

Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting
Monday 9th Jan 2023 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

Ongoing apologies

Ian Rothwell, Ceri Dunn, Tina Davis, Pete Davis

Apologies

Ian Lamming

2. Attendees

Lyn Brayshaw, Johnnie Dellow, Angela Cotton, Sharon Merredew, Bethany Norman, Jim Probert, Lindsi Bluemel, Sien van der Plank, John Finney

3. Previous minutes (Can turn CAMERAS OFF – do interrupt as I can't see you all)

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

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

4. Past events

Monthly ride – 4 went on New Year's Day.

Social Th 29th noon (usually 4th Mon) – 7 of us at Happy Bean cafe (and 4 ill/delayed).

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 **Portswood petition** - please share: https://www.southampton.gov.uk/modernGov/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=500000134&RPID=538479657&HPID=538479657&fbclid=IwAR0etwBAXI73E_Ad3KX_Bq6kTk7aav54R7JTpghVUdov_toGUhl_p_yobqw :

[https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/jan/09/entrenched-car-culture-leaves-millions-of-britons-in-transport-poverty?](https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/jan/09/entrenched-car-culture-leaves-millions-of-britons-in-transport-poverty?CMP=Share_AndroidApp_Other)

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Newsletter: (last one was in Dec) *Do one now asap and also start of March to give notice of AGM.*

Responses to queries:

5. Future events

Future CC meetings/socials/campaigning

2nd Mon of month - Zoom **meetings** (St Denys Community Centre know we're not using the room for now).

4th Mon of month (usually) **socials/discussion** - sometimes with leafletting beforehand. Notes made each time to bring to next meeting. **Black Phoenix pub** has good vegan choices so 23rd Jan 6.30. (We can book a table – so far Lyn, Sharon, Bethany, Johnnie, Si) <https://www.facebook.com/TheBlackPhoenixPub/>

AGM - Mon 27th March - agreed at meeting - those at the social came up with suggestion of meeting in person on 4th Mon of March at St Denys Community Centre for AGM **then food**. Lindsi get finger food from Robin's shop and claim £. Bring own cup (not plates ?) for hot drinks and bring other drinks if wanted. Meet at 7pm, then AGM 7.30-8, then social til 9/9.30pm. [We suggested 4th Mon of Feb or March but Community Centre can just offer us room 4/5 in March.]

[Once back in room - if you are late, please knock on window to right of door, last window on that side. 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. Ventilation – dress warm?]

Future rides

2023 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

This Wed Lyn and Ian L may talk to shopkeepers again in Portswood.

Wed 2th Jan 7pm - Accessibility forum (evolved from Cycle Forum since Covid) – Lyn invited - on Teams. Street Space invited too (Alistair?) Lyn will report back.

The forum aims:

- to consult with community representatives on transport projects, creating designs that are inclusive and balance the needs of everyone.
- to report issues that prevent easy movement for all residents and suggest small improvements.

The Accessibility Forum will manage a small budget for the small improvements .e.g. inserting dropped kerbs or removing barriers on pathways.

The Forum will choose what to prioritise by consulting their members and stakeholders and report this back to the council.

The first meeting is due to take place 25th January 2023 most likely taking place online with accessibility features.

This meeting will agree the terms of reference, a document that will define the purpose and structure of the forum. We are proposing that the Accessibility Forum meets every three months. Cllr Eamonn Keogh (Cabinet Member for Transport and District Regeneration, Southampton City Council) and Ruth Magennis (Sustainable Travel Project Lead for Communities).

Notes for the meeting – in person meetings ? Easy-fit lights for Deliveroo riders (council contact Deliveroo – shame them ??) image of cyclists not having lights? When too ill to cycle how do we get about when no bus route for where we want to go? Safety for getting children around on bikes – cycle lanes aren't always safe enough.

Thurs 2nd Feb 5pm Scrutiny Panel – see h) below.

