

**Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting  
Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 7.20pm for 7.30pm  
ON ZOOM ONLY**

Zoom- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 7.15pm for 7.30pm

(in person, in bigger room with fire door open for ventilation, and informally on Zoom) Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 7.15pm for 7.30pm

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**Turquoise highlighting = things for those reading this to do now!**

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

SCC = So'ton City Council

GTRP = SCC's Green Transport Recovery Plan

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign (us)

SS = So'ton Street Space [www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace](http://www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace)

### 1. Apologies

Katherine Barbour, Tina Davis, Pete Davis, Ceri Dunn.

### 2. Attendees

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Lindsy Bluemel, Pete Dargie, Angela Cotton, Jim Probert, Michael Dodd.

### 3. Previous Minutes

See: [www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/](http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/)

Minutes agreed.

Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

### 4. Past events

Monthly rides - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of Dec to Hilliers – about 15 people

Social media – now twitter and fb – in use, and plenty of messages 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 CC meetings

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of every month except Aug. **February on Zoom. March (AGM) in person and informally on zoom hopefully.**

### Future stalls

### Future rides

**2022 monthly campaign ride leaflet has been compiled by Stephen and Lindsy – link here: [www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/](http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/)** Rides usually 10am on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday.

January 16<sup>th</sup> ride to Hamble from Riverside.

### Other future meetings/events

**Bike Doctor** – lots on see My Journey [visit website](#). Bike Kitchen at The Hub in Shirley every Wed 7-9pm.

**Volunteers needed at Repair Café** – either as bike repairer or taking email addresses and organising the queues. Third Sat of alt month at St Denys Community Centre and first Sat of every month Freemantle Baptist Church.

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

**We communicate mainly with Greg through a monthly email from us.**

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, Liz, Colin, Jim, Ian.

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

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

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

--- SCN4 Park & ride to Central Station via General Hospital and Hill Lane – see SCNB.

--- SCN5 The Avenue/Lover's Walk Working Group – Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Pete, Tina, Stephen E, Simon, John F, Lindsy (? Chris, Andre, Ian, Colin).

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

--- SCN6 Portswood/Swaything/Stoneham Lane - Angela (C), Johnnie, Lyn, Liz, Ceri, Simon.

--- SCN7 Bitterne Triangle - Eleanor (C), Lindsy, Liz, Jon B, John F.

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

--- SCN9 Hospital Orbital Route & SCN2 West & SCN4 – Michael (C), Johnnie, Lyn, John H, Jim, Colin, Angela, Pete, Tina, John F.

--- City Centre – Lindsy (C), Stephen E, Liz, Chris, Simon.

--- 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.  
--- Foyes corner group - Linds (C), Colin, John H, Katherine, Andre, Jan R.  
--- Mapping (& Signage) - Angela (lead liaison with SCC), Johnnie (lead on plot-a-route), Lyn, Linds, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina, Izzy and OS.  
--- Traffic Orders/Planning applications: Linds (C), Johnnie, Jim, John H, Hugh, Eleanor, Pete & Tina.

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

a) [Lyn] Contact with SCC. [Greg's replies](#) to our queries from last mt.

1 Northam Rail Bridge: Are the Highways England plans from a few years ago being used? How soon can we feed in on the plans? For the amount of money, the cycle provision needs to be better than the artist's impression. If designed well it could be like Blackfriars Bridge in London. While it's being built we must have subway open. Strava Heat Map shows how well used that route is. - [The bridge design will be reviewed to ensure it meets standards and this includes LTN1/20. Consultation is pencilled in for later this year and we will inform of dates in advance. Too early to say about the subway being open during construction but it may be closed permanently with alternative route provided under the structure.](#)

2. Any thoughts on Johnnie's idea for Bevois Town Sch/Lodge Rd (as Nov email conversation) – [I have shared this with LCF leads for Portswood corridor to consider as designs progress. I update on that as soon as I know an outcome.](#)

