

## Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting

Monday 13th Nov 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 with monthly), and Tony, & Carolyn if they are running a specific project. Wade = Transport Delivery Team Leader. Martina = TCF (Transforming Cities Fund lead).

SCC = So'ton City Council

CC = So'ton Cycling Campaign (us)

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

### 1. Apologies

#### Ongoing apologies

Ian R & Jez H (can't do Mondays), Hu D, Su W

#### Apologies

Pete Dar, Bethany N, Jelmer C, Sien vdP

### 2. Attendees

Lyn B, Johnnie D, Sharon M, Lindsay B, Angela C, Pete Dav, Tina D, Marty C

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

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

### 4. Past events

Monthly rides – new ride to Brook – good ride apart from barriers and semi closed-off bridge

Social – 17th Oct 7 of us had a good evening at <https://babooji.co.uk/>

Leafletting – lots of contacts made at Horseshoe Bridge where Boardwalk starts, before social – Bethany, Lyn, Lindsay, Ian R

Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Oct Kidical Mass ride – photos at <https://www.facebook.com/events/1739211683263666> Cllr Christie came and took photographs. Cllr Marie Finn been on last two and plans to come on next one.

Twitter and facebook – lots posted

If you're on Twitter, please share: @SotonCycling

Please also share fb articles and "events" [www.facebook.com/SotonCycling](http://www.facebook.com/SotonCycling)

**New So'ton Kidical Mass fb & Tw:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552109686313> & @sotonkidicalmas

Autistici Mailing list: various, eg Good article <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23846853.part-portland-terrace-southampton-close-traffic/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=111023>

& less good article (in my opinion) [https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23844975.southampton-council-plans-cut-services-hike-charges/?action=bulletin\\_click&sent\\_id=2031079909&secret=443959&ref=ebln](https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23844975.southampton-council-plans-cut-services-hike-charges/?action=bulletin_click&sent_id=2031079909&secret=443959&ref=ebln) ; Southampton Citizens' Climate Assembly by visiting the assembly online platform for sharing personal story about transport experiences in Southampton <https://engage-southampton.ac.uk/scca/get-involved>

Newsletter: Sent 6.11.23 about Nov mt with officers and Nov Road Traffic Victims day event.

Responses to queries: including new members; “fat digital” about Woolston junction with kerb confusing people; signs saying to walk through stadium cycle route; temporary crossing by the parks linked to East Park Terrace works not usable by cargo bikes;

## 5. Future events

### Future CC events:

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of month - Zoom meeting 7.20 for 7.30pm-9pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month - Ride, usually 9.45 meet-up : [www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/](http://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/) Do print our leaflet to go in bike shops, notice boards, libraries etc.

(3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of month - social – 6pm, leafletting 4.45pm.)

(Leafletting – )

**Wed 15th Nov** Arrive from 5.30 for prompt start 6pm-6.45 **with SCC officers** Greg & Carolyn. St Denys Community Centre, Priory Road, SO17 2JZ , in the biggest room (opposite the toilets) so bikes can be brought inside. We'll then have a **bring and share meal, so bring any food/drink** for snacking/nibbling/sharing. We'll bring hot drinks to share, but please bring a cup to save someone having to wash up. Our last meeting with Greg and Martina gave members a good chance to find out more, so do come along with or without questions! - - - Sharon will be late as can't leave work in time.

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup> Nov** - **1.30-2pm. World Day of Remembrance for Road Traffic Victims** <https://www.roadpeace.org/remembering-lives-lost/world-day-of-remembrance/#:~:text=The%20World%20Day%20of%20Remembrance%20for%20Road%20Traffic%20Victims%20is,on%20Sunday%2019th%20November%202023> **At East Park Terrace after ride to Manor Farm. Ideas: Wreath on a white wheel? Flowers? White bike? Draw logo from web site and “World day of .....” Send photos to Echo after with a short press release. If not on ride, meet at The Nautical Mile. Coffee after at The Nautical Mile (café in the park) (if open).**  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/721006933249531>

**Sat 25th Nov 12:00pm - 3:30pm Autumn Climate Gathering** at October Books, Portswood.

Transition Southampton would like to invite you to the inaugural Autumn Climate Gathering - a gathering of people who want to make a difference. The event is open to all individuals and groups around Southampton who are involved in working towards a greener, better Southampton and a better future for our beautiful planet.

