

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting on Monday 12th January 2015

Present: Tim, Barry, Sue, Stephen, Tina, Pete, John, David C, Mike W, Lindsi

Apologies: Liz, Grant, Eric, Jonathon

David agreed to chair the meeting. No minutes from Dec meeting available.

Response to new Second Ave proposals: Second Ave working group thought this better than previous plans but aspects still presented problems and possibly dangers for cyclists. Chris felt it was the best we were likely to achieve; Tina said we shouldn't agree to plans with unsatisfactory elements. Lindsi suggested a two part response, elements we accepted/elements we thought were unsatisfactory with suggestions for improvements. **Second Ave working group will submit a response to Dale on behalf of the Campaign. David, agreed to approach UPS and suggest a meeting.**

Next Cycle Forum: discussion of issues we would like to be on the agenda of the next Forum. The following were agreed: explanation of changes to design of ASLs; timescale for signage work (esp removal of R turn prohibition at N end of West Park Rd and addition of Except Cycles at agreed locations); potholes, esp those on cycle routes. **Tina to submit to Dale.** It was also agreed that we would draw the attention of the Forum to our Good Cycling Code

Elections, local and national: possibility of holding hustings similar to that organised by CTC for Southampton North and Romsey was discussed. Some interest expressed in both national and local; it was agreed better to concentrate on national first as general election is imminent; possibly have a meeting with prospective local councillors next year. It was agreed that this should be raised at the Forum. Possible venues Meeting House or Civic Centre. One or two members will try to get to the CTC hustings and report back.

Attendance at Mags' Court on Friday 9th Jan: three members attended for the trial of a driver who had deliberately rammed a cyclist damaging his bicycle but not (as far as we know) causing any injury. Unfortunately we were misdirected and heard other cases. Tina reported on one involving a drug addict who had stolen dozens of bicycles to sell on ebay. Trial was postponed to 10 am on Friday 22nd May. Members were encouraged to attend if able to show support for the aggrieved.

Response to Romsey Town Centre plans: brief discussion, limited by the inability to access the plans on-line. John was concerned at the absence of any on-street cycle parking; **Lindsi will respond on this point.** Other issues had been raised with Viv Messenger when she came to our Nov mtng.; It was agreed to make no further response as a group but members could respond as individuals.

Opinions on Church St: mixed views, some generally liked new scheme. Others didn't. Main concerns were the bollard at one end and crossing traffic at both ends to join/leave the two-way lane.

Rides for All 2015 programme: Lindsi presented a draft programme for comment. Members expressed a preference for Sundays; fixed date (3rd Sunday agreed) and to substitute ride names with geographical location/destination. Some discussion on possibility of asking participants to join Campaign; this will be considered. In addition to programme members expressed interest in an August trip to IoW. **Lindsi to submit programme to Megan Streb for inclusion in My Journey.**

AOB: Mike W pleased to see cycling police officers attend car crime in Belle View Rd.

Next meeting with speaker Darren Ord: Monday 9th Feb Next Cycle Forum: Tuesday 17th Feb

