

Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting – on Zoom due to lockdown

Monday 11th May 2020

1. Apologies

Jon Bingham, Pete Davis, Tina Davis, Lindsy Bluemel, John Heath

2. Attendees

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Jim Probert, Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas, Steve Shaw, Tim Wakely.

[Colin MacQueen, Martin Hodgson, Sue Colborne, Barrie Colborne, Hugh Davis, Su White, Liz Batten, Eric Reed, Chris Brown, Stephen Edwards, Eleanor van der Hoest]

3. Previous Minutes - here: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/

(SCC team are: Wade - Transport Delivery Team Leader - Greg, Tony & Dale.)

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

4. Past events

Events cancelled due to lockdown.

5. Future events

Our stalls

Tbc depending on lockdown. Most events have been cancelled:

Sat 13th June – Cycle UK mass Cycle Day – Ruth and Lyn sorting a ride, and hope to have a cargo bike ride included.

Sat 20th June – So'ton Sporterium – Ruth and Lyn trying to sort a cargo bike 'show-off' and a Kidical Mass.

This event has two sportive's standard (~100km) or a short (~60km) ride, and a 1.72km Criterium around the city parks. The 'Spin City' will be based near the start line inside East Park, with bike stalls, activities, cycle clubs as well as the best view of the Criterium Series Event! <https://www.sporterium.co.uk/>

Jim is organising a cycle event on 16th August at 9:15am. It's an annual 50k or 32k self guided ride from Romsey in the Test Valley and hills. It is not a race but an opportunity for riders to enjoy a leisurely cycling event in The Hampshire countryside finishing at Poppies Tea Rooms for refreshments and a chat. All Southampton Cycling Campaign members are invited to this free event. Fingers crossed the lockdown will be finished by then. If not we may be able to release riders in small groups.

Our rides

Next Campaign ride – usually 10am on 3rd Sunday. <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/>

Our meetings (always 2nd Mon except Aug)

8th June probably on Zoom.

[If you are late, please knock on window (to right of door, last window on that side).]

Other meetings/events

Monthly Critical Mass rides hopefully will start again in summer www.facebook.com/criticalmassoton/

Next Cycle Forum – tbc – go as individuals or member of other group, so meeting is not dominated by us.

6. Working groups - location then non-location. SCN = Southampton Cycle Network, NCN = National Cycle Network.

"Lessons to learn" doc for SCN 1,3,5 given to Wade after April mt (The Avenue, Bursledon Rd, Millbrook Rd) – Wade is looking at it.

--- SCN1 Western Approach - Jon Bingham (Co-ordinator), John, Pete, Tina, Hugh, Liz, Colin, Jim. Traffic orders been shared on mailing list for Paynes Rd link, and Johnnie and Lindsy have followed up with Tony.

--- SCN1 Central Railway Bridge – Stephen E (C), Jim, Hugh, Su.

--- SCN1 Central Station South Forecourt - Johnnie (C), Lyn, Lindsy, Liz, (Cara), Colin.

--- SCN2 Bitterne Road East/Thornhill Park Rd - Eric (C) Lyn, Lindsy, Johnnie, Steve S.

--- SCN3 Bursledon Rd A3024 – Steve S (C) Eric, Lyn, Liz.

--- SCN3 Quayside Rd – Lindsy (C), Eric, Liz, (Stuart).

--- SCN5 The Avenue & Lover's Walk – Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Colin, Hugh, Pete, Tina, Stephen E, Simon, Chris, Andre.

--- SCN5 Portsmouth Rd – Johnnie (C) Martin, Lindsy, Steve S.

--- SCN6 Portswood /Swaythling/Stoneham Lane - Angela (C), Johnnie, Lyn, Liz, Ceri, Simon. Traffic orders, including Inner Ave links, have been shared on mailing list and Johnnie and Lindsy have followed up with Greg. Includes Tiger crossing on Lodge Rd.

--- SCN7 Bitterne Triangle - Eleanor (C) Lindsi, Lyn, Angela, Liz. Jon B.

