

Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting
Monday 14th Nov 2022 7.20pm for 7.30pm on zoom

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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

John Finney, Jody Slater, Pete Dargie, Katherine Barbour, Bethany Norman

Ongoing apologies

Ian Rothwell, Tina Davis, Pete Davis

2. Attendees (Can turn CAMERAS OFF – do interrupt as I can't see you all)

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Angela Cotton, Lindsay Bluemel, Sharon Merredew, Chris Taylor

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 ride - good turnout

Social – 6 of us at Cafe Thrive – good chat and lovely to meet new members (1 from twitter & 2 from fb event) - yay!

Twitter and facebook – lots posted

If you're on twitter please share: [@SotonCycling](https://twitter.com/SotonCycling)

Please also share articles and “events” from fb: www.facebook.com/SotonCycling

Mailing list: Any members can join it once been to a meeting/social (or if they know an active member).

eg

Balfour Beatty notifications; SCC consultations eg Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR)

<https://yourcityyoursay.southampton.gov.uk/camera-enforcement> ; Cobden Bridge new road markings; Bassett G Rd/Stoneham

Lane – upgrading lights;

Portswood survey yourcityyoursay.southampton.gov.uk/portswood – big backlash against modal filters but needs to be seen as separate from “bus gates”; Lords Hill Cycle Tracks Order – Jim/Michael sorted; Southampton City Vision Local Plan consultation by Dec 23 [City Vision | Your City Your Say Southampton](http://CityVision|YourCityYourSaySouthampton) ; <https://yourcityyoursay.southampton.gov.uk/civiccentrejun...> by 27th Nov - big discussion on list ; <https://yourcityyoursay.southampton.gov.uk/eastparkterrace?fbclid=IwAR2QATaIMXvFJBhRpWLUtVwt-X1cSOsSuklt-eUnQLsPFSVybub12C2XNEE> ; letter about work on Bursledon Rd;

<https://www.southampton.gov.uk/media/bulfgzn2/mayflower-quarter-masterplan-c.pdf> - summary on Shop Local fb on the 25 year plan: “It has been many years in the making but “ar urbanism” have delivered their 25 year masterplan for Mayflower Quarter, creating a new retail, residential and leisure quarter with great access to the station, linking the station & waterfront and making much better use of land currently allocated to industrial estates. By moving the road slightly into the port and creating a pedestrian bridge over it to Mayflower Park, you'll be able to walk all the way from the station to the waterfront, which will have a new beach and lido. Huge plans, the first part of which (the Toys R Us development) will start construction early next year.”

5. Future events

Future CC meetings/socials

Zoom for meetings with monthly socials on or around 4th Monday (still covid spikes and zoom is simpler in many ways).

St Denys Community Centre know we're not using the room for now.

Meeting 2nd Mon of every month.

Leafletting/Social/discussion - 4th Mon – probably (will confirm by email) leaflet at Station before people get onto their bikes 5pm – 5.45 then to Café Thrive. 28th Nov 6pm. Can make discussion list that people can add to as arrive. Likely to have smaller chats if 7+ people.

[St Denys Community Centre, Priory Road, SO17 2JZ - please also bring your own cup to all meetings, then no one has to wash up at the end. Lateral flow tests? Masks? Door open?
[Once back in room - if you are late, please knock on window to right of door, last window on that side.]

Future stalls

Leafletting at station before social - see just above.

Future rides

2023 monthly campaign ride leaflet – thank you Stephen and others - link here: www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/ - usually 10am on 3rd Sunday.

Could do newsletter after next meeting with ride leaflet and... what else?

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

Other future meetings/events

Free Bike Doctor – My Journey <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/events> – first Wed and first Fri of month daytime.

Bike Kitchen at winter location of Zedify (summer at The Hub in Shirley) Weds 7-9pm

Monty's on Wed eves.

More volunteers needed at Repair Café as bike repairers <https://transitionsouthampton.org/projects-repair-cafe/> - Sat mornings.

My Journey Updates - can sign up for emails with info such as: [Explore the City by Bike this Summer](#).

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>

Remember to invite **local cllrs** on route detail planning rides, and **let Cllr Savage** know.

--- SCN1 Western Approach – Johnnie (Co-ordinator), John H, Pete, Tina, Liz, Colin, Jim, Ian R.

--- 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 – Pete D (C), Lyn, Eric.

--- SCN4 Park & ride to Central Station via General Hospital and Hill Lane – see SCN9.

