

Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting

Monday 11th April 2022 7.20pm for 7.30pm on zoom

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Turquoise highlighting = things for those reading this to do now!

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.

SCC = So'ton City Council

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign (us)

SS = So'ton Street Space www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace

1. Apologies

Pete Dargie, Sue Colborne, Barrie Colborne, Ian Rothwell

2. Attendees

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Jim Probert, Lindsi Bluemel, Eric Reed, Ian Lamming, Angela Cotton, John Finney, Eleanor van der Hoest

3. Previous Minutes

See: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

4. Past events

Monthly ride.

Friday 25th March – Fridays for Future – Guildhall Sq – thank you Lindsi for doing stall (Lyn had covid)

Twitter, fb and mailing list – lots posted

If you're on twitter please share: @SotonCycling

Please also share articles and "events" from fb: www.facebook.com/SotonCycling

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

5. Future events

Future CC meetings

2nd Mon of every month except Aug. **May meeting on zoom. June tbc. Social on 4th Monday again?**

SOCIAL 25th April - Café Thrive SO14 1JX (between Debenhams and Bargate – fix bikes on railing opposite) **6pm-7pm for food and drink (beer etc available), then those that want to cycle can cycle somewhere.** If you arrive later than 6.15 we might have gone to sit in the sunshine near the city walls (on way to The Quays swimming pool), or we might be in the cafe.

ALL WELCOME. Maybe: Lyn, Pete D, John F, Lindsi, Johnnie.

June mt - please also bring your own cup to all meetings, then no one has to wash up at the end. Lateral flow tests? Masks? Door open?

St Denys Community Centre, Priory Road, SO17 2JZ

[Once back in room- if you are late, please knock on window (to right of door, last window on that side).]

Future stalls

Sunday 24th July - Sporterium www.sporterium.co.uk/?utm_ID=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery We can have banners on railings at Sporterium and have been offered a gazebo space. We will decline gazebo but someone will take banners. Lyn can't. If people want to wonder with postcards then could do.

Saturday 30th July – Big Green Event at Guildhall. Lyn can't – Angela might be able to take leaflets etc. Ian L might be able to.

Future rides

2022 monthly campaign ride leaflet – link here: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/ - usually 10am on 3rd Sunday.

Do print leaflets to go in bike shops, notice boards, libraries etc to promote us.

Jim doing some British Cycling guided rides – will post on list. Next one May 1st – need to sign up via British Cycling.

Other future meetings/events

Bike Doctor – see My Journey [visit website](#). Bike Kitchen at The Hub in Shirley Weds 7-9pm.

Volunteers needed at Repair Café – either as bike repairer or taking email addresses and organising the queues.

<https://transitionsouthampton.org/projects-repair-cafe/>

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

We communicate mainly with Greg through a monthly email from us.

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, Liz, Colin, Jim, Ian.

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

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

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

--- SCN4 Park & ride to Central Station via General Hospital and Hill Lane – see SCN9.

--- SCN5 The Avenue/Lover's Walk Working Group – Lyn (C), Johnnie, Stephen E, Joanna (grzy...@), Pete D, Ceri – site visit 23/3/22 and follow up email sent to Greg 24/3/22

Apologies for site visit: Angela, Lindsy, John F, Simon, Bart, Pete, Tina, [no response twice from Andre, Ian R, Colin].

--- 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, Liz, Jon B, John F.

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

--- SCN9 Hospital Orbital Route & SCN2 West & SCN4 – Michael/Johnnie (C), John H, John F, Katherine, Angela [no response from Jim, Colin, Pete, Tina]

--- St Denys – Johnnie (C), Katherine, John F, Pete D

--- City Centre – Lindsy (C), Stephen E, Liz, Chris, Simon.

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

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

--- Foyes corner group - Lindsy (C), Colin, John H, Katherine, Andre, Ian R.

--- Mapping [& Signage] – Angela (lead liaison with SCC), Johnnie (lead on plot-a-route), Lyn, Lindsy, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina, Izzy and OS.

Angela will ask Laurie again about Southampton mapping. Lindsy will see if Portsmouth etc have paper maps. None in Eastleigh any more.

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

--- **NEW Working group** for postcard and banner designs: Johnnie, Angela, John F, Lindsy.

--- **NEW Working group** for Northam Rail Bridge: Lindsy (C), Lyn, See Jan, Feb, March minutes as soon as we hear consultation dates. Lindsy submitted a FoI – can the current bridge be maintained with existing weight restriction, any figures for quantity of concrete for new bridge. They don't have hold any of this information – which is quite worrying – no environmental impact reports. Focus of campaign could be this, so an informed decision. Provision at the moment is good for north south route – as under the road, although doesn't connect neighbourhoods. Asking Greg - are the sustainable transport team going to oppose this?

7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a)[Lyn] Contact with SCC. Responses from Greg in green: “Due to being in pre-election period I may have been more factual / short in my response than usual.” Greg told us (on site visit) that the minor works will happen soon at Weston shore, with sleepers to edge the path and change to the metal gate by Netley Abbey.

