

Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting
Monday 14th Feb 2022 7.20pm for 7.30pm
ON ZOOM ONLY

(In person, in bigger room with fire door open for ventilation, and informally on Zoom) Monday 14th March 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

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign (us)

SS = So'ton Street Space www.facebook.com/SouthamptonStreetSpace

1. Apologies

Angela Cotton, Jim Probert (who now can leave wife at home as son there now, so can join us when no mt clash), Tina Davis, Pete Davis (thank you to Lindsi and everyone for your kind card), John F, Ryan (joining)

2. Attendees

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Pete Dargie, Tom Moore, Lindsi Bluemel, Ceri Dunn, David Thomas

3. Previous Minutes

See: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

4. Past events

Monthly rides- 3rd Sun of Jan to Hamble – nice ride with good number of people.

Twitter, fb and mailing list – lots posted

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

5. Future events

Future CC meetings

2nd Mon of every month except Aug. **March (AGM) in person and informally on zoom.**

[Once back in room- if you are late, please knock on window (to right of door, last window on that side).]

Future stalls

Friday 25th March – Fridays for Future – probably Guildhall Sq – Lindsi got banner – please volunteer

Sunday 24th July- Sporterium www.sporterium.co.uk/?utm_ID=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery

Saturday 30th July – Big Green Event at Guildhall – other groups ?

Future rides

2022 monthly campaign ride leaflet – link here: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/ - usually 10am on 3rd Sunday.

Do print leaflets to go in bike shops, notice boards, libraries etc to promote us.

Other future meetings/events

Bike Doctor – see My Journey [visit website](#). Bike Kitchen at The Hub in Shirley Weds 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, Lindsi, 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 SCN9.

--- SCN5 The Avenue/Lover's Walk Working Group – Lyn (C), Ceri, Johnnie, Pete, Tina, Stephen E, Simon, John F, Lindsi, Pete D [no response from Andre, Ian R, Colin].

Greg's email and Panel Invitation letter fwded to group. Responses from 2 members sent to Greg: bollards being a hazard, nothing now for fast commuters beyond the subway, potholes that need repeated filling, any diversions during work need to be sensible. "We appreciate that some of the concern is linked to the re-routing of the signed cycle route which would no longer include The Avenue north of the underpass, this is however out of the scope of this planning application which is focused on improving and maintaining a fit for purpose path along Lovers Walk. For this reason it is not considered that a new application or extended period of consultation is required. It is intended that the application will progress to planning panel decision on 15th Feb."

Application with all documents: [20/00255/FUL | Widening of the path known as 'Lovers Walk' that runs north to south on the eastern side of Southampton Common between Burgess Road and Westwood Road. | Southampton Common The Avenue Southampton Southampton SO15 7NN](#)

Johnnie and Lindsy going to panel tomorrow (Tues 15th) 4pm. Discussed grass compensation – there are bits of concrete on The Common and other bits being compensated.

Wed 16th update from Greg: "I just wanted to say thank you for your support regarding the planning application for Lovers Walk. It no doubt helped with the application being accepted.

We now move onto preparing the section 38 application to undertake work on Common Land. If you would like to ride this route again as we take stock and discuss I would be happy to do so." Being arranged.

--- 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), 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/Johnnie (C), John H, John F, Katherine [no response from Jim, Colin, Pete, Tina] and Angela not for Hill Lane section.

Wade sent Hill Lane plans; on-line meeting 1.2.22; site visit 8.2.22. Won't agree on some aspects, and the scheme doesn't go all the way, and can't do anything about buses outside King E school, but will give little bit of benefit and good example and visual.