--- SCN5 The Avenue/Lover's Walk Working Group – Lyn (C), Johnnie, Stephen E, Joanna (grzy...@), Pete D, Ceri, Angela, Lindsi, John F, Simon, Bart, Pete, Tina, Bethany.

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

--- SCN6 Portswood/Swaythling/Stoneham Lane - Angela (C), Johnnie, Lyn, Ceri, Simon. **We met James Hammond (new project lead) on site 9.1122 and looked at main junctions.**

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

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

--- SCN9 Hospital Orbital Route & SCN2 West & SCN4 – Michael/Johnnie (C), John H, John F, Katherine, Angela.

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

--- **City Centre – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Chris Br, Simon, Lyn, Johnnie. Meeting Steve Elliott (TCF Project Lead - City Centre) on 18.11.22.**

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

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

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

--- Mapping [& Signage] – Angela (lead liaison with SCC), Johnnie (lead on plot-a-route), Lyn, Lindsi, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina, John F, Chris T, Izzy, Jess (OS) & Nate (OS).

4 of working group met up to draw on quiet routes that link routes together. Lots of cycling to check best links and lots of emails - edited map sent back – thanks all.

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

--- Postcard and banner designs: Johnnie, Angela, John F, Lindsi, Jon. **Postcards at printers.**

--- Northam Rail Bridge: Lindsi (C), Lyn, (See Jan, Feb, March, June minutes as soon as we hear consultation dates.)

--- HCC etc (out of the city): Twyford Rd – bridge north of Eastleigh station – Lindsi responded?

7. Updates – (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a) [Lyn/Johnnie] Contact with SCC.

Lyn and Johnnie met Cllr John Savage and Cllr Eamonn Keogh (rearranged date, as was Queen's funeral date).

We discussed how to prioritise for resurfacing – roads on cycle routes – not easy, although last administration did seem to be able to influence this.

We will copy Cllr Savage into Greg's replies each month, and invite Cllr Savage on rides, along with relevant local cllrs.

Bike stands by all dentists, doctors and pharmacies – on list to Greg.

Events person is planning - Eamonn wants mass ride.

Update on forum – Accessibility Forum - invites due out soon. Aim is to include many more than cycling – hopefully it will work, as Cycle Forum started like this but less and less others went along.

Criteria of golf ball/ tennis ball when reporting pot holes - still not got option of cycle route - only road or pavement – on list to Greg (again).

Lindsi shared with Cllr Eamonn - Vision Zero for safer roads - who agreed that they should be looking at it.

Lyn and Johnnie met Greg 1.11.22 (and briefly chatted to Martina and met James – new Portswood lead).

Greg updated us on:

- detection at traffic lights - do report if not working properly as newer sites don't use ground detection.

Central/Common/Stoneham Lane:

- Craven Walk - subway to Palmerston Road and existing toucan crossing from St Mary's about to be officially shared use.

- Top left of Common - short link down side of Sainsburys local - no objections this time so will be officially shared use.

- Lover's Walk - parallel with The Common/ The Avenue - posts will be under lights.

- Stoneham Lane - early release lights (also lots of other places - Bellemoor pub junction, St D rd, more to come as schemes done - we requested in town at Cenotaph and south of there where no space - as town being worked on)

East of city:

- Maybury King way between Glenfield Avenue and West End Road assessed for shared use but not the required width at Glenfield end of route. Eric's suggestion

- Thornhill Park - link through woods - not yet as needs dropped kerbs to be able formalise it as shared use.

- West End Rd - in 10 yr plan - J liaising with suggestions for quiet way link.

- Bitt Rd East - Millbury Cres - we met there already - being designed and will show us plans (Tony).

We also discussed, among other things:

- criteria of potholes - golf/tennis ball size is still on <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/potholes/>

- priorities of resurfacing - last year lots of cul-de-sacs etc

- mess after events - we parked our bikes where lots of glass, as Octoberfest security staff removed tape around G sq, revealing lots of glass all over the square.

- Greg agreed that we could fwd his monthly replies to Cllr John Savage.

- Clarifying West End quietway - starting at Bitterne centre – J went and rode and clarified.

- Events not cleared up properly eg Octoberfest were just clearing up as we locked up bikes and there was lots of glass still on ground. Lyn to write to events@.....

Written questions and replies from our previous minutes, and we discussed too:

We'd asked "We'd like to discuss feedback on consultations, eg we put work into the St Denys Road consultation and would have liked feedback and/or viewing of finalised plans before work went ahead." Greg replied: *Apologies if you have not been as engaged as hoped. I will raise this with the team for upcoming projects. We are trying to get more project info on our web pages but I appreciate you would need to be updated of these also. ...*

Discussion on how a few years ago (pre-covid) we had some good trips looking at potential routes – eg Portsmouth Rd/ hospital to Common – it'd be good to have this type of visit and then see plans at each stage to feedback. Greg agrees. City Centre arranged since our meeting (this Friday).

