

Minutes of Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting held on Monday 14 November 2016

Present: Stephen Edwards (Vice Chair), Lindsy Bluemel (Secretary), Jon Bingham (Events Co-ordinator), Sue and Barrie Colborne (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary), David Thomas (Web-site Manager and IT Advisor), Kieren Bradley, Tina Davis, Peter Davis, John Heath, Phil Hughes, Liz Hughes, David Pemberton, Nick Misoulis, David Neilsen, Claire Neilsen. **Apologies:** Lyn Brayshaw, Brian Burrell, Hugh Davis, Su White.

Approval of last month's minutes: Minutes of previous meeting agreed.

Matters Rising None.

Agenda Items

1) Campaign Priorities: Top 10 Most Dangerous Junctions + Top 10 Quick Wins

Stephen reported that he was unable to find a copy of our top ten priorities, now that David had moved away. So members at the meeting were asked to resubmit their thoughts. It was decided that we would split these into two topics, most dangerous roads and junctions, and a list of quick wins, dropped kerbs etc. The following roads of concern were discussed, Shirley High Street, Bevois Valley, Millbrook Road East, Dale Road, Advanced Stop Lines, Civic Centre, Holyrood Junction, Spring Road, Wrights Hill.

Please send your proposals to Lindsy who will compile them and send to the Council **Action All**

2) Cycle Campaign Strategy

Jon Bingham fed back from the working party the work in progress as to future operation of the group. They had produced a list of thoughts and ideas for a mission statement that were distributed at the meeting. Much of the detail was taken from Pompey Bug strategy and centered around recruiting more members, improving the website for easier sign up for new members, and storage of digital documents, offering more benefits for members, having more speakers at special meetings, offering family bike rides, and using funding from Cycling UK to organize mass rides, bicycle repairs and safety checks etc.

Members were asked email comments to Jon Bingham, and he will report back at next meeting.

Jon added that on Friday 25th November a critical mass ride was taken place in Southampton and leaving from Cenotaph 5:30pm, members were asked to participate. **Action All**

3) Report back on site meetings: a) Itchen Bridge b) Bitterne Centre/Dean Rd c) Bitterne Triangle

a) Itchen Bridge - Following the Itchen Bridge site survey taken a year ago, a site meeting was held with Dale Bostock and Greg Churcher to consider potential alterations to the traffic lights junction at the west end. Consensus was reached around the need for full width ALS, new signage for the underpass, markings on the green lanes, a turn left option on the pavement for cyclists coming from the bridge toward Ocean Village, a flashing warning sight for motorists turning left here warning them that fast cyclists may be going straight on, and a review of the traffic light sequence. The next step is for engineers to design and cost these solutions so we will need to check progress in due course. Once known, this will be a positive story we can pass to the Echo. Overall, our approach represents a good template for future effective action – gathering of evidence, persuasion and seeking jointly acceptable solutions.

b) Lindsy and David reported that cycling through Bitterne Precinct will now be permitted and that improvements for cyclists at either end of Dale Road are planned

c) A number of proposals have been put forward for improvements to Bitterne triangle, but none seem to offer any improved benefit to the current layout. Prohibiting right turns at this junction would create

more traffic chaos. A brain storming session is proposed to find a solution and improve the public realm of the area, ie public consultation with road users, traders and residents.

4) Transition - Blueprint for transport in the city

Lindsay has forged some links with Transition regarding producing a proposed blueprint for transport in the city (for pedestrians, motor vehicles and bikes) based on Portsmouth's City to Share. Liz Batten and others are very impressed with the document and they are meeting next week to discuss a way forward. Report back on progress in due course. **Action Lindsay**

5) Progress with the Cyclist's Code

5000 copies have been printed and volunteers sought to distribute to bike shops and schools. Thanks to Jon and Lyn for their hard work on this.

Some comments mostly positive from many cyclists, although Bob Damper of Southampton CTC has remarked that when children are learning, it makes sense to have the saddle low so that they can reach the ground more easily. Hampshire Constabulary would not approve the code because of: 1) the recommendation to cycle 1 m from the kerb and 2) the use of the phrase "confident and assertive" ! It was suggested we could challenge this higher up the chain of command. In any case, we can ask the Cycle Forum to adopt it as the code for safe and considerate cycling in Southampton.

6) Updates on route signing to Nursling

John and Jim have ridden the route and suggested alterations to the actual route prior to any signage been put up. John pointed out that a better map would be useful, showing all the 10 routes planned by the council. Hugh reported by email that he has ridden the "official" Nursling Route, has ideas about the requested lamppost labeling, and agreed with some, if not all, of the suggested alternatives.

John, Jim and Hugh to finalize our response.

Action: John, Jim and Hugh

7) Rides Programme for 2017 + City Centre cycling event 2017

Volunteers are welcome to come forward to lead rides - particularly family friendly rides. Lindsay will decide on the date for the historic churches ride, which currently clashes with a Southampton Criterion and Sportive event. The Stokes Bay ride was enjoyed by a number of cyclists, so will be repeated next year. Jim offered to lead a ride a Hythe Ferry ride to Lepe using roads and forest tracks.

8) Newsletter

Any outstanding newsletter articles, please submit ASAP to stephenedwards12@gmail.com.

Action: Lindsay, Ruth, Jon, Hugh, Pete, Liz

9) AOB:

Peter Davis reported on proposals to replace steps from Lovers Walk to the University campus. The design is not perfect (slope and barriers) but importantly, it raises the need for proper level cycle infrastructure to be introduced from Furzedown Rd. Jon and Lyn had been asked by the University transport person for support but will explain to him why individual, rather than campaign, responses will be made. **Action: Jon, Lyn**

Next Ride: **Sunday 20th November COPYTHORNE** Meet: Four Horseshoes, Nursling 9.45 am, Rural lanes, tracks; coffee at Carlo's DONM: Monday 12 December

Mtg closed 9.50pm

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