--- SCN8 Salisbury Rd – Pete & Tina (C), Lindsi, Stephen E, John H.

--- SCN9 Hospital Orbital Route - Johnnie (C), Lyn, John, Jim, Colin.

--- City Centre – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Hugh, Su, Liz. Chris, Simon.

--- NCN2 Ipley Crossroads – Eric reports back from HCC mts (attends as Sustrans rep). Jim had a Zoom meeting on Wed 13th with Southampton CTC and things are starting to move on Ipley Crossroads. The various authorities are broadly in agreement for the need to have a staggered Crossroads, but don't expect any improvement to have this implemented very quickly. David, the guy who was knocked off his bike, was on the zoom chat and he now has his neck brace off and is using an indoor trainer, so slowly making a recovery.

--- Eling – John H (C), Jim, others when necessary.

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

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

Thank you to those who have added routes to Plotaroute. Johnnie will let David know when there are enough to move the tab on the web site. Please remember when creating routes on Plotaroute, please list key districts and road names in the description as Johnnie can copy and paste so searchable. N.B. It is best not to start or finish routes at your address for security reasons.

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

Lots coming through and being shared on mailing list. Lindsi and Johnnie following up with Greg/Tony.

7. Updates – (TAKE A PHOTO NOW)

a) Research – say if interested please. John Parkin tweeted about wanting contact from cycling groups to do with side road crossings. Wade fwded to us and Jon commented on, and we're happy that Wade follows John Parkin. Respond as individual if you want to, but Lyn has emailed from them now so please say if interested. "We're looking for people from all walks of life to take part in online focus groups discussing perceptions and experiences of side road crossings. Please get in touch with @RicciMiriam miriam.ricci@uwe.ac.uk for more info. Please RT @UWE_Research @uwebristolnews"

b) Pop up bike lanes etc – Lyn communicated with Wade after April mt, and today Wade has let us know that the plans for extra cycle lanes for social distancing and active travel are hopefully being approved and announced this week - using experimental traffic regulation orders where possible to speed delivery, or even deploying cycle lanes without the need for traffic regulation orders. We wait with baited breath –other cities have managed so surely Southampton can too. We also discussed articles, such as this:

<https://www.theguardian.com/sport/blog/2020/may/10/dawn-of-new-golden-age-for-cycling-or-just-another-empty-promise>

c) Meridian route from the board walk to Northam Bridge, and through the new housing to Radcliffe Road: Time is running out. Johnnie contacted Iain 2 months ago and still waiting for reply, so Johnnie will re-send to Iain and cc Wade.

d) Items that are available on loan: Pete will try to get Mark Brummel's tools from Mike C. Pete has made inventory of what he has so far and has sorted storage. Jon B has the CC camera.

e) Unfilled position: Press and Media officer – Lindsi Bluemel (subject to consent) and any support doing secretary role would be appreciated too by Lindsi.

f) Document Storage - Jon has created a storage space for working groups, details in email 21.1.20. The idea is that members of a working group can view the folder and files inside. The working group co-ordinators can add files and edit them. There should be at least 3 people with full admin access to Google account including Gmail and Drive. At the moment it's Jon B and David T. We can agree a way of working and share simple instructions to working group members initially.

g) Please write letters to letters@dailyecho.co.uk and more! Advice: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/campaign-your-sofa-write-letter-your-local-paper>

h) To encourage people to continue cycling in Soton after lockdown: schemes to reduce cycle theft – bait bikes. http://www.bikeoff.org/design_resource/ABT_problem_why_prevent.shtml
Few replace their bicycles once stolen. UK research shows that, 17% of cyclists experience bicycle theft. Of these, 24% stop cycling and 66% cycle less often.

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/green-living-blog/2010/jun/30/police-thefts-bait-bikes>
Bikes thefts dropped by 45% at Cambridge rail station when British Transport Police tested the method.
Even in the UK's bike theft capital, London, rates dropped by around a third in one local trial.

