

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

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SCC team are: *Greg (who we communicate mainly with from now on), and Tony & Dale if they are running a specific project. Wade = Transport Delivery Team Leader.*

GTRP = So'ton's Green Transport Recovery Plan

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign (us)

SS = So'ton Street Space (we are first signatory to the Open Letter) www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace

SCC = So'ton City Council

1. Apologies

Pete Davis, Tina Davis.

2. Attendees

Tim Pickering, Pete Dargie, Bart Feenstra, Lyn Brayshaw, Michael Dodd, Jim Probert, Angela Cotton, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas, Johnnie Dellow, Lindsy Bluemel, Dilys Gartside (briefly)

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

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting, and said we'd aim to end by 9pm.

4. Past events

Most events cancelled due to Covid – now in second lockdown.

Past social media (just fb) and mailing list -

Lots shared on fb and on mailing list. Any members can join mailing list once been to a meeting (or if they know an active member).

5. Future events

Future stalls

All events have been cancelled due to Covid.

Future rides

We will start our regular Campaign rides when we can – hopefully back to 10am on 3rd Sunday. <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/>

Some of us are informally riding with people to show them new routes – contact us if you need a group of buddies.

Future CC meetings

On Zoom for now - always 2nd Mon except Aug.

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

Other 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.

We communicate mainly with Greg from now on – through Lyn though please.

Co-ordinators of working groups communicate with Greg, Tony or Dale if they are running the scheme.

Lots of pictures, videos and feedback links here: <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/scn>

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

Millbrook footbridge – Lindsy written letters and formal objection, and son has written to the 3 local Cllrs (one of whom replied). Are disability groups aware? If anyone has ideas to follow up then do email our email list. On radio today there was article that many stations don't have ramps/lifts. Wade did say ramps likely to be put in but not including rail access. Angela has emailed contact from Three Rivers Rail Partnership, but their reply is that they have tried (we have the full email).

Millbrook Rd West – lane widening by Regent's Park. Suggested we should: object unless they put in a contra-

flow for bikes on the service road, and question the right turn, and say there is shared use there that shouldn't be removed - as it is a quiet route. Objection deadline is 18th – email sent to working party 28.11.20. Lindsi will draft and confirm with Johnnie.

--- 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.

Lyn repeatedly reporting traffic light not registering bikes.

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

Steve S riding the route again – Aldi issue.

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

Painted signs added by The Avenue church (where wand been knocked out at least 6 times) and lots more arrows all down Inner Ave. Some work happening soon – maybe not including the grassy Common land bits quite yet as takes more time.

--- 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.

--- 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). Work in progress at last.

--- 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/> or send to Johnnie. Please list key districts & rd names in the description. Don't start or finish routes at your home for security reasons.

--- Traffic Orders/Planning applications: Lindsi (C), Johnnie, Jim, John H, Hugh, Eleanor, Pete & Tina.

Pete & Tina report: We emailed objections to the removal of the cycle accessible link between Foundry Lane, SCN 8, and NCN 236/ SCN 1.

7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a) [Michael] GTRP money. Stop press: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/active-travel-fund/> info gone live today! Winchester rd between Hill Lane and Bassett is NOT being funded as didn't get 100% of bid, but most of the rest is. We learnt an interesting fact - that it needs support of the MP – that's why more in Test than Itchen. Michael will dig out articles saying this so we can use it – we can write to Echo? Tim says Fol request gone in, and will fwd.

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/news/article.aspx?id=tcm:63-434392> “Southampton is one of only a handful of Local Transport Authorities that secured the maximum funding allocation from the Active Travel Fund. This is testament to the strength of our bid and the scheme specifics....

The expectations of this second round of funding have taken a significant shift towards more permanent schemes, delivered over a longer period of time and closely consulted on with local residents, businesses, emergency services and others. As with all of our transport schemes, we are committed to taking this collaborative and measured approach to achieve long-lasting and impactful changes that will transform how people get in and around Southampton and drive us ever forward towards our vision for a fairer, greener and healthier city.”

SCC has just been awarded £1.225 million by the Department for Transport as part of the second round of Active Travel Funding. When combined with the first round of funding, Southampton has received a grand total of just under £1.5 million from the Government to promote cycling and walking during the Coronavirus pandemic. This means that, on a pounds-per-head basis, Southampton's bid was one of the most successful in England.

The first round of the Active Travel Fund made it possible for the Council's Green Transport Recovery Plan to be enacted, creating the pop-up cycle lanes on The Avenue and Hill Lane, as well as creating space for people on Bedford Place. This money from the second round will go towards:

- Creating a safe cycling route from Central Station to Upper Shirley, General Hospital, Lordshill and Adanac Park.
- Creating two new Active Travel Zones around The Polygon and St Mark's School, Shirley, prioritising walking and cycling over driving.

