

**Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting – on Zoom due to lockdown**  
**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and Part 2 Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> 7.30**

1. Apologies

PART 1: Pete Davis?, Tina Davis?, John Savage.

PART 2: Ceri Dunn, Angela Cotton

2. Attendees

PART 1 13/7/20:

Duncan Dollimore, Head of Advocacy and Campaigns, Cycling UK

Stephen Dominy, Campaigns Officer, Cycling UK

Ruth Magennis, Cycling Development Officer Southampton, Cycling UK

Liz Batten, Jim Probert, Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas, Steve Shaw, Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Lindsay Bluemel, Ruth Magennis.

PART 2 20/7/20:

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Jim Probert, Steve Shaw, Dilys Gartside

Q&A with Cycling UK

Welcome to Stephen Dominy, Campaigns Officer, Cycling UK.

Stephen introduced himself. He started earlier this year in his role. Lived in Chandlers' Ford and worked in Shirley so knows the area. He is linking with local groups during lockdown.

Welcome to Duncan Dollimore, Head of Advocacy and Campaigns, Cycling UK.

Duncan introduced himself. He doesn't know So'ton very well. Trying to do better job than Cycling UK has historically to support local groups. Emergency Active travel Fund – S'ton were told 1.3 million and had 20% block first. We got what we'd been told we were illegible for, the 80%. The 20% was for temporary urgent, and the 80% is for what they want to be permanent. A few councils got more money than they bid for, as bold bids. Second tranche – bids due in 3 weeks – we need to nudge SCC to be bold. D for Transport is being vicious with bids, and not prioritizing Conservative or Labour councils. Process has been led by Andrew Gillingham, Boris's cycling and walking commissioner when he was major of London. Gillingham is making it clear that if the bids are bold people will get the money.

Duncan will fwd us the letter so we can see – it went to transport lead in council. Several authorities have talked to Duncan about it already today. Could bid for e-bikes.

Questions:

Liz: e-bikes.

Duncan: Despite what he said in Echo the other week, Royston Smith MP asked in parliament about e-bikes!!!! Delay on planned phase out of e-bike schemes. <https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-07-02/de-bates/6F8B9DE3-BEA5-42CC-950C-7CABC83A3687/ElectricCycles>

Steve – SCN3 Pick up on green shoots of people who may start to cycle. Steve does bike stalls in Bitterne Precinct with Monty's and thinks there is a lot of potential although hard to connect with people who are not previous cyclists.

Duncan: eg Mum's net are talking about safe routes to school. Talk about place, community and movement of people rather than cycling. Maybe talk about it as a social justice issue. Use the trigger point for people we are talking to. Is the trigger point for Royston Smith MP the Active travel and high street?

Ruth: Today some cllrs have made leaflet about lack of consultation – but gov had said has to be fast so seems weird they've focused on that.

Lyn/Liz: We talked to Cllr Dan Fitzhenry for over an hour on Friday about this and other issues (as S'ton Street Space).

Duncan: it is meant to be put in with no consultation. Could we get one shop to speak out about wanting these measures? Lyn will ask Laurie to contact the Bedford Place businesses who have signed the SS Space. Maybe some will talk to the Echo? We got Alan Whitehead MP quoted in the Echo.

Johnnie: taxi drivers – talk to them to help them understand why good to support. In scrutiny panel last week did Cllr Harwood say he has spoken to taxi drivers? Lyn will check with Laurie (SSS) if have we asked taxi drivers to sign up.

Lindi: Lorries in cities and road deaths, and Vision Zero.

Duncan: been working to get London's restrictions into all cities (blind spots eliminated = allowed in London). They are further ahead than they were a year ago. Vision Zero – senses that it is now a political issue in the biggest cities and where an elected mayor.

Lindi: Death levels much lower in Scandinavian countries. Inspired by this, so be good to get our council to adapt it – particularly as we have such bad levels in So'ton.

Duncan: If I was selling it in So'ton – **I would lead on casualties with children going to school.**

Lindi: yes, eg our campaign [junction by Bitt railway station] is route to school. Ipley Cross decision will be this week [had chatted about this as people joined mt].

Ruth: Are there groups pressing for national changes with lorries?

