

## Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting - Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb 2020

[7.30pm-9.00pm Wade Holmes](#), Transport Delivery Team Leader with us. We gave Wade a list of questions/topics in advance.

Wade gave us a comprehensive briefing on changing transport infrastructure in Southampton. The City is currently bidding for part of a £1.8bn fund that will be shared between 12 Cities. It is hoped that highest bid possible would be £145m, which would be used to transform all routes in and out of the City: providing rapid bus corridors, with 'Super Stops'; a permanent Park and Ride, possibly at Adanac Park (for hospital on weekdays) and using Airport Parkway and train; and completing all the missing cycle links in and out of the city. There would also be Mobility Hubs, with bike parking, charging points, and bike hire. The City Centre will have two new bus hubs, one at West Quay and the other at Vincent's Walk, and a link from the Station to West Quay. New Road, that crosses the parks, would be closed to all but buses and cyclists. However this depends on getting the highest bid, and we could just get 68m the lowest bid, or medium bid of 111m, so this would prevent having all of the improvements we would wish.

Campaign members are concerned about the Bitterne Gyrotory; this will have improvements to make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians to cross Bitterne Road West from Bullar Road to Athelstan Road.

Campaign members will meet with SCC to ride completed cycle schemes for a final check and lessons learnt: Millbrook Road, The Inner Avenue and the Bitterne Route. Johnnie Dellow asked if we could have included smart traffic lights in the bid, but not having two stage crossing points, and in addition the provision of secure bike parking. Wade said that traffic lights on two-stage crossings are linked, so waiting time in the middle should be minimal.

Lindsi questioned the lack of cycle route provision in the east of the city, as much of the work done is in the west and centre. The Bitterne route going east has been completed and the Weston route is done.

Future Works: Lovers Lane will have some widening of the damaged paths, but use of Common land takes a year for consultation. This widened route north from Highfield Rd would only be for recreational cyclists, as there will be cycle routes along the Avenue from Northlands Road up to Burgess Road. Consultation is very soon. Lyn and Johnnie will email out points that can be made at consultation, as they have seen and discussed the detailed plans with Greg.

Further 6 to 7 Active travel schemes are in the pipeline, with delivery to be completed within 3 years.

New routes are to be planned for the new St Marks School - the working school development team are working on it.

[Break until 9:15pm , then 9:15 -9.45pm: Due to overrun of briefing only time for updates.](#)

### 1.Apologies

Liz Batten, Eric Reed.

### 2. Attendees

Lyn Brayshaw (Chair), Johnnie Dellow (Vice-chair), Lindsi Bluemel (Secretary), Jim Probert (Minutes Secretary),, Steve Shaw, Pete Davis, Tina Davis, Ceri Dunn, Colin MacQueen, John Bingham, Simon James, Angela Cotton, Eleanor van der Hoest, Stephen Edwards, John Heath, and Wade Holmes (Guest Speaker).

Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and those attending introduced themselves.

3. Previous Minutes - here: [www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/](http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/)

### 4. Past events

Monthly Campaign Ride

### 5. Future events

#### Our stalls

Climate Strike – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

#### Our rides

Next Campaign ride – usually 10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. [www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/ride/rides/](http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/ride/rides/)

Our meetings (always 2<sup>nd</sup> Mon except Aug)

9<sup>th</sup> March – AGM

13<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Monday but we plan to go ahead (room booking is confirmed)

#### Other meetings/events

Monthly Critical Mass rides [www.facebook.com/criticalmasssoton/](http://www.facebook.com/criticalmasssoton/)

Consultation coming up for The Avenue – Northlands Rd to Winchester Rd.

Next Cycle Forum – 7<sup>th</sup> April – go as individuals or member of other group, so meeting is not dominated by us.

6. Working groups - opinions needed (alphabetical order) - Location then non-location. **SCC team are: Wade, Greg, Tony & Dale.**

***(not discussed, as some covered already – jumped to next section)***

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

--- Bitterne Triangle - Lindsi (C) Eleanor, Lyn, Angela, Liz. Jon B.  
Eleanor has collated information.

--- Bursledon Rd A3024 – Steve S (C) Eric, Lyn, Liz.

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

--- Central Station South Forecourt - Johnnie (C), Lyn, Lindsi, Liz, (Cara), Colin.  
Johnnie has sent a letter to WSP designers, regarding the loss of the Triangular Path.

--- City Centre – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Hugh, Su, Liz. Chris, Simon.  
Lindsi to coordinate list of connectivity issues, of routes in City Centre.

--- Eling – John H (C), Jim, others when necessary.  
Redbridge Road, new cyclepath almost completed in front of flats, demolition of old subway in front of Nissan garage still to do. Note closure of Redbridge cyclepath to Totton later this month to replace ducting, check that a diversionary route is signposted?