Us "We will fwd separately our list of the worst roads that are well-used cycle roads that need to be resurfaced. This includes suggestions from all on our mailing list. We feel strongly that these roads should be prioritised, and that a change in policy on this is needed." Greg replied: *Please do and this information from cyclists will help to inform that decision making. Will this be sent to me? If so I can forward on to our maintenance team for discussion.* Discussed in person. List sent to Greg. Pasted at very end of this.

Us, "Can we review all schemes once they've been in place for a while please?" Greg replied: *Yes – the meeting with Lindsi a few weeks back on Bursledon Road was very useful for both of us. Did you want to send a list of re work sites you would like to ride through and we can get some dates to do so. I could get the lead officer to join us for each scheme for the background (if not me). Might be possible to cover in one visit or need two or three dates.* Discussed in person – Johnnie arranging a ride of SCN 1.

Communication directly with Wade:

Johnnie about details/timing/positioning of the new signals at Thomas Lewis Way – which are amazing! Cycle advance lights! (More coming by Bellemoor Rd/Common and other places as works happen)

Eg J said "It is a very short sequence and only any good if you're already stopped and waiting. I don't know how smart the lights are, but can any extra slots in the cycle be added when people are waiting? Or if there are any other potential solutions to this as it is such a contrast to positive gains in the other direction."

Wade replied: "I can mention it to Balfours, but they have indicated that the signals are at their maximum in terms of number of stages that can be run without detrimental impact to bus services along the corridor (which is the main reason for the funding for the project)"

Access into the little lane – blocked by queueing traffic.

Lyn about utility company repairs being thoroughly checked (with a bike) before being signed off - eg lovely smooth Bellemoor Rd. Wade is aware and onto it already.

Written replies to our queries from previous meeting (most covered above):

Stoneham Lane pavement - from Eastleigh boundary it's a shared use route, so can it be from start of pavement in Soton? If yes, just would need a painted arrow on road, as presently the arrow starts at a random point which we assume is the boundary. – Again this has been looked at as part of TCF but budget fallen short to pick up the full route. Work for now will be at the junction of Stoneham Lane / Bassett Green Road. We can not formally sign the footway as shared use earlier as we do not have the widths required under updated cycle guidance. The widening of footway is not straight forward due to need to remove vegetation and drainage culverts which all added to the costs. It remains a route to improve for cycle access but it not in the current delivery programme / funded.

There are currently no plans for a mass participation event during bike week or the summer months however we are anticipating that the Southampton Sporterium will take place in April 2023. In collaboration with Rees Leisure as partners, we have been working together to try to include elements of family bike ride on the road closure. It is very much early days with these plans, however you can ask Lyn to contact me directly if necessary. (from Ruth via Greg)

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

b) [Stephen] Rides leaflet – and see reply from Ruth via Greg about mass rides - [Southampton Sporterium](#), and that Cllr Eamon K wants a mass ride. Maybe we ramp up our bike week rides – with live music in trailer/tandem, invite cllrs, NHS, MPs, Breeze riders? Will Naked Bike Ride happen? Maybe there will be that music DJ ride here again – @DomWhiting – we didn't hear about it until after – will msge him on Twitter..... Breeze rides – British Cycling – south coordinator (Vicky Smith) Monty's rides. Maybe Critical Mass will start again?

c) [Lyn] From discussion at social:

Sessions like Bike Kitchen during day and target groups/ go to existing groups – updated our list above to clarify when free bike servicing is.

From Hill Lane heading north into Common, need advance (there are brand new lights still covered up there) – we'll see next month.

Double yellow lines needed at Kent Rd under Thomas Lewis Way at modal filter under bridge. Also at end of Blenheim Ave in sight of The Avenue – on Greg list.

Fallen trees only acknowledged by email after ten days – is there a way for a faster response? – asking Greg

Bike stands rotated by Ex-Rice Up as still on contour so v awkward – on Greg list.

Bike stands for Park run - more by Hawthorns and also Bellemoor junction and SE corner of Common by blue gates – on Greg list.

Resurfacing of Common - e-w route - is it different as Common?