3. Bike parking for new homes – Gas holders area and Toys r Us areas. Is there plenty of bike parking for all sizes of bikes? Must be secure for residents and individual residents. Not the bike stands that you have to lift up (we last said this to Leisure World development people). Any more stands going up in town? – ones by Rice Up need to be rotated on contour. - [Cycle parking must meet the standards and there is the ability to comment on a planning application during the consultation process.](#)

4. Any update on the bit between Winn and Westwood roads? The northern bit (which was re done more recently) was like cycling on a beach, and now is still pretty bad although cyclable. – [We are awaiting a run of dry period to get back in and add additional gravel to the mix. Unfortunately that northern section was not as good as the first stage due to lack of gravel supply. Our Parks Team will be back in as soon as weather allows to improve.](#)

Also please see the attached design for St Marys Road cycle facility which is now shown on the following link <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/stmarysroad> along with delivery timescales and more detail. Happy to answer any questions on this. I think key improvements based on previous discussions is adding early release for cyclists exiting Bellevue Terrace and a separate cycle stage in the signals at St Marys Road / Charlottes Place.

Today's questions for Greg compiled at end of this section.

b) [Lyn] 4 of us met Cllr Moulton - on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> January. Extracts from our follow-up email of what we discussed:

Whilst we believe there are many benefits to the improvement of Quietways and that much needs doing in this area, we also believe this should be alongside the construction of the major cycle arteries throughout the city, not as an alternative. We hope to meet regularly as Southampton Cycle Campaign (CC) and as part of Cycle Forum.

-- SPORTS CENTRE ENTRANCES (Sports Centre is having big investment) - Quietways should be an essential part of the Sports Centre plans, at all the entrances and exits. Most need resurfacing and signing, and promoting as part of the development, along with simple covered cycle parking throughout the site (so users can park bikes in sight of every activity).

-- INNER AVE ROUTES - Quietways are only a solution if junctions and busy roads are safe enough ....Tiger crossing over Lodge Rd to access Bevois Town school from the north west. ....making it a T-junction ... rat runs: Cedar Rd one-way north ....Earls Rd one-way .... Spear Rd one-way south.... modal filters Earls Rd to make a T-junction with Avenue Rd and Avenue Rd west of Spears Rd

-- QUIETWAYS THAT NEED RESURFACING URGENTLY - big list

-- QUIET ROUTES THROUGH INDUSTRIAL AREAS -... cycle priority signs where HGV's and bikes tend to mix - list

-- QUIET WAYS THAT ARE USED AS RAT RUNS - list

-- KERBS rather than ARMADILLOS/ORCAS - Cycling with a kerb feels much much more secure than armadillos. Vehicles can still go over/into armadillos then veer off to the left. Kerbs are much better for children cycling as they are there the whole route, not spaced out.

-- CAR FREE HOUSEHOLDS: linked-up buses.... bike parking needs to be safe and secure... big enough for cargo/tandem/trailers.

-- NORTHAM RAIL BRIDGE - Radically, we suggest having the bridge as a pedestrian/cycle garden bridge with or without buses. We suggest traffic going round the outer ring road, around the Saints Stadium rather than over the bridge.

If the bridge is dual carriageway, it really needs cycle routes on both sides that link to ALL local areas, and the well-used link underneath needs to stay/be improved. Access from the local residential areas need to link to all the other resident areas.

While work is going on a safe cycle route needs to stay open.

-- HIGHWAY CODE - Please promote the new Highway Code on the interactive signs, on emails from SCC, etc etc. (And I assume you are going to on social media - please do asap!)

-- Big barrier to cycling remains sense of, and actual, safety not ability. e.g. <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/get->

[active/2019/everyday-walking-and-cycling/overcoming-the-barriers-of-cycling-with-a-disability/ ...](#)

-- Info on 'not everyone can cycle': <https://wheelsforwellbeing.org.uk/campaigning/my-cycle-my-mobility-aid/>

-- Please check if the building sites that are blocking pavements and cycle routes are being removed soon - at the Scientology church on The Avenue (just south of Travelodge) and opposite Jury's Inn leading to Peace Fountain park.