--- St Denys – Johnnie (C), Katherine, John F, Pete D

Rough plans seen for the corridor (confidential plans) and quick feedback (quite a lot of points) given. Some great bits, but need a bike lane approaching bridges when heading towards Portswood. Orcas versus kerbs – Wade has explained that it's all to do with road sweepers. **Wed 16th update: Please do consultation by 25th Feb – could just say about space over bridge (or see points in**

email sent to list 16/2/22): <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/stden-ysroad?fbclid=IwAR1UpXVC7Bz6nYYEYFphvcvLy1GsPUeVZRBCi9b2PJmaTFPSmA4gelo8xgc>

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

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

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

--- Foyes corner group - Lindsy (C), Colin, John H, Katherine, Andre, Ian R.

--- Mapping [& Signage] – Angela (lead liaison with SCC), Johnnie (lead on plot-a-route), Lyn, Lindsy, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina, Izzy and OS.

--- Traffic Orders/Planning applications: Lindsy (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.

Winn/Westwood is ok to cycle on now – how long until tarmac likely to be put down? **We will keep monitoring and only take further work if required. We need planning permission signed off to work on Common land so unlikely to be tarmaced in next 12 months.**

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.

We had assessing contra flows in the next round of cycle minor works. If looking like budget available at end of financial year I could get Balfour to start looking at these and include Graham Road / Clovelly in that batch. Just to confirm are the other priorities St Michael's St, Porters Lane and Lyon Street? No doubt others but this number will be a decent start and in keeping with minor

works budgets. Reply: we agree the other three roads for contraflow, and can we add East Street (although that may prove more controversial and there would need to be a suitable gap created on Queensway - which still needs doing for access to lower East Street anyway).

During our recent meeting with Cllr Moulton, he stated that the plan for the Devonshire Road modal filter/pocket park would not be going ahead. We put it to him that as they want to promote 'quiet ways' they were missing the opportunity to create a whole raft of them. He stated that modelling had shown it would push too much traffic onto Hill Lane. We think that this seems a spurious argument as much of the traffic cutting through there is joining Hill Lane anyway, or is heading through towards The Avenue, where there is an adequate alternative. Please would you, if possible, clarify the modelling and the reasons for axing the scheme.

The Devonshire Road closure element which included the pocket park is still subject to the transport review, as such has not been currently signed off, but we are preparing a briefing on options. For this reason it has been potentially allocated to Phase 2 construction of Northern Ring Road planned to start in early to mid 2022, pending this review. We previously carried out a consultation including a TRO for the closure, and we may have to do further consultation including a potential re-advertisement of the TRO subject to the review.

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

b) [Jim] Jim had the following message about e-bikes in New Forest from Sophie Gordon of Cycling UK, that sounds a bit more promising: Cycling UK have been talking to various contacts at the New Forest about this, and it sounds like the Verderers made a big issue about e-bikes at their November meeting, but the issue died out a bit at the next meeting in December (the minutes of which haven't been published yet). So it doesn't appear that there is an imminent threat of e-bikes being banned from the promoted cycle routes.

The Government response to the [Glover review](#) of National Parks and AONBs in England is due to be published in the next week or two, so that's a good opportunity for us to highlight how illogical the Verderers are and how it completely contradicts national policy aims about trying to get more people being active outdoors and engaging with nature.

c) [Jim] had Ipley update: As you may have noticed, works have been progressing well since Christmas, but we remain mindful that there is still potential for ecological issues during the remaining works despite all our pre-emptive work, so this is potentially subject to change.

I've been sourcing some temporary animal warning signs for the road, and believe I've tracked some down. I will aim to get them on site before the road opens on Friday.

There are a few outstanding work items which will be completed, but without a road closure or serious effect to the forest or highway network:

-Installation of the traditional finger posts and the new National Cycle Network stickers need to be installed once the road is complete and the site is open, so these works will follow shortly.

-We also have been requested to arrange a fence to sit around the old road for a period of time to protect the newly laid surface from the animals. This will go in as soon as it can be arranged after permissions have been granted and the other Forest Bodies have confirmed their support.

-Hampshire County Council will be working with Forestry England will remove the old car free ditch in the spring or summer once the ground is more stable.