- [Extending and adding protection to the current painted cycle lane on Winchester Road between Bassett Avenue and Hill Lane]
 - Creating new "Park & Travel" sites at Bitterne and Lordshill
- More widely, Hampshire County Council also received £3.28 million, so here's hoping for safer links to nearby towns and villages. <https://cyclingindustry.news/how-much-active-travel-fund-cash-did-your-local-authority-score-in-latest-tranche/?fbclid=IwAR2sj0XGM9Zw4QzSaoZiu6UWdZQ4T9ZlJzSNBG-XEJnPDGZ51WwgV7zJxzM>

STOP PRESS: Survey on Polygon area:

<https://southamptoncitycouncil.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=160620630846&fbclid=IwAR0-gTqqCtqawwxCMKcNfFBxQHrsUS0qj6Jj6XRsnNq26CelBSS4tW9tDGk>

Survey on St Marks school area (Shirley/Freemantle) <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/transport-projects/stmarks/>

Presentation on TCF from 02 Dec when Martina Olley, Southampton and Hampshire's Transforming Cities Fund Programme Manager, outlined the schemes. [Connecting Southampton](#)

[Mountbatten Way](#) [West Quay Road cycle scheme](#) [Eastleigh to Southampton Corridor](#) [Redbridge Roundabout The Avenue](#) [The St Denys Active Travel Zone](#) [Northam Cycle scheme \(completed\)](#) [Bevois Valley cycle scheme \(completed\)](#) [Hut Hill \(completed\)](#) [Test Lane \(completed\)](#)

b) [David] Local election survey on active travel. We will ask the parties rather than individuals this year – and we'll do it sooner than usual. Ideas for questions:
What would you do to enable cycling and other active travel?
How are you going to work with other parties to ensure that provisions are supported? ...votes on party lines...
Often good questions on the Cambridge CC website.

c) [Johnnie] Membership – due to mailing list issues, now got one list (combined 4: newsletter mailchimp list; paid via treasurer list; paid via paypal list; and autistica email list). Nearly all have been emailed about the combined list, and email went to autistica list too. A few positive replies and a few who have moved away.

4 new members contacted us since last meeting. Thanks David for setting up new joining page – it works! Lyn altered email that is sent to new members.

Do we need addresses of members? We don't have them all. Will come back to this, as there are reasons for having them.

If specific thing to do, we could try to get specific volunteers via mailing list/autistica list – before next AGM?

Should we make an ad, similar to the cycle aid ones, to post on fb about membership? What else to promote membership?

We need to bring our Twitter account back to life – last used April 2019. @sotoncycling David might have password. Johnnie will look into it and Michael may be able to do some. Share what Megan posts – School Streets, Bike it, Sustrans. See links in j) below. BTW, we are reaching 227 people on some fb posts!

d) [Johnnie] Newsletter just sent – Lyn used the general bits from the one drafted in Sept. Scheme-specific articles are still in google doc ready for next time – but need to be updated and hopefully referenced on a map, as articles about specific road names aren't as accessible. Made gmail to use for sending newsletter for now.

Future newsletters could include sections on (1) maps, (2) could do themed newsletters – eg GTRP; SCN1 and deliver to businesses on the route and hand out to people on the route, (3) ask the 117 readers what they want from it / ask us questions / submit things, (4) videos and photos! Could do A5 paper copies for bike shops in future if high enough quality articles in newsletter!

e) [Jim] Redbridge Causeway – we did press release and Johnnie communicated with Simeon about press. Simeon said "For anyone interested, Hampshire County Council have replied to my Freedom of Information request

regarding the diversion across the Redbridge Causeway. The general gist is: we can't do any better without causing traffic so get over it. It's only temporary anyway." Got front page in Echo. They've put bollards in the slip road, but bikes are completely squeezed. Pedestrians and cyclists are not safe, and some are using road unsafely. Do we want to do anything else? TV? Mass ride (unsafe?) Will be finishing on 18th according to Echo.
https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/redbridge_causeway_pedestriancyc?fbclid=IwAR1tgTJwitmwwKk6g9s_reMih9VJY_qJ1etXnrsNTit8wpKHm22AaylW8Y#incoming-1673800

f) [Jim] Cycling UK now have a mapping tool where you can add possible missing links of cycle route. Most Jim has looked have already been added. Link will prompt Greg to look. Do add ones in central So'ton too:
<https://action.cyclinguk.org/page/68755/action/1?ea.tracking.id=DE&ea.url.id=5051988>

g) [Michael] St Denys. Please send positive messages in support of Active Travel Zones in St Denys and Bedford Place to traffic.orders.legal@southampton.gov.uk As always, there is a vocal minority. Video of St Denys, which has had a detailed consultation with residents <https://youtu.be/-ZwV9cYa3b4>

h) [Michael] West Quay Road - it takes nearly 4 minutes to completely cross the IKEA junction from IKEA to West Quay Service Road if you're waiting for the green man & bike every time. See www.youtube.com/watch?v=oN-BGRIU9B4 on Michael's "The Cycleways of Southampton".
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCES3m9yiruuuA0BBjXuuQQg>

Lindsay might do a FOI on times taken across the city at crossings. Other cities have much shorter times. Air quality experts say not to use crossings where you have to wait in the middle of a road. Bart would like to join Lindsay doing this.