-- TFL page with lots of reasons why walking and cycling could be good to #getsouthamptonmoving <https://tfl.gov.uk/info-for/media/press-releases/2018/november/getting-more-people-walking-and-cycling-could-help-save-our-high-streets>

-- You should be able to borrow a bike from SCC - I think they have electric bikes too.

Clr M replied:

Thank you to you and your colleagues for your time last week.

It was a very useful couple of hours and I am keen we do it again. I am discussing with officers how we formalise our regular engagements.

There is a lot in your note. I have asked Highways Officer to respond to me on your points and I will likely have a session with them to go through all of this in the coming weeks.

In terms of changes and initiatives, I need consider if they align to our Administration policy direction (I feel we do have a lot of common ground but we won't agree on everything), and I need to also see what funding is available and line this up where we agree in principle any new schemes.

Some immediate feedback.

1. Road repairs. I would like us to focus on cycle routes as a priority for road repairs. So for reactive repairs we can just get on with this. I have asked our highways team to note the roads you have raised and if we can do some immediate repairs to crack on. I will also add the list below to the wish list for planned repairs for 23/24 which I am pulling together. We will only resurface roads which are at the top of the TAMP list (so those most in need from an engineering point of view) but I am keen that we assess every request I get as a start.
2. I think we need a cycle quietway 3 year plan. It seems we are allowing quietways to deteriorate whilst we focus investment on main routes and new projects. I have already started to address in some areas but want a city wide plan.
3. Northam Rail Bridge is a key pinch point and the purpose of the new bridge(s) is to relieve that pinch point and reduce congestion. But we should ensure we use the opportunity to improve cycle and pedestrian connectivity. It's early days for the project and we may not be at that level of detail yet but I will ensure we factor this into our thinking early on.
4. If we don't have one, we need a Sports Centre Access plan which should ensure key cycle and pedestrian routes accessing the Sports Centre are up to scratch. I will make sure we find funding for this.
5. Inner Ave – sounds like a Active Travel Zone (ATZ) given all the requests. The starting point for me is to look at 20mph and include in the TRO for the new 20mph zone. We can have this in place in the second half of this year. I will get a briefing on the Lodge Road crossing and officer views. In terms of future ATZs we could do Inner Avenue but I have a few more schemes already in the pipeline so it would likely be a couple of years away at least.

c) **DISCUSSION:** Northam Rail Bridge – see above for comments from Greg and Cllr Moulton. Our ideas on how to raise public awareness, Echo and radio, regular mass rides, make a fuss soon, as public consultation might be limited time - expected to be held in 2022-23. Apparently, bridge will be made in 2 pieces and craned in, but will still be a lot of disruption. Suggesting it could be a garden bridge could be good for publicity. Plan is shared use cycleway, but needs links to all the residential areas. The 1950's vision of Southampton being criss-crossed with urban motorways is not completely dead, at least not according to the city council. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hampshire-59414409>

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/19741214.plans-northam-rail-bridge-southampton-city-centre/?ref=twtrrec>

Save the £ and leave as a "Garden bridge" and vehicles go round stadium and Canute Rd. (Or buses still use bridge and other traffic round stadium?). We need a cycle route on both sides of the road, toucan crossings, and while it's being built we must have this subway and the NCN route open. Social media - the route past the stadium is sometimes closed and this isn't good. Boardwalk was shut and a pain. There are plans for new homes on the gas holder area.

Our plan:

CONTACT – now, as consultation could be short (1) local community (2) get the area cllr's views on the dual carriageway bridge – alliance of groups opposed to it - social media – or maybe find out that everyone is happy about it.

OUR OPINION - we think money could be much better spent – it could fund so many more smaller improvements – need to make this point to all we contact. Traffic could avoid city centre, instead going around the Saints Stadium and along Canute Rd (and under the Itchen Bridge) to be part of outer ring road.

