

**Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting – on Zoom
Monday 14th Sept 2020 7.30pm**

Brainstorm QUESTIONS to start Zoom meeting:

****What have we (CC) done well this year?**

Monitoring cycle lanes, Cycle Aid including Cllrs and MP, written to Echo and Cllrs with GTRP feedback....

****What could we do in the last 3 ½ months of 2020?**

More of the same!!

Check with Wade about proper review of SCN 1 and 3 (and that he's used our document.

Local election – could we do a survey on active travel - cycle lanes – how we respond - could target wards - being politically neutral. Update: David recommends this as a source of information about local elections in Southampton. Useful for looking for marginal seats.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Southampton_City_Council_elections

Bait bikes and tracking of stolen bikes, to catch thieves – D has looked into sources of suitable bikes.

Repair Café and other bike doctors – lots on this month – publicized a lot already.

Cycling/walking buses including giant bus-bikes (would Zedify get involved?).

****What could I do to contribute?**

Rosie has made a petition: <http://chnq.it/SQMfPqG6> Please sign and share.

****Other thoughts?**

Can we try and link things to Attenborough Extinction programme (On TV Sunday 13th) to appeal on an emotional level?

-- KEY --

SCC team are: Wade = Transport Delivery Team Leader. Team we deal with = Greg, Tony & Dale.

GTRP = So'ton Green Transport Recovery Plan

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign

SS = So'ton Street Space

SCC = So'ton City Council

1. Apologies

Ruth Magennis

2. Attendees

Michael Dodd, Jim Probert, Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas, Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Rosie Newey, (Pete Davis, Tina Davis briefly)

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

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, especially the 2 new members.

4. Past events

Most events cancelled due to lockdown.

On Wed 29th July on the Little Common 6 of us met for a picnic (and a few apologies).

On Tues 1st Sept by the Peace Fountain 2 of us met for a picnic (and an apology and one arrived too late).

Sat 12th Sept was www.WorldsBiggestBikeRide so some of us encouraged others to ride with us and log rides.

Caroline Nokes MP and Royston Smith MP responded about Cycle Aid. On 19/8/20 Liz and Lyn met RS MP (in Riverside Park) to discuss CC and So'ton Street Space (SS).

Laurie, Alistair, Lyn & Liz had over an hour Zoom with Dan Fitzhenry (SCC Conservative leader) about SS.

Lyn was filmed by BBC, and also had comments etc in Echo. Quite a few of us had letters published in Echo. Tried other media too. Have suggested doing time trials, e.g. getting from Thornhill to Centre at rush hour by diff modes.

SS (which came from our Waltham Forest talk) gave Open Letter to Cllr Hammond and was reported on in Echo.

We've been to virtual GTRP scrutiny mts – one lasting 4 hours....

One of the bidders for the e-scooter hire scheme for the Solent region had emails then a phone call with Lyn about what So'ton would need. If they get the bid they will be in touch straight away for more ideas.

Past social media (just fb) and mailing list -

Lots and lots has been shared on fb and on mailing list. This is only an example:

Cycle September – with prizes!

www.lovetoride.net/southampton?fb_share=invite_friend&fbclid=IwAR01wVIAIjXv9N4rk1OjzUW1wq1ymwNGt5n6eXb6xR2mukGRmQalBA6vHMg

Survey to help HCC understand the good and the bad of active travel in Hampshire- closes 21st Sept

<https://hampshirecc.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=159769569569> Discussed that worth filling in even if live in So'ton.

Stats: infograms etc posted on fb, lots of data now on <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/>

Cycle repairs: publicised lots of free ones this month: <http://transitionsouthampton.org/> <https://southamptonbikekitchen.wordpress.com/> <https://hubcycleworks.co.uk/contact-us-2/> myjourneyhampshire.com/events and <http://www.montys.org.uk/bike-hub/4594895028>

Pumped Up: Cycling UK scheme – sign up if you want.

Sped up junction demonstrating how it looks like there are hardly any bikes, but there are! This stretch in Copenhagen conveys 8 times as many people on bikes compared to cars- still it's mostly cars we see.

<https://twitter.com/urbanthoughts11/status/1063171575070056449?fbclid=IwAR01wVIAIjXv9N4rk1OjzUW1wq1ymwNGt5n6eXb6xR2mukGRmQalBA6vHMg>

5. Future events

Future stalls

Most events have been cancelled.