Ron M says: "I have talked to Police about this. They say they have done this in the past but due to austerity they don't have resources to do this. They also told me I could put my life in danger if I went after the culprits and at this point they could not consider working with me because they could not guarantee they would have the resource available to catch a thief. But, if say the cycling campaign for example were prepared to set up a team to do this then I would probably be prepared to help. Ron"

David found article of someone in Portsmouth who did it: <https://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/crime/vigilante-uses-bait-bike-gps-tracker-and-catches-portsmouth-thieves-act-1356629>

Would use bikes that look expensive but don't actually work properly.

The police probably know that it's just a handful of thieves.

David to ask Lindsy about the police contact – Darren Orde. Ceri & David to think more about it, maybe contact Ron. Conclusion – maybe some of the "new" gov money could be spent on it. It would have to be done as individuals rather than CC.

i) To encourage people to continue cycling in Soton after lockdown: set up local groups to support people that want to take up cycling to get around the city, using the model used by the Covid Mutual Support network. Roughly Ward based groups? Learn local barriers for people cycling, to help people that don't know the best routes to cycle around the city, to help get cycles repaired, to involve ward councillors in cycling.

Ceri to make an "Ad" with CC logo, maybe "Cycling Mutual Aid" and bullet points and email/fb contact. Ceri – send draft to Lyn and David.

David to make new email address and if/when we get swamped with responses, will prompt whoever lives in that area. eg if someone from St Denys asks, David would prompt & give password to Johnnie, who can then log in to the email and respond. If people happy to respond on their own email, can do so.

David will edit web page - enabling / support / second hand bikes / link to police site re locks, security, postcode stamping (advising on locks etc could be risky though, so link to police site) / lock both wheels and frame / don't buy expensive looking bikes / tuition / offer to repair bikes / local bike shops / Challenge - a quarter of car journeys are under 1 mile. Add videos to our web site? <https://youtu.be/NrogivOtmDA> & https://youtu.be/Riv20R8_zlw

Looked at My Journey web site – do people look on there for routes? Is good advice given if people send a route request? Even more incentive to get our web page routes and maps full of great routes. The SCC map is unlikely to come out soon. Most recent cycle map on My Journey is 2012.

Lyn or David will send out to ask CC list for more volunteers (or if you're reading this please email us). So far Angela (Swaythling), Jim (Lordswood, Millbrook, Lordshill, Redbridge), Lyn (Portswood), Tim (Banister), Steve (West End and outskirts), David (Bassett), Johnnie (St Denys, Bitterne Park), Lindsy? Jon?

Use the "ad" for fb: including bike shops, residents fb

Lyn: to St D Rocks, Monty's Bike Kitchen, Ruth, Wade, SCC emails, My Journey, ask My J/Ruth to link to us.

Tim checking Society of St James.

Lyn or David to ask members to (1) share fb post and (2) send version for local resident newsletters and (3) share

with own cllrs and ask own cllrs if want to try us out.

Maybe print flyers for bike shops/Oct Books etc? especially if gov gives money to get bikes serviced etc, ask bike shops to hand out flyers to new cyclists.

Could offer ourselves as cycle couriers (done with Covid Sewing Scrubs etc groups)

7(later) AFTER LOCKDOWN

a) Hu and Su (or others) to invite councilors to join us on rides in the spring/summer. We could ask councilors where they presently drive to and show them routes from (near) their homes to their destinations. (links to above)

b) Lyn, Angela and Katherine have drafted email about routes in and out of the hospital. After lockdown, Angela will email to the "link person" for hospital that Wade gave us (Angela knows him – it's John Forder.

c) Edit our Membership postcards and Cycle Code leaflets and get more printed?

d) Newsletter - next one (not sure when) to include sections on (1) maps, (2) items that are available on loan, (3) how we fed back re the 3 completed routes. We'll make A5 paper copies for bike shops.

8. AOB

a) none

b)

c)

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?

Reminder - join mailing list by emailing sotoncycling-request@autistici.org & join on our web page for newsletters.

-- Next meeting will be on second Monday of next month. Next AGM in March 2021. The Meeting closed 9.06pm.