BUT if it does go ahead, needs (1) one lane to be sustainable transport (as well as segregated cycle ways on both sides); (2) underpasses need to be very open and safe; (3) good access/links between all the residential areas and the stadium

Many cities are/have removed dual carriageways recently – why are we going in opposite direction? Also contrary to the Green City Charter and Council Safety policies, as will encourage more vehicles into the city centre. Are we really thinking of the future by adding a dual carriageway?

ACTION: Local community groups/social media local groups/religious groups/Ropewalk garden –prep email using plan above,

Commented [LM1]:

Commented [LM2R1]:

asking opinions and how to spread the word. ALL – make/find contacts Lyn (ask Billie and WEA Yas)

The St Mary's Leisure Centre is a big campaign at the moment – contact them too

Echo - Lindsi

Newtown and Bevois ward cllr's views – Lindsi (also ask if there are Local community groups/religious groups)

d) [Lindsi] Cycle death rates in Southampton – doesn't look good for City of Culture – contacted Cllr Moulton. Echo published wrong figures on cycle deaths and we followed up.

e) [Johnnie] St Mary's Rd – see comment sending to Greg below.

f) [Jim] [www.advertiserandtimes.co.uk/news/clash-over-proposed-rule-change-to-allow-electric-bikes-on-n-9227442/](http://www.advertiserandtimes.co.uk/news/clash-over-proposed-rule-change-to-allow-electric-bikes-on-n-9227442/)

<https://road.cc/content/news/threat-axe-new-forests-road-cycle-network-280209>

The link to the verderers court is <https://www.verderers.org.uk/verderers-court/> but the latest minutes are date Nov 21 - keeping an eye on this. Comments from Ray and Jon to be fed back by Jim.

g) [Lyn] To ask Greg:

Winn/Westwood is ok to cycle on now – how long until tarmac likely to be put down?

Below \* is a paragraph from an email we sent to Greg about SCN 6 a while ago. I think we had a verbal reply either on a site visit or at a meeting and seem to remember something about considering it in the future but that it was outside the funding for this scheme. Obviously though extending shared use to Graham Road from the crossing would have needed to be within the scheme. I think a cycle contraflow on Graham Road would still work as cyclists would only have a short section on St Mary's Road southwards to exit Graham Road to the crossing or enter Clovelly Rd from the crossing, although ideally Clovelly would allow cycle contraflow. Many narrow streets in Bristol still allow a cycle contraflow despite on street parking, although they do have 20mph limits. Many streets in St Denys and around Avenue Road are two way and only wide enough for one car for stretches so it seems there should be no obstacle to this.

\*Access to Newtown from Charlotte Place towards Mount Pleasant rail crossing and beyond: Can Clovelly Road be made two way for cycles (close with a modal filter) or the shared use from the Charlotte Place crossing be extended to Graham Road as well with the one way flow on Clovelly Road reversed so cycles have an in/out to Newtown. This could also be achieved by removing the parking on one side of Graham Road as far as Raven Road (no houses on the hospital side) and making this two way for cycles, assuming the shared use was extended to Graham Road, which would need the walkway to be widened.

i) **AGM in March – so one more meeting before AGM. Johnnie and Lyn are very keen for others to take over as have been in role 3 years. Ready for next willing volunteers.** Newsletter mailchimp/changing GDPR wording – waiting for someone else to sort, as below.

#### 8. AOB

a) -

#### 9. Last thoughts...

-- Anyone want to offer to join a working group / suggest and take on a new role, eg social media / feedback on meeting.

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

Next meeting – second Monday of each month, except August.

Next AGM March 2022

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Future newsletters could include sections on (1) maps/route planning apps etc, (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 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. Draft here for any articles for future newsletters: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W\\_sFiMFe\\_x-r5dcPxxNM\\_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFiMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing)

Our joining email says:

Please paste: "Please add me to your mailing list. I agree you can email me about Southampton Cycling Campaign"

Mailing list: the Google doc is updated as we get new members.

Jon: We can use Mailchimp if Verification code is sorted. All with access to membership email should be able to access this.

- Suggested text about GDPR for the constitution.

- Some info about what data we need from members and what we use it for - for website and on new member emails.

- How people can request data we have stored and request that it be erased.