Duncan: Surprised how few groups are concerned about it. Scheme called CLOCKS – Community .... .... Safety. Statistically it's smaller companies who are more dangerous. So improve system if lorries have xyz. Not the easiest local campaign.

Lindi: The lorry that killed S had no safety systems. At the inquest they said eg "he had no bike lights" which was irrelevant, and that he was in wrong position (he wasn't).

Duncan: Coroners system in this country is pretty poor. They are not experts and they rely on the evidence that is given to them. Duncan has been to too many coroner courts that weren't good – not a great system. Only good if family present evidence and they need to pay for it, so need money. Have tried v hard with lorry collisions. Duncan chairs a group – Lorry Collisions – and lorry companies haven't wanted to know. Road Peace have worked hard too – with limited success.

Thank you Duncan and Stephen! (2x40 min zoom chats done)

Liz: The road where S killed is going to be closed to traffic. (We then looked at GTRP to see details of schemes in town)

Ruth: Successful Critical Mass yesterday. Lots of children came so split into 2 routes. Shall we do some Kidical mass rides? – maybe before the Zedify rides (which start this Thurs at 6pm) – we'll see how it goes on Thursday.

Johnnie: Social rides – working on it with Stephen.

Ruth: Maybe using Cargo bikes group for kidical mass. Volunteer team can be used. Supporting novice cyclists too.

Lyn: Post "Ask a cyclist ads" again on fb. Done.

Steve/Johnnie: Plot-a-route v what the council is doing for maps of routes. Council and M Dodds posting videos of routes. (M Dodds says is doing more next week, might join a meeting soon.)

Ruth: Thanks for photo shoot

Lyn: we've also been thanked by various officers and cllrs for: helping with cycle counts, giving feedback, encouraging others to feed back, Lyn & Johnnie speaking at scrutiny mt and "the public" for attending.... etc. More counting needed next 2 weeks please – contact Emma directly if you don't hear back from her, as some didn't hear back until re sent emails.

**\*\* <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/keepactive> has link to the full Southampton Green Recovery Plan document**

**\*\* Need to share, share, share:** Please write one email about So'ton's Green Transport Recovery Plan asap - to [Traf-fic.Orders.Legal@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Traf-fic.Orders.Legal@southampton.gov.uk) and [roadworks@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:roadworks@southampton.gov.uk) . If you live in So'ton please also cc [Councillor.S.Leggett@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:Councillor.S.Leggett@southampton.gov.uk) and your cllrs (find your cllrs here <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/moderngov/mgFindMember.aspx> ). We need to give positive feedback, as they are hearing a lot of complaints.

You could include that the new 30mph on Bassett Ave is so sensible and essential for a residential road. You could say you like the safety of the social distancing measures and that you are more confident to cycle now. More info on <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsofEarthSouthampton> and <https://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace>

All cllrs need to hear positive responses with details later (6-18 months schemes will be up for consultation). It will be a lost opportunity if the temporary lanes get removed.

**\*\* If time, please send a short letter to [letters@dailyecho.co.uk](mailto:letters@dailyecho.co.uk) supporting the "active travel" - Avoid saying "cyclists" - but say space for people on foot or on bikes...**

**All: stop now and continue in ten days time with rest of agenda. Discussion re date – ended up with Ceri not being around next week so apologies.**

## Part 2

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

#### Our rides

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

Stephen, Johnnie, Lyn and Ruth are discussing rides.

CTC - 16th August Leveret event has been cancelled. Regular rides for up to 6 riders that have to be booked with the ride leader, prior to the ride. <https://southamptonctc.wordpress.com/>

Mass rides – some of us went on XR ride on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Instead of the usual BBQ-instead-of-August-mt we are going to have a few picnics:

On Wed 29th July (next week) on the Little Common (by Khartoum Rd) at 6.30pm (and if the weather is bad, the Wed after).

On Tues 1st Sept just south of the Peace Fountain in Andrews Park (near Civic Centre) at 6.30pm (and if weather is bad, the Thurs). All at the "part 2 mt" could do this.

Feel free to suggest other times and places if you want a ride/picnic.

Usual meeting Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Sept, probably on Zoom as our usual room isn't spacious.

