Lane - the surface is terrible.

Cutbush Lane (from A27 past Greg's School to Meggason Ave) barriers are too tight and awkward so need to take some barriers out.

Northam Road between Railway bridge and river – crossings at Britannia rd on southern side aren't toucans – could they be? The tight/blind corner at the end of the Home Zone – dropped kerb in middle. Is a new road bridge being put in or is it suddenly safe for buses and lorries? How about our ideas for it to be a garden bridge and vehicles use ring road?

A ramp on the footbridge to Millbrook Station in the southern side. Network Rail's work means that there is no disabled access or cycling access across the main road to the Western Approach cycle route as well as the station

Wonky paving slabs from near top of London Rd to dead-end of Ordnance Rd – not safe for pedestrians or cyclists. Not sure if this is going to be a cycle link. Also few holes on shared path from Ordnance Rd to parks. This is my preferred route rather than London Rd.

\*\*\* ASLs:

ASL at the Highfield Lane/Portswood Rd junction - look at this junction during rush hour and work out where the lead-in lane needs to start, to give free access for cyclists at all times - longer lead-in

ASL Horseshoe bridge – uphill onto Lawn Rd, could be moved a few meters further so less of a hill start holding up vehicles – there is space.

ASL on Platform Rd - John H and Linds

ASL at the Bridge Rd/Portsmouth Rd junction – Jim

ASL for exiting the cycle path on Osborne Road and turning right onto St Denys Rd. Currently the manoeuvre involves reversing to the correct side of the lights after making the turn, or sitting in front ahead of the lights which are then behind you.

ASL civic centre side of the Commercial Rd/West Park Rd traffic lights

Increasing length of all lead-ins on all ASLs – and all ASLs need lead-in lanes - as long as the Howard Rd/Hill Lane lead in lane, which is excellent. The lead-in lanes at certain junctions should be increased in length when they are re-painted.

\*\*\* BIKE STANDS NEEDED: (move some of the many stands that aren't used as much opposite Portswood library)

-- new entrance to God's House Tower (old walls).

-- sports centre (being revamped) needs covered bike stands at top of hill and at bottom. Existing ones at bottom of hill are on a slant - bike stands always need to be on contour lines.

-- outside Cafe Thrive (near Debenhams) - vegan cafe so lots of cyclists.

-- more outside Rice Up, and existing ones need rotating as these are really on a slant - vegan shop so lots of cyclists with shopping.

-- Outside The 1865 club - maybe even taking up a parking place if no obvious room, as is very wide road.

-- October Books, Portswood – needs more.

-- Crown Court - there is plenty of space. Outside the youth court, where there are stands, is not acceptable - no-one with any sense would leave their bike here and no-one using the Crown Court would know they were there anyway.

-- Princess Anne Hosp needs some near the main entrance; most people lock their bikes to the railings here and don't go searching for the stands that I am told there are in the car park. Plenty of room.

-- It would also be good if they completed the arc of stands at West Quay as it would look better and provide more stands (at busy times these stands are full).

\*\*\* CITY CENTRE BITS:

Consideration to installing cycle contra-flows in St Michael's St and Porters Lane. Both would provide safe cycle access to and from the Old town from the High Street and beyond.

Links from lower to higher level (Asda? we know the land-ownership issue) and near Tudor House, going down through proposed new bus depo through arch in castle – need good bike access to the arch. We know the dual carriageway from station may change too.

Cycles to be exempt from the No R Turns in the city centre as buses are.

Contra flow also needed on the Back of the Walls section from East St to Bernard St (even better, this should be shared space, as should all of the sections of Back of the Walls as part of the historic old town.

\*\*\* What are most frequent issues raised by local cyclists with us or on social media?

b) [Lyn] AGM is second Mon in March – 8<sup>th</sup>. Anyone want any jobs? Anyone welcome!

c) [Lyn] Articles please onto this link for next newsletter. Going out on Saturday, well before AGM. The scheme-specific articles from Sept are in the google doc, and if not updated will delete. Will use new gmail account for sending newsletter. David/Jon will hopefully add links to google street view.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W\\_sFiMFe\\_x-r5dcPxxNM\\_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFiMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing)

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 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!

d) [Johnnie] Our Twitter account – last used April 2019. @sotoncycling Share Megan & other SCC people & Street Space – School Streets, Bike it, Sustrans. Johnnie & helper. How to fit in with the existing fb?