What is the latest on plans for Gyrotory (Cobbett Rd area)? Need wider pavement between Cobbett Rd and Bullar Rd, and to be upgraded to shared-use - it's worse since barrier put up in central area. Is the Athlestan Rd corner going to be altered? – The site has been identified as part of our Cycle Strategy, but as yet no delivery date.

What is the latest on plans for Portsmouth Rd? We are awaiting feasibility design and costings which are due shortly. One of the team will be in touch to update once we have had a chance to review.

The path from the boardwalk is collapsing in a few places (tarmac is overhanging) by Industrial Estate – please don't narrow it like the bit that is narrowed already with railing on blind corner. Ideally of course the new ramp will open and the path will be improved (awaiting response from last list). – Noted and reported. There is on-going maintenance on the boardwalk and it is a known shared use route.

Secure bike parking in town – are there any plans? Like in other countries and even in other UK cities. Can the unused parking be

moved from the car park near Ikea? [The has been identified as part of our Cycle Strategy, but as yet no delivery date.](#)

Outside Thrive and Rice Up – (where many do cycle as vegan people more likely to cycle/walk perhaps) – could some parking places be replaced with cycle parking? Especially the view from Thrive could be of bikes and the park instead of cars. The car spaces are labelled “disabled” but are mainly used for dropping off and idling. We’ve been noticing and checking at various times. We hope this road will be resurfaced when the Bargate area is finished, as it’s terrible surface. Maybe much wider pavements could be added, and one lane for buses except at ends, where can pass each other.

If nothing else, please rotate the Rice Up stands as very hard to load a bike on a slope, and replace one car parking place outside Thrive with bike stands – please.... Who can we ask about this....? This whole section of road leads no-where apart from for buses, so it could be amazing café culture place with view of parks and occasional buses. Will there be more disabled parking in shop mobility/new bus area? Once the Bargate area is finished, this will seem even more run down. [We have added additional parking in the area. No plans currently to add further cycle parking or other work.](#)

More bike parking by October Books in Portswood – we hope this is part of Portswood plan. [Improved cycle parking is part of the proposals on this project. We are awaiting feasibility design and costings which are due shortly. One of the team will be in touch to update once we have had a chance to review.](#)

Echo article www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/19871407.amp/ about the city of culture walking trails – how about some for cycling? Any plans? The Go Jauntly app www.gojauntly.com, which looks like other organisations have used too, is for walking- it’s probably not easy to use for cycling. – [Good suggestion. You can currently send ideas to the following email address \[contact2025@southampton.gov.uk\]\(mailto:contact2025@southampton.gov.uk\). Also to keep informed of any future consultation events you can sign up for alerts on the SCC City of Culture webpage <https://southampton2025.co.uk/get-involved/>](#)

*** From previous month - Old Meridian site – please can we hassle to hurry up and get tarmac (or a good permeable surface) on the rest of the path – some of it is so nice now. They are only just starting to build another block so it'll be ages before it's finished. Our previous communications showed a ramp but we hope it has been planned to be wider and easier to cycle on than original plan. The ramp exit when heading from Boardwalk on route 24 south needs to be rotated so just a corner and not a detour with u-turn and zig zag? – [awaiting planning to update.](#)

Today’s questions for Greg compiled at end of this section.

b) [for Sue] Spend money on postcards/banners? Angela got quotes for ethical printing – Solo Press (internet) - and November Express on Lodge Rd. Jon given Lyn postcard design.

Postcards – Decided on November Express for 1000 (or more) double sided, green and black on white. Recycled 350gsm uncoated card. Cost would be £26.80 + VAT. Artwork should be supplied as a 2 page PDF document and incorporate a 3mm bleed.

John F created QR code. New working group of 4 (as above with working groups) clarifying wording for postcard and banner design – with QR and another slogan. BRING existing banners to social.

We will have a big map on stalls (if we do any events) to get people talking to us. Angela has bus map. Lyn has coloured stickers and people can stick a numbered sticker, then write comments on a clipboard, which we can then decide if we want to add on list to Greg.

c) [Ian L] Elections – Ian L emailed about Cycling UK’s cycling manifesto and offered to contact candidates. Jim, David T and Johnnie seen draft, then sent to list 4/4/22. Discussed whether to include some points, including references on Cycling UK, and we agreed Ian will send final draft to list, then to candidates 48 hours later. Angela fwding candidate list to Ian. Ian will draft Press release (proof read: Lindsay, Johnnie, Lyn). BTW all the seats will be up for re-election next year because of ward boundary changes, so people who get in this year will just be in for one year, and some parties are not standing in some wards to give others a chance (ask if want more details).

d) [Lyn] Roads to be resurfaced – new list released for next year but if we look at this year’s and check any obvious omissions Greg will take list from us (discussed at site visit). Eg terrible surfaces at top of Bitt Precinct by Red Lion/ Lawn Rd/ Brookvale Rd/ <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/20010796.45-southampton-roads-set-resurfaced/?ref=ebln> Johnnie will check lists and bring to a meeting soon.

e) [Lyn] on facebook: Good morning everyone,

I just wanted to share with you a way of sharing your [dashcam and helmet cam footage](#) with us to show those on the roads that may not be adhering to the rules or driving as sensibly as they should.

