

1. Urgent petition.
2. Socials, leafleting and Zoom meetings.
3. 2023 rides list is live!
4. Meeting Southampton City Council - updates from Working Parties.
5. Cycle Campaign info (repeated).

Please join us! Here we are at our last 2 socials (those of us that stayed to the end):



(1) Please sign this urgent petition and share widely, if you agree with plans to reduce vehicles on a short stretch outside the Portswood library. Please share. <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=500000134&RPID=538479657&HPID=538479657> For more info see <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/tcf/eastleigh-to-southampton-corridor/portswood/>

(2) Our next social is on Mon 28th at 6pm <https://cafethrive.co.uk/> where you can eat a filling meal, have a snack, hot drink, cold drink or alcoholic drink (good bus, train links and bike parking on the railing opposite or a few shops away) and our Dec one may be Wed 14th Dec. We make a list of points to raise at our next zoom meeting.

We plan on leafletting outside the north side of central station from 5pm, before we go to the social - so please let us know if you can make 5pm.

Our Dec monthly meeting is on Mon 12th Dec (2nd Mondays of month) on zoom at 7.20 for 7.30 - 9pm. If you're not on our email chat list, please email to get the link.

(3) Our 2023 rides are all here: <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/>

(4) Our working parties have met with SCC officers 3 times in the past 3 weeks and been able to make very constructive comments on new schemes. Join a meeting or social to find out more and join in!

Lyn and Johnnie met with Greg (Senior Transport Planner, Green City and Infrastructure), and, among other things, emphasised that we are keen to get back to pre-Covid levels of involvement - basically it makes sense if we look at schemes before they are initially drawn out, and then revisit to spot improvements and potential problems.

Johnnie has been busy with almost daily feedback on the could-be-excellent cycle-advance crossings over Thomas Lewis Way into Portswood. The lights sequence keeps getting tweaked and hopefully it isnearly perfect?!?!

Angela has led the mapping group in assisting SCC with their new paper and on-line maps, by suggesting helpful links and routes around the city. The working group has met at least 3 times recently and some members have been cycling around checking alternative routes where the proposed SCN network doesn't yet exist on the ground. We look forward to an easy-to-use map that really helps people get on their bikes.

Angela led the Portswood Working Party on a site visit. Although the Portswood proposals are intended to assist bus travel we are pleased that the needs of cycle users are being considered. We made some suggestions for improvements. We feel the modal filters in the Highfield area need to be seen as a separate scheme to be worked on, and are disappointed that the consultation on these was not done with residents first as it has led to some upset and polarised opinions. However, we completely support the active travel measures proposed for Portswood. There is now a petition to sign in order to support the scheme - please do sign and share ASAP <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=500000134&RPID=538479657&HPID=538479657>

Lindsi led the City Centre Working Party on a meet-up with 2 members of the Transforming Cities Team. We were able to make constructive suggestions, such as how to save money on some aspects of a scheme in order to have Advanced Stop Lines on the boundary of the scheme. We again pushed for a safe cycling link from higher to lower level, ideally next to Asda, and clarified the issues with the link from Bargate to Tudor House area. We are disappointed that not all the original plans have stayed in the current plans, and that for example the South Station plan is not the gold-standard plan that we saw, but we are pleased that Southampton is using its Transforming Cities Fund to take more steps towards a safer City Centre. We hope that the missed parts can appear on plans in the near future.

We are pleased that advance stop traffic lights are appearing all over the city - please do report any that don't detect you, as the technology has to be set up correctly. <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/potholes/other/>

Please also report potholes here <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/potholes/> and glass etc here <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/environmental-issues/street-cleaning/> and parking in wrong place here <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/>

(5) Cycle Campaign info

- Do forward this newsletter to others who may be interested in joining, as we'd love to gain more members.
- If you didn't get this directly from us, see www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/joinus-2/ to join for free.
- Members are able to join our secure email list once you have attended a meeting, or if that is an issue an active member can vouch for you.
- Before your first meeting, please email membership@southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk to get the zoom link.
- You can join a working group, whose coordinators communicate with the SCC person who is designing the scheme/route. After each meeting we send a list of non-scheme-specific queries to Greg at SCC (Senior Transport Planner, Green City and Infrastructure). We're constantly working on new lists and updates - so please do come along to our next zoom meeting and listen in or join a working group.
- If you're on twitter please share: [@SotonCycling](https://twitter.com/SotonCycling) If you're on fb please share: www.facebook.com/SotonCycling
- If you don't want to hear from us again, please email asking to be removed from the list. On the other hand, if you'd like to get more involved, please come along to our next meeting or contact us! Thanks!

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Thank you for reading, and hope you can join us soon.