e) [Jon] Edited cycle aid ads to post on fb etc about membership. If specific thing to do, could try to get specific volunteers via mailing list/autistica list – before AGM (eg do more social media)? What else to promote membership?

f) [Lindsi/Bart] – Takes nearly 4 mins to cross from IKEA to West Quay Service Road if you're waiting for the green. See [www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN-BGRIU9B4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN-BGRIU9B4) on Michael's "The Cycleways of Southampton".  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCES3m9yiruuvA0BBjXuuQQg> Lindsi prepped Fol on times taken across the city at crossings. Air quality experts say not to use crossings where you have to wait in the middle of a road. Done by Bart?

g) [Pete] Items that are available on loan: 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. Jon B is using the Go-Pro camera then will pass on when gets bored of it.

h) [David] Elections seem to be confirmed so we plan to do a local election survey on active travel. Ask the parties rather than individuals this year. 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... Often good questions on the Cambridge CC website. Ideas from WinACC shared to David, who will draft.

j) [Pete] Ramp to uni – Lyn has written to Vice Chancellor about ramp.

k) [Lindsi] Vision Zero – come back to this.

l) [Jon] Has researched Mail Chimp alternatives. We need something for 1000 contacts or more (future proof), with Email Builder, Landing page builder, Segmentation and personalization of contacts, Multi-user account & Free to use. If you have experience of any of these options please let Jon know:

MailerLite - <https://www.mailerlite.com/pricing>

- Free
- 1000 contacts
- Email builder
- landing page builder
- Segmentation & personalization
- Multi-user accounts

Omnisend - <https://www.omnisend.com/pricing/>

- Free
- Unlimited contacts – 15000 emails per month
- Email builder
- Segmentation & personalization – 5 segments
- 2 User accounts
- Landing page builder

Sender - <https://www.sender.net/pricing>

- Free
- 2500 contacts – 15000 emails per month
- Email builder
- Segmentation & personalization – 5 segments
- User Accounts – Not sure?
- Landing page builder

Zoho Campaigns - <https://www.zoho.com/campaigns/comparison.html>

- Free
- 2000 contacts
- Email builder
- Segmentation & personalization – 5 segments
- User Accounts – Not sure
- Landing page builder

m) [Lyn] Please share this activity and suggest it to families for half term (pinned on [www.facebook.com/SotonCycling](http://www.facebook.com/SotonCycling)). It was started by Megan (SCC/Sustrans) and completed by Greenpeace members: “We love the historic Low Traffic Neighbourhoods in Southampton so much, that we decided to make an interactive map so you can enjoy them too! In orange are temporary ones currently on trial, so if you love them as much as us, please offer feedback and respond to the consultations (the links can be found by clicking on the orange icons). You’ll also find dotted lines offering you route suggestions for walks and cycles. We’d love your support and to see pictures of your favourite Low Traffic Neighbourhoods spots, so please do tag us and use the hashtags [#sotonsafeststreets](https://twitter.com/#sotonsafeststreets) and [#historicactivetravel](https://twitter.com/#historicactivetravel). Enjoy and stay safe!  
[https://umap.openstreetmap.fr/en/map/southampton-modal-filters\\_555749#12/50.9277/-1.3251](https://umap.openstreetmap.fr/en/map/southampton-modal-filters_555749#12/50.9277/-1.3251)

n) HCC Local Transport Plan 4: please reply to consultation by 28 Feb. Despite its trivial-sounding name, it will be the framework for transport for about 10 years. It is much more climate-friendly than the current Local Transport Plan 3. So they're likely to get comments from people who are upset about the plans to reduce motor traffic. We need to have many more people who support the plans, to give Councillors the courage to adopt a Local Transport Plan that will cut transport emissions. Go to <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/localtransportplan> then scroll down to the foot to "Tell Us Your Views". If you open [the WinACC DRAFT](#) you can copy/paste from it. You could add safety as it's a missed theme.

## 8. AOB

a) New Lidl in Brownhill Way – good cycle racks!

## 9. Last thoughts...

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

-- 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> March AGM.

Next AGM 8th March 2021: Officially suspend membership fees? Change constitution about fees? Renewing membership – now just clear list every few years. New members need to come to a meeting or meet/know one of us, before can join autistica list. Once events start again, edit Membership postcards (it's free to join) and Cycle Code leaflets and get more printed. Do more press releases – a role?