

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting on 14/12/15

Present: David C, Pete and Tina, Tim, Stephen, David T, Barry and Sue, Lindsi, John, Mark (new member) **Apologies:** Jim, Jonathon, Andre

Minutes of previous meeting agreed. No matters arising not on agenda.

Meeting with Dale Bostock on 2/12/15: brief report on meeting from Lindsi. Matters needing discussion were agenda items (see below)

Itchen Bridge junction: David reported on the discussion with Dale about the survey results and the need for changes. Acknowledgement from Dale that the junction wasn't working as intended. A meeting about the junction with Dale, Nick Farthing and highways engineer agreed for early Jan. Pete and Tina have written an article about the survey results (will be in the newsletter) which they have forwarded to CTC for information. CTC will send anything they write about the junction (based on our survey results) to them for approval before printing. Simultaneous green for peds/bikes was mentioned as one possible solution to the problems, together with better signage of underpasses. David C and Lindsi attended the mtng with Dale but Lindsi thought it would be possible for someone else to attend if they had an interest in the junction.

List of priorities: At the Nov mtng some members agreed to write a para about a particular road or junction that needed attention as a matter of priority, to be submitted to Dale. David will draw up a list of the priorities so far agreed; paras outlining suggested improvements to David by W/E.

Kingsbridge Lane: 3 schemes discussed; 1 (ped only) rejected; 2 (segregated) and 3 (shared-use) both thought acceptable by members. Lindsi thought that in this case segregated might be preferable as cyclists accessing the station would be fast (steep downhill) and peds might feel vulnerable with cyclists weaving around them at speed. She pointed out that there was as yet no funding and it was therefore not worth spending much time on. Dale had agreed that the scheme would not be funded from the sustainable transport fund. Mark suggested that a scheme with differentiated strips of tarmac would be simple and effective. David will respond saying that we had mixed views on 2 and 3; 1 not favoured but emphasising that this was not a priority for cyclists. Havelock Rd/Civic Centre Rd crossing also discussed and need for toucans agreed to enable cyclists to rejoin the roads safely. As yet no info about upgrading the lights.

Central Station Bridge: The two schemes presented by Dale were discussed: conversion of footway on west side and additional ped/cycle bridge on east side. John questioned the width of the converted footway (3m); David T thought there should be "clip-on" extensions to both sides of the bridge. Agreement that most cyclists would not use a toucan to access a route on one-side of the bridge and another toucan to rejoin the road. Also agreement that the proposed shared footway was inadequate. Further discussion needed. Stephen outlined Cllr Galton's proposals for a route alongside the Mountbatton Way. Lindsi suggested asking him to the Jan mtng to talk about this, hopefully with some costings. Dilys objected to the

replacement of the roundabout at Fourposts Hill with lights and others agreed that this was not necessary. Stephen to make an interim response. Agreement that further discussion needed to take place at an evening meeting.

Furzedown Rd/Highfield Rd: Pete explained what the TRO involved; response of Campaign appeared to have been taken notice of. It was agreed that no response to the TRO necessary. Lyn Brayshaw has proposed that dropped kerb from Furzedown Rd onto pavement at Highfield Lane junction (to access toucan crossing) should be made level with road surface so easier for bikes and angle of junction increased to reduce speed. Pete has suggested that she contact Dale about this rather than Actionline. No action from Campaign at this stage.

Lower Brownhill Rd cycle path: John outlined the problems with this path. Original plan on south side of roundabout acceptable but route being installed is not as cyclists are diverted to the north side of the roundabout and required to make multiple crossings of busy roads. Cyclists likely to stay on the road – David T said this is what he did – but 3 lanes of fast traffic. Concern expressed but uncertainty as to how the Campaign can influence the engineers/transport planners. John said not Test Valley matter but Hampshire CC. Jim and John have done everything possible to no avail. Dilys suggested protest ride on the roundabout bringing traffic to a halt. Some expressed willingness to take part in a protest, seen as the only possible route since all other avenues have failed. John to raise the matter at the next Test Valley BUG.

Avenue East Side route: Agreed that there was nothing to object to although several members expressed doubts over the proposed two-way on-road cycle lane from Lodge Rd to Lyon St (also some scepticism as to the time this would take).

Campaign ride on Sunday: Meet at the Four Horseshoes in Nursling St between 9.45 and 10 am for ride to Hilliers Arboretum.

AOB: Sue said options for newsletter cover were b/w or colour (extra £50). Members agreed b/w was OK.

DT – will make on-line version colour!

Tina – Ashurst cycle path upgraded but far too many give-way lines.

Jan mtng may be held at St Denys Community Centre. New member Mark advised to look at the website for confirmation of Jan venue.

Dilys informed us about her cycle ride plans in Dorset.