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, 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, Simon. Contentious. Talked to shop keepers and will again. Some are talking to Waitrose about cargo bikes (also Chris Taylor, Zedify). Talk to James H again? Ask if more disabled parking put in the active travel zone than will be removed by the existing bus stops.

--- 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, Bethany.

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

--- City Centre – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Simon, Lyn, (Johnnie). Comments on Bargate development highways proposals sent by email. Lindsi will chase Steve at SCC for response, also about the Bedford Place suggestions we made – space for cyclists when Carlton Place covered in tables.

--- 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). Angela will chase Laurie at SCC for update.

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

--- Postcard and banner designs: Johnnie, Angela, John F, Lindsi, Jon.

--- Northam Rail Bridge: Lindsai (C), Lyn, (See Jan, Feb, March, June 2022 minutes as soon as we hear consultation dates.)

--- HCC etc (out of the city):

7. Updates

a) [Lyn] Contact with SCC.

Replies from Greg in green:

Is Cemetery road at Hill Lane end (vehicle free end) being resurfaced along with the E-W Common route – as it's very bad in the dip - can it be please? I have asked for this area to be added within this year's budget but not yet had confirmed.

Gritting/salting AND leaf clearing on cycle routes, eg Underpass under The Avenue where it's always icy, especially all the new cycle routes with wands/kerbs/armadillos – Hill Lane, The Avenue, Burgess Rd north of Common, St Denys Rd, Common paths (Ave end of Blenheim Rd) – in many places can't see edges of tarmac due to so many leaves. Reported to see how it can be improved on.

Points from social:

Parks into Grosvenor Sq - not detecting waiting to cross. – Additional detection unit ordered as area proving too wide to capture cyclists coming off Inner Ring Road to turn right and cyclists exiting park. We have been riding that way deliberately when out to keep testing and reporting inconsistent detection.

A sign south of Bedford place Sainsbury's directing cyclists into Grosvenor sq if heading to town centre, although commuters unlikely to detour if heading east. I have shared this with Laurie who has the overall city routes to be signed document. He can check how this fits in with the wider signage strategy and update. These are getting picked off as we go.

Signs at station - when? This is part of Hill Lane signage delivery early in the new year. Needing sign off from Network Rail as sign is on their land.

Hill Lane heading north turning into Common by Bellemoor pub - not enough time and you get impression you can go, but vehicles come at you before you've had time to get off the road - need 6-10 seconds at least. Thank you for feedback. Similar to other new cycle detection we are monitoring and amending as needed after implementation. I have passed this back to our signals team. Even though we use the network and have site visits several times after delivery it seems some issues are intermittent and therefore all feedback on these from you is great info thanks.

Not detected at Lodge Rd heading south outside Travelodge, and there is an extra time in the sequence where could have a green to cross. It's a v long wait so many cross when it's red for crossing. Currently designing for additional crossings on southern and northern arms of this junction and factoring in any additional opportunities to cross cyclists.

Heading north up The Ave (diagonally opposite Travelodge) it takes too long before it goes green - why is there a delay? The ped / cycle crossing stage is built into all movements at the signalised junction and there is unfortunately delay for all users here but cyclists no more so than others at a busy junction. The gap between cars being stopped and ped / cyclists getting green will be a standard safety factor ensuring cars have cleared the junction before peds / cyclists get green light. This is set at lowest amount allowed for the design but it is a wide junction so clearance times are higher than other junctions.

Burgess Rd where university banks/coffee shops were/are - Cantell pupils dash across because too long a wait - can there be an extra crossing sequence just before school starts and when school ends (or all the time) - people cross without waiting for green. Have asked signals team to assess for greater ped provision.

Bellevue Terrace going south, crossing Onslow rd - again not enough time to get across before cars heading into you. Somehow this traffic needs to realise cycles might be heading south - a watch out for cyclists sign? Early release here allows for six seconds cycle time ahead of cars release at which point then both arms run together. Used and observed many cyclists and seemed to provide suitable time. REPLY: If more than one bike, need longer.