Criteria of golf ball/ tennis ball when reporting pot holes - still not got option of cycle route on SCC - only road or pavement – on Greg list.

d) [Lyn] Michael met Cllr Furnell and discussed Millbrook to Shirley. Lyn will meet Cllr Bogle when she has time. Do offer to your cllrs (see Oct minutes for which cllrs not to ask, and suggested wording).

e) [Johnnie] <https://yourcityyoursay.southampton.gov.uk/civiccentrejun...> After our mt on Friday we will write qualified support from the campaign, listing our reservations. Then as individuals we can comment. It is a step forward for active travel, and hopefully the next stage can be brought back.

f) <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23120539.netley-marsh-cyclist-dies-crash-tatchbury-lane/?ref=ebln> 38 year old male.

g) Postcards: In the Spring, we could leaflet where people stop, eg opp Bellemoor on The Common at commuter time/ have banner on barrier so people heading onto Common can pull in to talk to us? Could offer snacks to people cycling past. Where else do cyclists stop where they are not on roads? Traffic lights in middle of town parks?

Cycle code leaflets - we were going to get the Bikeability people to hand out our cycle codes (year 6) so will chase up.

Also secondary schools. Lindsy will ask Eleanor and Dilys if got Bikeability contact, and Sharon will look into secondary schools. Lyn and Lindsy to check how many we have left. Could do reprint with edits due to Highway Code and contact QR codes etc – aimed at children or parents ?

h) [Lyn] To ask Greg:

Fallen tree was only acknowledged by email after ten days – is there a way for a faster response? (was a tree blocking north end of Lover's Walk)

Bike stands by all dentists, doctors and pharmacies.

Bike stands rotated by Ex-Rice Up as still on contour so v awkward.

Bike stands for Park run - more by Hawthorns and also Bellemoor junction and SE corner of Common by blue gates.

Criteria of golf ball/ tennis ball when reporting pot holes - still not got option of "cycle route" on SCC site, only road or pavement – can this be altered?

Double yellow lines needed at Kent Rd under Thomas Lewis Way at modal filter under bridge, as often vehicles parked there.

If the Kent Rd (under TLW) planters will be upgraded (as others in St Denys have been) could they be slightly wider please to make more room for Zedify bikes – it's a tight squeeze.

Double yellow lines at end of Blenheim Ave in sight of The Avenue, as often vehicles parked there.

Resurfacing of Common - e-w route - is it different budget as on The Common?

When will the no-right turn at the top of West Park Rd have "except bikes" added? Says "Except buses" and we were told "and bikes" was approved a couple of years ago.

8. AOB - & stop press since meeting:

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. Socials often on 4th Monday.

Next AGM March 2023 – add Affiliate membership of Cycling UK reminder

PS

Cllr Eamonn K says to keep logging rides on Love to Ride, as council sees the numbers.

Everyone log potholes, esp on NCN routes: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/potholes/>

Street cleaning: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/street-cleaning/>

Other street issues: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/other/>

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

Sent to Greg 8.11.22 Resurfacing list:

Through routes that either form part of established well used cycle routes or that have no alternative: -

- Athelstan Road
- Priory Rd South, NCN23
- Lawn Rd

- Cedar Rd (North) – signed cycle route
- Osborne Road South
- Belgrave Road (Levelling sharp utility trenches)
- Traffic free section of Sea Road Peartree (If not included)
- Tremona Road, Tremona Court to Dale Valley Rd
- Junction of Wilton Road and Southview Rd (poor gas work repairs)
- Upper Shirley Avenue
- Spring Crescent (patches of broken surface despite one recent repair)
- Pirrie Close (Provides a direct quiet route to Bellemoor Rd from Shirley High St.)
- Whites Rd (Esp Deacon Rd to Brownlow Ave SCN3 link)
- Deacon Rd (From Whites Rd to Spring Rd for Itchen College)

Traffic free cycle routes and paths that would benefit from attention in order to bring them into better use or prevent further decline: -

- Cemetary Road (traffic free section)
- A27 shared use path Mansbridge to Swan Garden Centre/Cutbush Lane.
- Path/Lane from Hillgrove Road to Cutbush Lane (Meggeson Ave hill by-pass, already part cycle path with good surface but poor to that point.
- Traffic free section of Sea Road Peartree (If not included) repairs needed at the gate to Osterley Rd/Pear tree.
- The upper section of the shared path alongside Townhill Way (poor state and narrow)
- Coxford Rd northern path to Chilworth Drove and the Science Park.

Cycle routes on the last published council resurfacing list which we hope are still included: -

- Liverpool St
- Stanford St (NCN23)

We hope that the inclusion of these routes by cyclists can be considered as improving access and encouraging active travel in the prioritising of resurfacing.