Thank you for your support and patience through this project. As always, any questions or problems, please let me know, Jenny Wallace, Principal Engineer – Safer Roads and Parking

8th Feb: Jim reported "Ipley crossroads is now complete and is a great improvement, having cycled through it last Wednesday following Sustrans route 2 to Brockenhurst. We used the **Hythe Ferry and where you no longer have to pay for bikes to cross**, making the cost of the return crossing £7.50 and concession for people my age is £5.50 return."

c) [Jim] Romsey: The shared cyclepath between Lee Lane and Romsey Rapids is near completion, so should be fully open by the end of the month.

d) [Johnnie] – already asked for comments on Redbridge Causeway and submitted comments.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/tcf-redbridge-eling-improvements?fbclid=IwAR2WigEcl2rtDGqXz543ML60oNzpoZiTr58ilceZy0cTNB4WlpxWfLn1vjE>

e) [Johnnie] The modal filters in St Denys are **confirmed to be made permanent** with designs in the works to replace the trial measures. 20mph limit to be implemented in south St Denys too. https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/tcf/eastleigh-to-southampton-corridor/st-denys-atz/?fbclid=IwAR3fJhF4U79iB2sZizGfZpj3os_TB9eR_IDhT3tV4eM0qgO2o611pjPD3gM

f) [Lyn] Highway Code updates and Cycling UK: <https://www.cyclinguk.org/article/changes-highway-code-faqs>

g) [Pete D] Twitter responses : old Meridian site - tarmac the rest of the path? Johnnie sais about our previous communications and add to list to ask again. Bike parking – The Common Cemetery – there is some by the cemetery house. Twitter stats – most successful tweet was a photo of Itchen Bridge – over 1500 views. Ipley Cross update was 1000 views. Do we get more reactions with certain tweets? Could give report to AGM? Johnnie and Pete to communicate before next meeting.

h) [from Eric] See latest re the two Hampshire County Council foot/cycle improvements schemes which are now being developed for Bursledon Road to west of Windhover roundabout and Providence hill to east of Windhover roundabout. They form a continuation of the proposals for WCH provision in the M27 Junction 8 side roads order. See links to the relevant updated HCC web pages at:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/tcfbursledonroadimprovements> and

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transportchemes/tcfa27providencehillimprovement>

See link [Programme Officers- Simply Planning Ahead](#)

The current scheme drawings showing the foot/cycle way proposals by Junction 8, alongside Bert Betts Way and all around Windhover gyratory are in the Core Documents Item A.9

j) [Lyn] Are we happy to say we support the 10 principles of Hampshire Bus Service Improvement Plan? Yes – anything for active travel.

Investment in flagship bus corridors; Bus priority measures; Simpler ticket options and improved affordability (TOTO); Multi-operator ticketing products (Solent Go); Better links with rail and ferry & mobility hubs; Bus network presented as a single system ; Modern bus fleet, high-quality on-bus environment, working towards decarbonisation; Meeting needs and expectations of bus passengers (customer charter, bus users forum); Meeting the public transport travel needs of rural areas (DRT challenge fund, RTPi); Longer-term transformation of networks (planning, BRT etc).

k) [Linds] I have submitted our responses to the TROs below, supporting the proposals for reasons of safety, encouraging walking and cycling to schools and encouraging modal shift. You can, of course, submit your own response – it's very easy to do. **The**

more support for these Orders, the better. <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/tro>

City of Southampton (Various Roads)(Speed Limits)(Amendment 14) Order 2022

City of Southampton (School Streets) Experimental Order 2021

City of Southampton Violet Rd (Bus Gate) Experimental Order 2021

l) [Lyn] Northam Rail Bridge – see previous (Jan 22) minutes.

Be ready to raise public awareness, Echo and radio, regular mass rides, as public consultation might be limited time- expected to be held in 2022-23.