If someone is talking to Bluestar please offer that we can take bus drivers on a cycle. We may do this ourselves. We have regular dialogue with Bluestar who I know would be open to a constructive discussion about issues that cyclists and bus drivers face. I can either ask for you to be invited to one of our partnership meetings we have or provide you with an introduction to have your own meeting? Please let me know which you prefer. Yes please to a meeting. I will ask for our public transport office to add to a future meeting and send you invites. I am happy to attend with you. Did you want to discuss pre meeting what you would like to get out of it? REPLY: Offer bike rides with us. Sharing bus lanes – families/children. Anything to help Bluestar?

Communication directly with Wade: Johnnie about details/timing/positioning of the new signals at Thomas Lewis Way – which are almost perfect... but needs to be reliable. Applies to all the new traffic lights.

Wade "I am talking to BBLP about it, have been on site with them now and they are logging the amount of times that the cycle phase gets called (and pedestrian phases too) - all appears to be working when testing in the field and looking at the logs. So I believe it is an issue with the detection that the majority of times it is working but there are the odd ones that aren't. BBLP can't pinpoint why sometimes it is not working and neither can I.

I have asked BBLP to work on a system that acts as a reassurance that you have been detected, with a button to push if you haven't - so adding a new push button style but for the cycle only very similar to a pedestrian push button. I have seen this done in Manchester, BBLP are making enquiries to find out more about it."

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

b) [Lyn] Consultations/Echo: [soton.cc/vehicleremoval](https://www.soton.cc/vehicleremoval) (by Feb)

The Echo sent this as a "breaking news" email to all on their mailing list – a close pass 3-4 min film - interesting why it was "breaking news": <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23217032.moment-botley-cyclist-almost-gets-driven-off-road/?ref=ebbn>

Another cyclist death: <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23216229.cyclist-dies-crash-bmw-rowlands-castle/?ref=ebbn>

c) [Lyn] Discussion at social:

AGM discussion and concluding with suggestion – as dates above.

Socials at pub with good vegan choices – Black Phoenix – as dates above.

Targeted rides – membership break-down – Sharon – e) below.

List sent to Greg about timings and detection on new traffic lights (Greg has said to let him know about the new detection being up high, not on road surface) and signage – as a) above

Take others on rides, like cllrs – as d) below.

d) [Lyn] Taking Cllr Bogle on a cycle around routes she wants to know links to (on Friday). Do offer to your cllrs (see Oct 2022 minutes for which cllrs not to ask, and suggested wording).

Also offer Bluestar (talk to Bluestar boss, who seems keen) – see Greg's response a) above and [driving instructors – any contacts?](#) Bethany and Jim got contacts so will ask.

e) [Sharon] Rides – target groups – Sharon looked at break-down of our membership as idea of rides aimed at females. Slower, shorter rides too – maybe about 8 miles with coffee stops. We have about 31% female membership. Looked for official figures of the national ratio to compare but can't really find anything useful apart from only 8% of women cycle compared to 20% of men (according to Cycle UK) this would scale up to roughly 28% of cyclists being female. So based on this, our female membership is just above average. Monty's does shorter rides – from east of city. It works for Breeze rides. We agreed add more variety of rides. "It's all about cake" rides?

Ian L - live music in trailer/tandem, invite cllrs, NHS, MPs, Breeze riders? Naked Bike Ride? DJ @DomWhiting – we didn't hear about it until after – msge him on Twitter? Breeze rides – British Cycling – south coordinator (Vicky Smith). Monty's rides. Critical Mass again?

