

Minutes of meeting with Cycling Officer, Wednesday 2nd December 2015

The meeting started at 4.30 pm.

Present: Dale Bostock, Cycling Officer, David Cooper, Campaign chairperson, Lindsi Bluemel, Campaign secretary

- 1) **Morris Rd** Work is underway to install a cycle crossing to enable cyclists to safely access the station from Morris Rd (which has a R turn prohibition).
- 2) **Bedford Place** Dale is looking at the possibility of permitting cyclists to turn right at the Bedford Place/Cumberland Place junction.
- 3) **Central Station Bridge** Dale showed plans for two possible shared cycle/ped footway conversions to provide a safe cycle route to the south side of the stn from the west/north of the stn. **To be discussed at Dec Campaign mtng along with Cllr Galton's alternative route**
- 4) **Dale Rd** Work has commenced on improving access for cyclists from Dale Rd to the hospital. Lindsi asked whether the mini-roundabout in the dip was necessary. Dale said that this predated his involvement with Highways and he thought it was installed in response to accidents.
- 5) **Gyratory** Dale aware that the gyratory is unsatisfactory for cyclists. In the short term he will look at "tweaking" the R turn prohibitioun. Also moving the bus stop on Bitterne Rd West to the east side of the junction which would reduce the number of roads peds have to cross to access it.
- 6) **West Marlands Rd** Transport planners are considering introducing motor-vehicle restrictions on West Marlands Rd. David and Lindsi gave unqualified approval. 17th Dec police coding bikes in Guildhall Sq. Arts Quarter: no specific cycle facility but no prohibition so considerate cycling will be legal (as in the precinct).
- 7) **Kingsbridge Lane** Three plans have been drawn up showing i) ped only ii) segregated and iii) shared use schemes for the improvement of Kingsbridge Lane. Lindsi said that the lack of enthusiasm at the last Campaign mtng was concern that money spent upgrading this route would be unavailable for more important highways improvements where cyclist safety was an issue. Dale said the scheme was as yet unfunded and confirmed it would not come from the cycling budget. Improvements to the Havelock Rd/Civic Centre Rd will take place at the same time. **Plans will be available to view at the Dec Campaign mtng.**
- 8) **Lovers Walk** A planning application will be submitted in early 2016 for the upgrading of Lovers Walk
- 9) **The Avenue, east side cycle route** Dale outlined proposals for a cycle route from Avenue St Andrews Ch to Lodge Rd (on footway) and from Lodge Rd to Lyon St (two-way, on-road). This would provide a complete route from Highfield Rd to the city centre on the east side of the Avenue, which has the advantage that cyclists will not have to cross The Avenue and it will ease the problems with the Domino's path as numbers using it will be

reduced. Dale said the problems with the Domono's path were proving almost insurmountable. **To be discussed at the Dec Campaign mtng**

10) **Itchen Bridge junction** Campaign survey was discussed briefly. Dale accepted results and acknowledged that there were problems with the junction, but pointed out that accident rate was low. David made several suggestions for improvement including full-width ASLs and removal of those of the bicycle markings which cyclists found confusing. Dale will discuss the problems cyclists are experiencing at the junction with Highways. Dale has no problem with survey results being shared with other cycling organisations. Further discussion to take place at the next mtng. **To be discussed at Dec Campaign mtng**

11) Lindsai raised two additional matters: barriers on Cutbush Lane and Victoria Rd alternative S - N route. No progress on either of these.

Next mtng: 4.30 pm on either Wed 6th or Thurs 7th Jan (tbc)

The meeting closed at 5.30 pm