Bridge will be made in 2 pieces and craned in. Radical idea is that it could be a garden bridge- could be good for publicity. Needs links to all the residential areas. Vehicles could go round stadium and Canute Rd. (Or buses still use bridge and other traffic round stadium?).

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? Unlikely to be able to stop the bridge....

ACTION: Local community groups/social media local groups/religious groups/opinions and how to spread the word/ make & find contacts. The St Mary's Leisure Centre is a big campaign at the moment – contact them too? Find local community groups/religious groups alliance of groups opposed to it- social media – or maybe find out that everyone is happy about it.

DONE: Lyn asked Northam youth project, Ropewalk garden and WEA. No replies.

Linds had letter printed in Echo 13.1.22 together with picture.

Linds emailed Bevois ward Cllrs to ask views: Lindsi Councillors Denness, Kataria and Rayment. 2 replies below.

I fully take on board the concerns you raise in your email. Let me assure you that my ward colleagues and I are keeping a very close eye on this and will do what we can to ensure the best outcome is achieved for all road users.

There is very clearly a need to do something, the existing bridge is now very old and it does create a dangerous pinch point in and out of the city centre for all road users. Over the years I have seen so many near-misses, it's been a miracle there haven't been more accidents.

The Green City Charter, pollution and congestion were all issues that the Labour Party took very seriously when Labour were in control of the council, however, sadly we lost control to the Conservatives in May 2021.

Kind regards, Mike Cllr Mike Denness, Labour Member for Bevois Ward

Many thanks for your email, I see you have had a reply from my fellow ward colleague, I would support all he says but add that I do believe there is a need for a replacement bridge. The devil is always in the detail and you will be aware we took seriously the views of the Cycle Forum when we were in control, indeed it was the Labour Administration as you will recall that set up the process to ensure real engagement.

Regards, Councillor Jacqui Rayment

m) AGM in March – next meeting. Johnnie and Lyn are very keen for others to take over as have been in role 3 years. Ready for next willing volunteers. Please let us know if you want to change or volunteer for any roles.

Newsletter mailchimp/changing GDPR wording/autisitica list – waiting for someone else to sort, as below. Will continue as we are.

Newsletter link sent out for articles. AGM and topics from this meeting, needing members for working groups as more consultation coming up soon. Add articles to link by Fri 18th please. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFiMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing

Lyn checked if minutes are too long or if this is fine, as a way of filing some of our emails. Lyn has about 50 emails a month filed in email folders.

n) [Lyn] To ask Greg:

Dropped kerb from Chantry Rd to Royal Cres Rd (see email from Pete D 9/2 for map and pic.

On plans to new bus area at Castle – is there decent bike access through the arch towards Tudor house?

Old Meridian site – please can we hassle to hurry up and get tarmac (or a good permeable surface) on the rest of the path – some of it is so nice now. Our previous communications showed a ramp but we hope it has been planned to be wider and easier to cycle on than original plan. The exit when heading from Boardwalk on route 24 south needs to be rotated so just a corner and not a detour with u-turn and zig zag?

Bike parking – still none outside Café Thrive and the Rice Up ones are still hard to use as they need rotating onto the contour. Request for More near Hawthorns on Common for runners turning up for Park Run etc.

Are there plans for orcas or kerbs (we know an issue with sweepers) within the big money plans for the Itchen Bridge? We hope so!

The traffic lights at Six Dials heading east on New Road by Premier Inn need a longer phase – even if you go through at start of phase you don't have enough time as the traffic from Kingsway comes too early.

8. AOB

a) Lindsi – traffic lights at Six Dials that don't give enough time for cyclists to get through – added to list for Greg above

b) Itchen Bridge- <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/19924716.southampton-council-confirms-3-8m-itchen-bridge-money-will-go/?ref=ebln> Most of the money on suicide prevention – how about orcas or kerbs (see above for reply on sweepers for kerbs)?

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

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

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.