Stephen – if editing 2023 rides leaflet liaise with Sharon to add rides including Dec Glow Ride – Sharon did Dec 2022 using Kidical mass insurance in Chandler's Ford. Plan for a similar ride at Easter at Fleming Park.

f) [Lindsay] Cycle code leaflets - Bikeability people hand out our cycle codes (year 6) so will chase up. Also secondary schools. Lindsay will ask Eleanor and Dilys if got Bikeability contact, and Sharon will look into secondary schools. Lyn has a few left - Lindsay 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?

g) **AGM - Mon 27th March – nominations – newsletter asap and also at start of March. [Let us know if you would like any rôle - please come along whether you want a rôle or not.](#)** Lyn and Johnnie are vaguely happy to continue as we do - but would be very to pass on to others.

h) Cllr John Savage says the Scrutiny Panel [Thurs 2nd Feb 5pm](#) is about Portswood (at Civic Centre). Likely to be first on agenda at 5.30pm. It's basically a chance to let 4 conservative cllrs know that there is support. The 4 will very likely vote against, while the 3 labour will at least get heard a bit.

John says: "Members of the public can address the meeting. Volume of quiet support is worth mentioning, particularly in light of improvement for the City and the agenda of modal shift." Can ask questions in order to speak – "Do you agree that" directed at Labour. We think it gets reported to full council? Be prepared to feel frustrated and waste of time but is worth it if you can. Lyn planning on going – please say if you can too.

On Wed (maybe 2pm) – Lyn and Ian L might take QR leaflets with petitions around Portswood shops again.

See <https://www.facebook.com/SotonCycling> for 6 posts about why these schemes do work. If you have any similar things to add, please let Lyn know.

j) [Lyn] To ask Greg:

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At end of Adelaide rd in St Denys it's a dangerous turn in as cars park (by the pet fish shop) on tight corner. How can cars be stopped parking on double yellow lines (generally) – double red lines as in London? (Came up in relation to parking on Hill Lane new cycle lanes too.)

Cycle painting with arrow needed on road in St Denys to warn that cycle slipway is coming up to left before TLW.

Weird bumpy repair in cycle lane just south of Avenue Church – is this a temporary repair? Most repairs are sooooo lovely and smooth now! Eg in central parks.

How are crossings programmed? Do some return to default if a power failure or work done on them? Some crossings will respond almost immediately unless recently called, others take ages even at non-busy times or when there were no recent calls. Some take so long even at non-busy times people have crossed by the time they activate. Are some variable for different times of day? Does there need to be an audit of the settings to ensure they are optimised or as they were planned? If we understood the variables could we help look at some of the obvious ones that could be improved?

Hill Lane new cycle lanes (which are wonderful) still have a lot of loose grit from the green tarmac that they laid on the paths so please can this be cleared up? For future, is it a green surface that maybe shouldn't be used again due to the wastage or was not enough sticky layer put down?

Parking in cycle lanes: We think Hill Lane are mandatory lanes marked with solid white lines and that since 2020 Councils have the power to fine people for driving in or parking in these much like a bus lane. Can enforcement allocate people to this? (I did photograph a car in Hill Lane and it did get a ticket.)

8. AOB - & stop press since meeting: (TAKE A ZOOM PHOTO NOW)

a) Angela – Green party approached Angela as Chair of Transition. Planning a mt about “Sustainable Transport and city living, focussing on Southampton” - with 3 presentations at end of Feb. Do we know anyone who would be a good speaker (for a potentially political meeting)? Suggested we link them with Waltham Forest campaign, who SCC liaised with – they can search for the WF cycling campaign direct, or Mandi or Clare may have contact (or ask Lyn who had contact years ago).

b) 20 mph in Polygon (and Shirley?) – on the big signs coming into town.

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

1 When warmer/lighter at 6pm: More leafletting? Where people stop, eg opposite Bellemoor pub 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 so safe to talk to them? Traffic lights in middle of town parks?

2 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/>
Cllr Eamonn K says to keep logging rides on Love to Ride, as council sees the numbers.

3 Future newsletters (if someone wants this role) 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

4 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/Peartree.
- 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.