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

#### Other meetings/events

Zedify are running rides fortnightly on Thursdays <https://www.facebook.com/events/343940303674194>

XR families are having a Kiddical mass <https://www.facebook.com/events/316034182858766>

Monthly Critical Mass rides may or may not start again in summer [www.facebook.com/criticalmassoton/](http://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's team should have more time to look at it in July.

--- SCN1 Western Approach - Jon Bingham (Co-ordinator), John, Pete, Tina, Hugh, Liz, Colin, Jim.

--- 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.

Some bits going in in July.

--- 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.

--- 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. (1) Wade has requested top 5 r-h turns/no entry/one way. Any suggestions to Lindsi asap, and contact Lindsi if not in working group and want to join ride. (2) Ikea to Mayflower Park modifications - Johnnie has been to look at it and will feed back to Wade now, then working group will feed back asap. (3) Leisure World site – Liz, Lindsi, Lyn, Angela and Alistair had zoom mt with developers on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> – made suggestions and advised to change some things.

--- NCN2 Ipley Crossroads – Eric reports back from HCC mts (attends as Sustrans rep).

--- 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.

Please add routes to <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/suggested-routes/>, remembering to list key districts and road names in the description and don't start or finish routes at your address for security reasons.

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

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

## 7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a) So'ton Green Transport Recovery Plan feedback – Lyn emails combined feedback to Wade every couple of weeks, then shares his reply on our mailing list. In July Wade hopes they will have time to look at our feedback on the “completed” routes. Johnnie spoke on behalf of CC on Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> July Scrutiny Panel. Angela speaking on for CC on next one on 28<sup>th</sup> July.

b) Meridian route from the board walk to Northam Bridge - Johnnie contacted Iain and cc Wade again and yet again no reply from Iain. Iain seems satisfied with what they are doing, but Johnnie says plans seem to show a route that isn't good enough as “has to zigzag” due to flood defenses. We discussed that as there are now temporary lanes on the bridge, possibly there could be a new junction in the future leading onto the Meridian site. Lyn to send to Wade & Tony as a suggestion for later, that would make a clear link. Presently no good places to cross, and lights at other end of bridge take ages. Will suggest as an ambitious funding idea that integrates temp scheme with junction.

c) Cycling “Aid” or “Ask a cyclist”. Lyn has emailed the 3 MPs (reply from Caroline Nokes) as well as the rest of the cllrs and had a few replies – all logged on here. Thanks to those who emailed their cllrs. Lyn re-posted on fb. <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RYe4GRbAw7HTUBKxLOkjZ6UPFmlhHplCSOZ6bWXhVuM/edit?usp=sharing> (but if it doesn't open for you, please click on the link to ask permission)

d) John from hospital has invited Angela/K/L to next BUGS meeting.

e) Lyn will ask Jon B again about how to add people to the mailing list, as there are now quite a few people who aren't getting the emails.

f) NEXT MT: Bait bikes. David to ask Lindsi about the police contact – Darren Orde. Ceri & David to think more about it, maybe contact Ron. It would have to be done as individuals rather than CC.

g) NEXT MT: Could offer ourselves as cycle couriers (done with Covid Sewing Scrubs etc groups).

h) NEXT MT: 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.

i) NEXT MT: Other local transport campaigns: Greenpeace's next local group campaign is Transport. Join at <https://greenwire.greenpeace.org/uk/en-gb/groups/southampton-greenpeace>

Friends of the Earth local campaigns are Airport and Cruise ships: join at [FoESoton@gmail.com](mailto:FoESoton@gmail.com)

j) NEXT MT maybe: Vision zero and schools – see note above from Duncan.

k) Idea - campaign about what is socially unacceptable, like drink driving/ smoking/ mobile phones in vehicles (hasn't worked yet). Positive message - be kind to all.

l) Please think about any ideas of how/who else to target a close pass campaign (eg residents that we don't usually target - and let Lyn/Ruth know.

#### 7 (later) AFTER LOCKDOWN?

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

b) 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) Info – Steve L is transport in SCC, not Jacqui now. Lisa M is planning, not John S.

b) Working group leads give Wade this month before we chase up.

#### 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](mailto:sotoncycling-request@autistici.org) & join on our web page for newsletters.

Next meeting – picnics as above then second Monday of Sept. Next AGM in March 2021.