Types of incidents can be; near misses, mounting of pavements in order to overtake, speeding or even going through a red light. Additionally, if there was a more serious offence taken place, this will be investigated also, yes even those pesky young individuals riding motor bikes everywhere.

If you follow this link: <https://orlo.uk/4hOaG> you will be directed to our website, fill out the form and upload your footage online. Then these clips will be reviewed

and the appropriate action will be taken such as:

1. Formal action; 2. Warning in writing; 3. No further action.

There are some criterias to be met also including:

1. You must be able to accurately provide the date, time & location of the incident as well as the registration number of the vehicle involved

2. Incidents should be reported within 7 days of the event

3. Footage must not be edited

4. Footage must show 1 minute either side of the incident

5. Footage must not be deleted from your device

6. Footage must not be shared on social media

Please remember though if it is an emergency, call 999 or alternatively, you can call 101 or report online through our website.

Thank you, PC 27903 TUNE

f) [Lyn] Newsletter sent 4/4 as Stephen suggested promoting rides. Had rides, social and meeting info. Add articles at any point you have anything – and let Lyn know you have. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFiMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZ-BnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing See appendix for ideas for newsletters if anyone wants to take on.

g) [Lyn] When we get queries we reply, and then can add to list for Greg. Had email from Simeon about “the junction that links Ogle Road/Above Bar Street. It isn't clear whether cycles are permitted to cross here. There's drop curbs either side and a sign at the other end of Ogle Road which says 'No Through Road Except Cycles' but no other evidence that cycling here is permitted. A conversation with a planning officer at the council indicates this confusing layout is rooted in its history going back 20 years. I'd love to see this junction improved, made clear who is permitted to use it, and made safe for pedestrians and cycles. Admittedly this is a minor junction but it is on my commute and so I use it at least twice a day. It's been suggested to me by the planning officer to get in contact with local groups to see if this issue has been raised by anyone else. Is this something you have ever discussed or had noted by members? Thanks for your help, Simeon”

We said we could suggest to Greg to put a couple of “share with care” discs orientated to the direction of travel of cycles to indicate that the manoeuvre of crossing through the many shoppers is legal.

Simeon: “My main question at the moment is whether it is officially a cycle crossing at all - as it's been updated in the last 20 years the issue has been fudged somewhat. There's drop curbs but no signage to indicate a shared use path. An old 'Except Cycles' sign is at the other end of the road but that apparently should have been removed about 20 years ago!

Once the legal situation of this junction is clarified, I think Share with Care discs could be useful in this instance. If it is to be shared use for that section, tactile paving may be required to indicate this.

However my other concern is ensuring motorists realise this is a junction as it is frequently blocked by parked vehicles either side.” Included this to Greg below.

h) [Lyn] Had email from Paul about Padwell Road (Inner Ave) having an increasing problem with high-speed rat-running, particularly at the junction with The Avenue. Added to list for Greg, but we have already asked for modal filters all around this area.

l) [Johnnie/Jim] <https://www.hants.gov.uk/.../transport schemes/redbridgelane> £2.8mil scheme - solely focused on improving car traffic flow, makes the crossings more difficult for pedestrians, and has absolutely no provision for cyclists, not even an ASL. Jim has submitted comment on 31/3/22.

m) [Lyn] I get emails from Transport for the South East – fwded to Lindsa and will unsubscribe.

n) [Lyn] A friend has asked if anyone has bikes for Ukrainian refugees in Romsey: Looking for bike for 10 year old 140cm and into the future for others possibly. (Lyn also knows Southampton collection organiser so can offer bikes to them too.)

n) [Lyn] To ask Greg:

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We've been contacted by someone who cycles and works right by the junction that links Ogle Road/Above Bar Street. Could there be Share with Care discs, maybe tactile paving, and something to stop motorists frequently blocking it with parked vehicles either side please?

We've been contacted by someone who lives in Padwell Road (Inner Ave) having an increasing problem with high-speed rat-running, particularly at the junction with The Avenue. We did originally ask for modal filters all around this area but we ask again for many more modal filters here and by Avenue Rd, due to the high amount of rat-running.

8. AOB - since meeting:

a) Bike Month Challenge - Love my bike- prizes to win [Click here to join my team](#)

9. Last thoughts...

-- Anyone want to offer to join a working group / suggest and take on a new role, eg social media / feedback on meeting.
Reminder- join mailing list if haven't (ask for link) & join on our web page for newsletters.

Next meeting – second Monday of each month, except August.

Next AGM March 2023

Appendix:

Future newsletters could include sections on (1) maps/route planning apps etc, (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. Draft here for any articles for future newsletters: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFiMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing

Mailchimp etc:

Our joining email says: Please paste: "Please add me to your mailing list. I agree you can email me about Southampton Cycling Campaign"

Mailing list: the Google doc is updated as we get new members.

Jon suggested: Use Mailchimp if Verification code is sorted. All with access to membership email should be able to access this.

- Suggested text about GDPR for the constitution.

- Some info about what data we need from members and what we use it for - for website and on new member emails.

- How people can request data we have stored and request that it be erased.