Please RSVP here: <https://forms.gle/6Hqs7tguMGFVUaMg7>

There's no agenda, it's just an opportunity to gather, meet and share. Share our concerns (it's been a difficult year!), share our successes, and share our hopes and dreams for a better future.

So many groups around the city all work so hard, with little time and space to simply be together. So we wanted to create a space and open it up. Do come along, even if it's just for an hour. We'll have some drinks and a few nibbles. Feel free to bring a small edible contribution if you wish but it's not expected or required. We look forward to gathering, sharing, and being together.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – 3.30pm **Glow Ride** - **More marshals** always needed! Fb link  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/6293297247442309> Feeder ride from Monty's!

2024 Kidical mass rides:

3<sup>rd</sup> Mar – Spring Ride

5<sup>th</sup> May – Kidical Mass International

9<sup>th</sup> June – Bike Week

22<sup>nd</sup> Sept – Kidical Mass International (Date TBC)

Oct - TBC

Dec – TBC Glow Ride

### Other future meetings/events

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

Bike Kitchen at (ex-Zedify) Bellgrave Road Industrial Weds 7.30-9pm - <https://southamptonbikekitchen.wordpress.com/>

Monty's on Wed eves <https://www.facebook.com/MontysBikeHub> - a social enterprise and charity in Sholing supporting all things cycling.

More volunteers needed at Repair Café as bike repairers. 4 venues. <https://transitionsouthampton.org/projects-repair-cafe/>  
**Always welcome new repairers for the Portswood one.**

**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, Carolyn if they are running the scheme.

Lots of pictures, videos and feedback links here: <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/> and <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/scn>.

**For updates, look regularly at <https://transport.southampton.gov.uk> has Major Projects, Transforming Cities, Active Travel, & Public Realm Schemes.** There are too many schemes for SCC to contact us about so we do need to check this.

**Sign up for SCC emails here: <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHAMPTON/subscribers/new?preferences=true>**

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

**Yellow = active this month, so brief feedback to meeting. Do ask to join the working group if you want to know more.** Each group can speak briefly – please join working group if want more info! (You are not committing to site visits, just getting emails and reading them and looking at plans before you respond to working group co-ordinator.)

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

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

--- SCN2 **Bitterne Road East/Thornhill Park Rd** - Pete D(C), Johnnie, Eric, Lindsi, Jody, Chris T.

--- SCN3 **Bursledon Rd A3024** – Pete D (C), Eric, Jody.

--- 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, Joanne (grzy...@), 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)/Ian R, Johnnie, Lyn, Simon, Ian L, Chris. **Ian R & Johnnie met Wade on 7.10.23 at Lodge Rd junction (Ian R leading on this junction) – disputed some markings & posts, and requested an additional dropped kerb. Ian R writing report.**

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

--- 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, Chris T, Jelmer C, Jon B. **Johnnie constantly in contact about St Denys Road plans. Also on 19<sup>th</sup> Oct Carolyn from SCC contacted us - and Johnnie replied - about Horseshoe bridge. No weight restrictions on the bridge.**

--- **City Centre** – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Simon, Lyn, Johnnie, Jody, Jon B.

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

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

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

Second item in CoSS news is about the Northam Railway Bridge which has been added to the "Heritage At Risk" list. It is helpful for us to know that we can rely on CoSS support if the proposals become a reality and we need to campaign against them.

--- **Foyes Corner** - Lindsi (C), Colin, John H, Katherine, Andre, Ian R.