GTRP questions at Full Council on 16/9/20 -some of us will listen in.

Future rides

Stephen, Johnnie, Lyn and Ruth are discussing rides – rules might change with today's "group of 6" rule.

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

Future meetings (always 2nd Mon except Aug)

Usual meeting Mon 12th Oct, on Zoom as we agree that our usual room isn't spacious enough to use for a while yet.

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

Future meetings/events

Monthly Critical Mass rides may or may not start again www.facebook.com/criticalmasssoton/

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) – has Wade's team had time to look at it? Seen one sign been removed but lots still not yet acted on. The team have been very busy with Covid GTRP etc....

--- 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, Lindsi, Liz, (Cara), Colin.

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

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

Some bits going in now – in Northam.

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

Pete and Tina asked Wade if there could be signs for a cycle route to the hospital down Birch Rd and improving the link from Hadrian Way to the golf club.

--- SCN5 Portsmouth Rd – Johnnie (C) Martin, Lindsi, 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.

Is there going to be a second phase? Eleanor to ask Greg.

--- 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 been emailed top 5 r-h turns/no entry/one way. (2) Ikea to Mayflower Park modifications - Lyn to ask Lindsi if group fed back. Johnnie gave Lindsi a

list to be added to working group list. An issue with new regulations. Update: Lindsy in discussion with them about new regulations and whether too late. Wade responded saying that the new regs meant that the scheme would have to be revised. Daniel Selby said: Wade and the design engineer responsible for the works are planning to discuss some of the points raised by the campaign group. (3) 22/7/20 Leisure World site – Liz, Lindsy, Lyn, Angela and Alistair had zoom mt with developers on Wed 22nd – made suggestions and advised to change some things.

--- NCN2 Ipley Crossroads – Eric reports back from HCC mts (attends as Sustrans rep).
Update – work seen going on 16/9/20.

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

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

--- Mapping & Signage –Johnnie (C) Angela, Lyn, Lindsy, 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: Lindsy (C), Johnnie, Jim, John H, Hugh & Eleanor.

Lots coming through and being shared on mailing list.

Johnnie has been looking at Burnetts Lane which may be soon made into a better quiet route, as an alternative to Allington Lane.

St Denys scheme – lots of consultation over years with residents – temporary bits going in soon – already complaints etc as would be more traffic in some roads – but not a rat run any more so will be big improvement to area.

7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a)So'ton Green Transport Recovery Plan (GTRP) feedback

It's such a shame that Bassett Ave scheme has been removed already – it's a shame there wasn't a minimum time. Wonder what traffic data for Bassett Ave now shows – there were lots of roadworks and it was school holidays and still semi-lockdown.... Could put in a FOI request. There is lots of data on <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/> Bassett Ave: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/transport-projects/green-transport-recovery-plan/green-transport-recovery-plan-bassett-avenue-the-avenue/bassett-avenue-the-avenue-faqs/> <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/keepactive> has link to the full Southampton Green Recovery Plan document

At Full Council Mt on Wed, there are 4 questions and 2 motions to do with GTRP coming up, but we heard too late for us to ask questions. Could we make a deputation to the next Full Council mt (bi-monthly mts?)

Need to share, share, share:

Please write one email about So'ton's Green Transport Recovery Plan asap -

to Traffic.Orders.Legal@southampton.gov.uk and roadworks@southampton.gov.uk If you live in So'ton please also cc 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 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/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 any more temporary lanes get removed.

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

Result of second tranche bids should come soon – if SCC did a BOLD bid.... maybe money for Winchester Rd and City Centre secure parking?? Within next 4 weeks we should hear – additional info was submitted last week.

Maybe National Gov will wash hands of GTRP, maybe National Gov will take more power from Local Gov.

Maybe the Bassett Rd scheme was never going to stay more than a few months – maybe it proves that as at least one scheme has been pulled, proves that schemes are not permanent. Big plus is that it has stayed 30mph (for now) so

even if vehicles are speeding, the speeding is probably slower....

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b) Meridian route from the board walk to Northam Bridge - Johnnie contacted Iain and cc Wade many times. 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 sent 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. Suggested as an ambitious funding idea that integrates temp scheme with junction.