On some crossings you now don't now have to touch them. We don't know if that has changed the waiting times.

j) [Lyn] Does anyone else want edit/add to fb page?

SCC has good posters now on back of buses "full bus = this number of people"

SCC bike images and figures that we could share on fb etc found by Michael:

The council post stats on their Facebook and Twitter page every Monday

(e.g. <https://www.facebook.com/SotonCC/posts/3705684422809884>). There's also weekly updates for:

- The Avenue pop-up lane (under "Latest traffic data"): <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/transport-projects/green-transport-recovery-plan/green-transport-recovery-plan-bassett-avenue-the-avenue/bassett-avenue-the-avenue-faqs/>

- Bitterne Road West: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/transport-projects/green-transport-recovery-plan/green-transport-recovery-plan-a3024-bitterne-road-west/a3024-bitterne-road-west-faqs/>

k) [Lyn] 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 still has the camera – Lyn has asked for it again and Johnnie will ask.

l) [Lyn] Separate consultations on heavier and longer HGVs on our roads... if you have time

<https://transportactionnetwork.org.uk/take-action/>

m) [Lyn] City Bike Map – Angela and others spent hours on this – have emailed Iain and cc Greg to ask what is happening (on 27.11.20 but no reply yet).

n) [Lyn] Suggestion that we do more press releases whenever adverse effect on cyclists. We got on front cover of Echo about Redbridge Causeway.

o) [Lyn] Pete & Tina ask about Winchester Road cycle route:

Q: At present cycles are forced out into the traffic at the crossing build-outs near the Vermont Close junction. We will ask for this to be changed. Should this just be a personal email or if the meeting agrees with us, through the campaign via yourself, or both?

A: As above, it's not in the latest funding, but is dangerous, so Lyn will include in her email to Greg. Cllrs have been consulted – car driver time, etc. Maybe once trial of Bassett Rd ends, it might effect this.

Q: The 30mph limit in Bassett Avenue is being ignored, making the road as dangerous as before the pop-up lanes. Speed traps? (with the numbers of those caught displayed on the large electronic information board at the Glen Eyre Rd junction as a deterrent).

A: Lyn will say to Greg and everyone report asap. [can't find speeding link, tbc. I do have bookmarked: www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/ [Money from speed cameras goes to council, while police money goes into national budget, so no incentive for police to do anything locally.]

Q: We had no response to our emails about the complete lack of cycle facilities on the Bassett Avenue between Memorial Roundabout and Holly Hill junction on the west side as well as the apparently inadvertent removal of the facility previously made on the roundabout at the mouth of Winchester Rd. We use the road now as we feel marginally safer avoiding conflict with on-coming cyclists on the very narrow pavement at the bend at the memorial.

A: Lyn will email to Greg.

p) Tim: Cycle Hampshire, Hampshire Green Travel Alliance, and an intended Hampshire-wide Hampshire Police and Crime Commissioner hustings: HCC have instigated a Hants wide survey. 24 people were busy annoying HCC about banning people cycling at HCC waste sites – turned decision around. Group wants to be Hants County wide not HCC wide. Lots of contacts already. Cyclehampshire.org.uk Tim is chair of Walk-Ride group.

Johnnie went to Hants Climate Action - now being relaunched under new name.

Johnnie also went to a group responding to the Transport South East, and Lyn went to a consultation mt a while back.

8. AOB

a) Lindsi - Width of cycle lanes/facilities. There's an 80cm lane in Lances Hill/West End Rd. (Tim tells HCC every time there are re-painted lanes that are too narrow, but it costs to alter them etc.) Tony was looking at that section – Lindsi has copied Tony into emails.

b) Awards – Monty's and Lyn got "award" from Cycling UK – nominated by Ruth and everyone nominated got a mention.

c) Active Travel England ... wait and see.... and it'll be interesting what happens with the Kensington High Street removal of cycle lanes legal case.

d) Spaniards Lane, near Lee Lane, is on OS map but it's private – does anyone use it? No, but others will notice and look.

9. Last thoughts...

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

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

Reminder - join mailing list if haven't (ask for link) & join on our web page for newsletters.

Next meeting – second Monday of next month – 11th January.

Next AGM in March 2021.

[At AGM – Officially suspend membership fees? Change constitution about fees?]

In March 2021 – re-do list for Greg for "small pot of money" – ask him to start with new list.

[Renewing membership – now just clear list every few years.]

[New members need to come to a meeting or meet/know one of us, before can join autistica list.]

[Once events start again, edit Membership postcards and Cycle Code leaflets and get more printed.]