--- **Woolston** - Lindsi (C), Johnnie, Andre, Chris T, Pete D, Jody. <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23579405.southampton-roadworks-work-begin-woolston-crossing/?ref=ebln&nid=1092>

-- - **Oaklands/Fairisle Rd area** - Lindsi, Jim, Pete.

--- **Sports Centre** – Lyn (C), Bethany, Johnnie, Sharon, Jez, Jim, Pete, Tina, (all on WhatsApp group). (Updated detailed list of all the entrances and what is needed sent 6/8/23 to Tony & Carolyn).

--- **Mapping [& Signage]** – Angela (lead liaison with SCC), Johnnie (lead on plot-a-route), Lyn, Lindsi, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina, Pete, John F, Chris T. Ruth (SCC) now taken over and trying to find out state of play.

--- **Traffic Orders/Planning applications** - Lindsi (C), Johnnie, Jim, John H, Hugh, Eleanor, Pete & Tina, Jody. Shared with email list and comments asked for when applicable.

--- **Millbrook footbridge** – add Sien (SCC agree with us about needing ramps and are in regular contact with Network Rail about this, but as Eamonn says, can't do much.)

--- **Postcard, leaflet and banner designs** - Johnnie, Angela, John F, Lindsi, Jon B, Jez.

--- **HCC etc** (out of the city) - Jim, Eric, others.

--- **Newsletter** - Lyn and anyone who wants to contribute.

--- **NEW Kidical mass** – Jody (C), Bridie, Sharon, Marty, Ruth, Lyn, (Kate). Sharon (CC ride co-ordinator) will input Kidical dates & fb/events links for both fb Pages and both Twitter links for 2024 leaflet. **New fb & tw:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552109686313> & @sotonkidicalmas

## 7. Updates

a) [Lyn] **Contact with SCC.**

**Accessibility Forum** - Lyn went on 6th Nov (on line) and there were less people than before. Lyn made notes (see email 6.11.23). Ruth responded in advance: "I've asked about your proposal for child focused issues at the accessibility forum – Wade is keen to explore child travel and safety issues,.... a proposal for the theme for the next meeting, so we have time to produce something tangible to talk about and show forum members.

The issues with the car parks in EBC areas is outside of our remit, but will pass it onto our team to see if there is a corresponding staff member in Eastleigh that the issue can be passed to."

**Greg and Carolyn – meeting officers in person on Wed 15th Nov** – do come along! Timings as above. And social.

**Answers to last meeting's emailed questions – Greg's replies in green:**

None yet.

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

b) [Lyn] Discussion at social: <https://babooji.co.uk/> social – nothing to note.

c) [Lyn] More **leafletting** where people stop, eg a point where cyclists pause along Weston Shore at commuter time? Have banner on barrier? Traffic lights in middle of town parks? Anyone want to do leafletting? When lighter evenings.

d) [Bethany] Bethany has made a **list of Cllrs** so we know which have already had a cycle tour around routes they want to know/ places they go by car/bus. Emailed all and had 5 positive responses (yippee) and has found members to assist them. Bethany will keep the list updated. Colin M, member, has sent a separate message to his cllr.

Pat Every - Labour/Banister and Polygon - Bart F

Sam Chapman - Lib Dem/Bassett - Tina and Pete Dav

Phil Webb - Labour/Bitterne Park - Jody S

Peter Baillie - Conservative/Harefield - Pete Dar

Alex Houghton - Labour/Pear tree - Pete Dar

Victoria Ugwoeme - Woolston ward – with child too – Jody contacting and maybe with Monty's.

Other responses:

Eamonn Keogh - Labour/Pear tree - declined, regular cyclist

Katherine Barbour - Greens/Portwood - declined, regular cyclist

Sue Blatchford - Labour/Woolston – declined

e) [Lyn] People not known on Autistici list – 2 replied and removed.