We are going to just accept that we've done all we can on this. Lyn is email Wade one last time. Heard that the council are still discussing the surface to be used so slim chance that the route 23 through to Radcliffe Rd could be being talked about too.

c) John from hospital has invited Angela/K/L to next BUGS meeting. Will wait to hear from him,

d) Bait bikes. David asked Lindsay about police contact – Darren Orde. It would have to be done as individuals rather than CC. Discussed at start of mt: *D has looked into sources of suitable bikes.*

e) Maybe we could again offer ourselves as cycle couriers if needed ... if Second Wave.... (done with Covid Sewing Scrubs etc groups).

f) Items that are available on loan: Update: Pete will try again 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 – does anyone else want to use it?

g) Would anyone speak for 5 mins at a Zoom meeting in Oct organised by Soton Greenpeace, as part of National set of meetings that will be widely publicised? MPs being asked too. Let Lyn know if you would speak please.

h) Vision zero and schools – see note from Duncan D from Cycling UK, last minutes. School Streets discussed – Shirley Junior and Infant School have started School Streets in first week of term. Vision Zero is a lot to do with legislation to do with lorries, so more a national campaign.

i) We had previous idea about a campaign about what is socially unacceptable, like drink driving/ smoking/ mobile phones in vehicles (hasn't worked yet). Positive message - be kind to all. David spotted these great ads, that do that! One is a vehicle that is a cigarette packet. See https://streetartnews.net/2020/09/guerilla-take-over-of-100-uk-billboards-in-anti-car-protest.html?fbclid=IwAR3mb_2UywiJSrpZ7fA_57gF0M8Yj143QcNAQBwMeZiCh6_ADxI89NONMvY and then share the pictures/the article. Lyn has shared some on fb already, that you can share.

j) 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.

k) If we have lots of money, shall we have a "free" year? Would free membership help boost our numbers? Can we scrap payment and just have donations? Update: Lyn has asked Sue. Next meeting we will look at accounts from AGM minutes (been no spending) and discuss this.

There's a new Southampton group that does Saturday morning rides to the New Forest – free membership – like Park Run for Cyclists. <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/join-us/membership-fees-and-donations/>

If only difference with our "associate member" category can't vote at AGM, then does that matter? Everyone at this meeting agreed that we don't need £5/£3 membership – we could just ask for donations (and suggest £5) and give examples of what we spend money on. If people come to mt, they can vote. Do we need to change on constitution?

Once we are more active and going to events, we could edit our Membership postcards and Cycle Code leaflets and get more printed.

l) 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. Lyn asked Chris (before the mt) about doing next newsletter and no reply yet.

m) We fed back to Greg on the Code of Conduct for Parks – we aren't keen on dogs having priority. Don't see why we need that there, as it could problems. Especially when there are already signs saying "Dogs are Brilliant". Suggested "Bikes are Brilliant" or "Active travel is brilliant" and other suggestions too.

n) Highway Code changes – 10 key changes

<https://action.cyclinguk.org/page/64572/action/1?ea.tracking.id=DE&ea.url.id=4837289> Sentence for Dangerous Driving are going to be longer. Something recently about some drivers having many points on licences – and still being allowed to drive <https://www.rac.co.uk/drive/news/motoring-news/exemption-allows-driver-with-68-points-on-their-licence/?fbclid=IwAR01wVIAIjXv9N4rk1OjzUW1wq1ymwNGt5n6eXb6xR2mukGRmQaIbA6vHMg> Abusive drivers...? Need driver education.... again.

o) Traffic Speeds – David downloaded new software that can be used. It could be given as evidence of enforcing speed limits. Here is an article about the Professor that created some software to analysis the speed of traffic in video footage: <https://www.c-ville.com/slow-burn-new-traffic-project-doesnt-calm-concerns/> Here is a Youtube video of the software in action: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1HVkKysDvGA> Here is the site where the video analysis software can be downloaded: <https://github.com/pfr/VideoSpeedTracker>

8. AOB

a) Added a couple of things to brainstorm from start of mt.

b) Tested Zoom Interactive Whiteboard again (realized it only works on PCs, not Chromebooks or I-pads)

c) Other points from Lyn's notebook: will do next mt

- Chris Boardman quote 28/7/20 – "We've effectively had a global consultation. We have a moral duty to make space. Over a quarter of British households have no access to a car."

- Steve S's idea - posters so motorists can read – at traffic lights etc? Show numbers of cyclists (show AXO airport posters – do similar?)

- Steve S's idea - themed newsletters – eg SCN1, and deliver to businesses on the route and hand out to people on the route.

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 –second Monday of next month. Next AGM in March 2021.