--- Hospital Orbital Route - Johnnie (C), Lyn, John, Jim, Colin.

--- Ipley Cross – Eric reports back from HCC mts (attends as Sustrans rep).  
Serious cycle accident on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, involving a Southampton CTC rider on an organised ride, returning back from Beaulieu. Police have been informed.

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

--- Portsmouth Rd – Johnnie (C) Martin, Lindsi, Steve S.

--- Portswood /Swaythling/Stoneham Lane - Angela (C), Johnnie, Lyn, Liz, Ceri, Simon.

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

--- Stoneham Lane, Eastleigh - Lyn (C), Liz, Angela, Simon.

--- The Avenue & Lover's Walk – Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Colin, Hugh, Pete, Tina, Stephen E, Simon, Chris and Andre.  
Issues with Tiger Crossing at Northlands Rd – sent email to Greg.

--- Quayside Rd – Lindsi (C), Eric, Liz, (Stuart).

--- Western Approach - Southampton Cycle Network Route 1 (SCN1) John Bingham (C), John, Pete, Tina, Hugh, Jon, Liz, Colin, Jim.  
Done??? Jon B to arrange ride for group, to then feed back to Wade (including parking in front of Millbrook station).

--- Mapping & Signage – Angela & Johnnie (C), Lyn, Lindsi, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina.

Johnnie is now sharing cycle routes on the website using plot-a-route. Plot-a-route now been embedded into the website with a new window.

--- Traffic Orders: Lindsi (C), John, Hugh & Eleanor.

## 7. Updates

a) Web page update – Jon B and Johnnie looking at website. URGENT – cut “recent posts” and “calendar” and instead have explanation of where to find mt/ride/other date info – eg “see latest minutes”.

b) Newsletter – next one soon to be published as a blog, a section on maps, including tools and cameras that are available on loan, Chris Brown will compile articles, and Lyn and Jon will proof read. Members asked to submit topics to the newsletter, even if just a paragraph, as soon as Chris asks. All Working Party leads please submit an update. See what Jim can do to the website?

c) Document Storage - Jon has created a storage space for working groups, details in email 21.1.20

d) Plans for new school in Shirley for age 4-16 to replace St Marks School – Jim P to send copies of both routes to Wade.

e) Lindsi to invite councilors – shall we try again in spring/summer?

f) Removal of verges. We previously agreed that we don't ever want verges to be removed, and that we prefer wild flowers or pollution-sucking hedges/shrubs to be used whenever an area needs re-seeding after works (Bursledon Rd). Johnnie written our statement on it – to be put on web site:

*“ We as a campaign do not wish to see wholesale removal of verges and believe that taking space from the road and motor traffic should be the priority. Whilst we realise sometimes verges will need to be use, we advocate keeping verges/low hedges in space closest to the road which is unusable for cycles. All unusable space around works should be planted with pollution reducing shrubs, wild flower verges, grass verges or returned to its natural state. Adding green space in other areas around works should be used to compensate losses from schemes.”*

g) Meridian route from the board walk to Northam Bridge, and through the new housing to Radcliffe Road: Johnnie is looking at the route with Wade.

h) Temporary Board walk closure – done.

i) Mousehole Lane. SCC are looking at adding crawler lanes. Comments needed on email list request. Done?

Athelstan Road crawler lane to crossroads. Lyn emailed Wade to follow up.

j) Important that glass is reported so it can get cleaned up. There is a button 'Report a Street Cleaning Problem' - you can then select & specify. Broken Glass <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/street-cleaning/> Steve Shaw to follow up. Put this on web page too?

l) Pothole reporting systems need tightening up – Johnnie reported that Southampton Council only take notice of reports sent to the Southampton City Council Website. <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/roads-parking/road-maintenance/> Put this on web page too?

m) Johnnie requesting suggestions and Johnnie and Lyn compiling - list of cheap easy improvements e.g. drop kerbs, short contraflows. For Wade's 3 yr plan. Will also update our Top 10 issues for Wade.

n) City Centre - it was reported that the moving bollards in Guildhall Square can suddenly move when passing by bike making it a hazard for cyclists. Wade explained that they are anti-terrorist devices and can't be modified, and assured cyclists were perfectly safe to pass through them as they stop if sense something in the way.

## 8. AOB

--- Take a photo.

## 9. Last thoughts...

-- Anyone want to offer to join a working group / suggest and take on a new role?

-- If want to feedback on meeting, please do. What could improve it?

-- Next meeting will be on Monday March 13th 7.15 for 7.30 and will be AGM first.  
(Then next AGM in March 2021).

April mt likely to be on usual date, which is Easter Monday.

The Meeting closed 9:45pm