JonB wants on 2 email addresses. Lyn saw Andre who said to delete one of his. So 49 on this list, about 200 on newsletter list.

Agreed: If they don't reply twice Lyn will remove from Autistici – 2 to remove who didn't reply.

Later: could check mailing list – and ask people we don't hear from to resubscribe.

f) [Lyn] Please look at web site and for updates / clarifications needed. Do we need to point to social media more from the web-site? Anything else we need to add – for new members? <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/about-us/>

g) [Sharon] Bike thefts and bike parking hubs . Sharon will summarise, to probably sent to Greg next time. Maybe a proposal of what we could do &/or send select bit of these links to Greg.

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/20596089.no-suspects-identified-half-bike-thefts-eastleigh/?ref=ebn>

<https://www.ethicalreading.org.uk/programmes/sustainability/cycle-security/>

<https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/reading-berkshire-news/new-reading-cycle-hub-given-25474927.amp>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-berkshire-63503950.amp>

<https://www.reading.gov.uk/news/new-cycle-hub-in-town-centre-gets-the-green-light/>

<https://www.bccouncil.gov.uk/news-article.aspx?title=the-dolphin-cycle-hub-officially-opens>

<https://www.spokesafe.com/dolphin-cycle-hub>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=bJjnsHif2EQ>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/sep/21/bike-theft-britain-i-showed-the-thief-the-photo-and-said-this-is-my-bike>

h) [Linds] Emailed Cllrs Eamonn, John S & Katherine B and Greg about diversions during road works. (SCC has got better but still room for improvement. Hampshire CC was awful – Redbridge Flyover.) Greg responded to Linds today that he has just been on an Active Travel England course about diversions for all users, and he will mention on Wed to us. Redbridge Flyover is still an issue – apparently recently issues again, but was fine on CC ride and earlier this week.

j) [Jody] £75 on 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of general Kidical mass leaflets and posters – paid by treasurer, Sue.

k) Consultation open <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23915164.itchen-bridge-toll-increase-council-says/?ref=ebbn&nid=1351&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=101123>

m) [Lyn] - To ask Greg:

Cycle traffic lights just north of St Mary's Leisure centre go red when vehicles are going and there's no reason for bikes not to keep going too. Please alter, as so tempting to go on red or move into car lane.

Long waits in middle of new crossing again by Cowherds. Even when a bus coming – and the bus got stopped (so lights weren't being clever and waiting for bus)

Dropped kerb is needed linking Shirley to town – to the north east of Novotel (by Southern Rd, Western Esplanade) there's a great linking path but has no dropped kerb.

Common Underpass flooding, and request for it to be gritted. Cllr Savage has worked hard on this for years and years, but still not successful. Is there grit without salt? Is a wet icy slope more dangerous – there could easily be a liability ..... (How can salt being walked on the Common be an issue when there's an A road next to it?. All road drainage goes into local streams.) If you need evidence of accidents we have it.

Saints Football Stadium – as the big lump of concrete is there, please, please can the kerb be made flush.

Timings on road works – Bellemoor Rd on corner by Upper Shirley High – doesn't give enough time to get through.

If fining vehicles yet on new bus gates – signs aren't adequate but do need to fine! Other bus gates, eg, outside Cantell etc – if they don't pay – to court?

Glen Eyre Rd – build outs with no cycle bypasses. Why aren't there cycle bypasses? Dangerous as some vehicles don't give way. Were there any plans that we could have seen? We saw plans of the roundabout lower down, but not these build-outs at the top of the road. Were the plans seen by Greg etc?

Leaves on cycle lanes & paths – still bad!

The wide pavement between Cobbett Rd & Buller Rd be made shared use – please can this be urgent action as no safe option there.

We're waiting to hear about other sports centre junctions – At Accessibility Forum, it was said that ideas are being talked about for Dale Valley Rd. We think it needs a proper traffic lighted junction with good walking and cycling links.

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

a) Johnnie – principle of cycle only phases in traffic lights – will have backlash – cycles are in a kerbed area and will have a longish wait. Are we agreeing to them as they are safe? We may walk our bikes on pedestrian phases on some junctions, or cycle with cars if not kerbed in ..... ? If there are no cyclists would the traffic light sensors notice? – as that could really annoy drivers. We have said this to Wade – **but do we say we aren't ready for this or are we? Think about it!**

b)

#### 9. Last thoughts...

New members – please speak! Do join Newsletter list to get infrequent newsletters and Autistici if want regular emails. Anyone want to offer to join a working group/take on a new role, eg social media/Instagram. Any feedback on meeting?

Next meeting – second Monday of each month (except August perhaps).

Next AGM March 2024 - 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)

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PS

1 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.

If you see a Voi incident you can report it at [Voi Scooters - Report a Voi](#)

You can sign up to get emails <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKSOUTHAMPTON/subscriber/new>

2 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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFiMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing)

3 Ian L & Lindsay – big ride next yr bike week with live music in trailer/tandem, invite cllrs, NHS, MPs, Breeze riders? Naked Bike Ride? DJ @DomWhiting – on Twitter? Breeze rides – British Cycling – south coordinator (Vicky Smith). Monty's rides. Critical Mass again?

4 **Accessibility forum** 2023 - 25th Jan & 12th July & 6th Nov (no Cycle Forum since Covid) on Teams.

5 **TO ADD TO AGM NOTES** so that all members see it annually:

Constitution - any changes since 2018? Scroll down on <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/about-us/> Any amendments need to go to an EGM or at AGM.

#### Things CC own –

Mark Brummel's small tools – Pete to offer tools to Repair Café or Monty's or Tools for Self Reliance – **giving to Ray at repair café who will find homes for it all**

Stall "stuff" - Lyn has leaflets, postcards, 2 banners, flags (CC and Kidical), bag of Kidical props, Ian L's posters, tabards.

Speakers – Ian R storing. Others have borrowed already. (We can borrow Stephen Dominy's and Bike-it Ray's.)

Design manual – Jon B.

Books - Lindsay has Mark Brummel's old books and a design manual.

Gazebo bought with Big Bike Revival £ kept at St Denys (used at Repair Cafes) - if ever needed (like Sporterium we needed one), Ruth collected on cargo bike when RCommunity Day Service was open, as they have key for container it's stored in.

We will add this list to AGM notes so we stock-check each year.

Bike Week planning needs to happen from March AGM, being confirmed at April meeting, including talks (eg wooden bikes or Wade/Greg visit), films (like Cara did?), like Bike Festival (Sharon – Feb half term)



What else do we need to check each year?

2024 AGM – constitution amendments:

2018 constitution – please let me know any other changes, and we'll amend at AGM.

Scroll down on <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/about-us/>

4.1 Full (ie on Autistici Mailing list) add the word “may” pay a fee. move “invitations”. Associate (ie on Newsletter list)

5.2 Cut “management?” Committee with treasurer? Cut secretary role

5.6.5 Cut? Meeting 10 times a year

5.6.6 Chair not chairman

6.2 Committee again

6.5 “quickly”? role of working groups - feedback to SCC and speak for CC? Committee again

6.6 If there's a controversial or major issue where the working group is speaking for the whole CC, the CC should be informed of the nature of the issue.

7 Add “annual”

7.1 AGM

7.4 quarter of “full” membership – as of now, 194 members getting “Newsletters” and 49 on Autisitca Mailing list

7.5 cut “voting”

7.6 secretary

Agreed: Working Groups announce on Autistici list that they are active, so everybody has chance to join. It's also shown in minutes. Then NO need to send to Autistici list unless big disagreements within the working party. Must be careful with confidential &/or advance info going to list. So don't send to Autistici.

Clarify (where?) that as CC we don't particularly like shared use, but sometimes it's the only option as not a blank canvas, and often it's part of a link to schools etc.