

Southampton Cycling Campaign meeting

Monday 12th Feb 2024 7.20pm for 7.30pm – 9pm 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

1. Apologies

Ongoing apologies

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

Apologies

Jelmer C, Sharon M, Pete Dar,

2. Attendees

Lyn B, Johnnie D, Andy K, Rob J, Bethany N, Pete Dav, Tina D, Angela C, Lindsy B, Sien vdP,

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

<https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/document-archive/meeting-minutes/>

Minutes agreed. Chair welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

4. Past events/emails etc

Monthly ride was made shorter due to forecast then as planned a week later – to Durley – had 2 good rides and tried different interesting café "The Hayrack".

Social Sun 28th Jan (postponed a week due to forecast) – 6 of us had a good time in The Alex.

Twitter and facebook – lots posted

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

Please also share fb articles and "events" www.facebook.com/SotonCycling

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

More "thank you" photos please for Twitter, to Pete Dar or via Lyn.

Autistici Mailing list: Messages including: "Cabinet papers indicated that the trial at Portswood Broadway would start in winter 2024/25." The scheme will see a part-time bus gate in operation from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm

[https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24094912.portswood-broadway-pedestrianisation-trial-will-go-ahead/?](https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24094912.portswood-broadway-pedestrianisation-trial-will-go-ahead/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=040224)

[ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=040224](https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24094912.portswood-broadway-pedestrianisation-trial-will-go-ahead/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=040224) ; bike camera recommendations ; may want to comment on bike racks being blocked & bus routes disrupted for no obvious reason... feedback on your experience of the 2023 Southampton Christmas Market.... ; Rushington Roundabout and Marchwood Bypass scheme.

Newsletter: not this month.

Responses to queries: Glen Eyre – had enquiry last month, and then from Bethany's cllr – Johnnie visited and fed back to Greg – discussion about how to respond; Ukrainian tall female needing a bicycle at cheap price that could take child rack (apparently sorted);

5. Future events

2nd Mon of month - Zoom meeting 7.20 for 7.30pm-9pm

3rd Sunday of month - Ride, usually 9.45 meet-up : www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/rides/ Do print our leaflet to go in bike shops, notice boards, libraries etc. Katherine leading this time.

Tues 27th Feb - social – 6pm – Dhaba 59, 59 Lodge Rd SO14 6RH. **Numbers to Bethany please.** <https://www.dhaba59.co.uk/menu>

(When lighter evenings do **leafletting** again where people stop, eg a point where cyclists pause along Weston Shore at commuter time, or Common or Boardwalk as before, with banner on barrier. Traffic lights in middle of town parks?)

Th 14th March 5-8pm drop-in Spring Climate Gathering, October Books <https://www.facebook.com/events/7814871218540086>
Agreed happy to be co-host. With Gp, FoE, Tr, SoCAN. Please lmk if you can informally represent CC – standing by poster & 30 secs on talking. Bring and share food.

Wed 20th March – Q&A with Greg & Tony (SCC officers) 5.30 for 6-7pm; 7-8pm (bring & share) food social: 8-8.30pm **AGM** at St D Community Centre Priory Road, SO17 2JZ. A good chance to find out more, so do come along with or without questions. Please bring food (labelled clearly, especially if not vegetarian or vegan), and your own cup & tub lid/plate (then no one has to wash up at the end).

Th 25th April – Tim & tbc Angela. Request from Sustainability Co-ordinator at Barton Peveril 6th College [where many Southampton students do their A levels] for event (Barton Earth Day and/or the Big Barton Give Back Day), that will celebrate and encourage sustainability and help them in supporting the UN sustainable development goals..... **a few days after Earth Day between 10am and 12.45.**There will be space for stands and a table for each attendee to display anything that they may wish to.

Lyn asked Monty's & others. Tim going as Bike Kitchen. Angela will ask/may do herself as Repair Café or Transition. **Anyone else?**

2024 Kidical mass rides: **3rd March (changed)** – Spring Ride. Please lmk if you can marshal.



5th May – Kidical Mass International.

9th June – Kidical Mass ride in Bike Week.

22nd Sept – Kidical Mass International (Date TBC). Oct – TBC. Dec – TBC Glow Ride.

WC 19th Aug - cycles4all <https://paviliononthepark.org/> Sponsored event [Pavilion to Paris 1a.png](#)[Pavilion to Paris 2a.png](#) Either people come to ride at the Pavilion on the Park, hire the bikes, do a one off donation or gain sponsorship for miles or hours cycled. (claire.holt@paviliononthepark.org email 5.2.24)

17th Nov 2024 World Day of Remembrance - do again on after monthly ride.

Free Bike Doctor – My Journey <https://myjourneysouthampton.com/events> and

<https://myjourneysouthampton.com/cycle/looking-after-your-bike/bike-maintenance-in-southampton/>

Bike Kitchen at (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 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 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.)

Location working groups:

--- 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, Lindsay, 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** – Lyn (C), Johnnie, Stephen E, Joanne (grzy...@), Angela, Lindsay, John F, Simon, Bart, Pete, Tina, Bethany.

--- SCN5 **Portsmouth Rd / Woolston** - Jody (C), Johnnie, Andre, Chris T, Pete D, Lindsay. Confidential plans seen for outside Woolston Station. Being commented on (see email 5.2.24).

--- SCN6 **Portswood/Swaythling/Stoneham Lane** - Angela (C)/Ian R, Johnnie, Lyn, Simon, Ian L, Chris. Ian R fed back to Wade about our concerns about exclusive cycle phases (Lodge Rd junction). Echo reporting... https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24056851_southampton-portswood-broadway-scheme-approved-amid-calls-insane/ & <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24094912.portswood-broadway-pedestrianisation-trial-will-go-ahead/?ref=ebln&id=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=040224> (What a difference word order makes... (doh! sloppy Echo journalists "The scheme will see a part-time bus gate in operation from 7am to 10am and 4pm to 7pm to allow better services

during peak commuter hours. It means that bus, taxis and bikes **will only** be allowed down the road during those times.") ...would start in winter 2024/25...

--- **SCN7 Bitterne Triangle** - Eleanor (C), Lindsy, 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. **J sent another update on 26.1.24 on wands and advanced release at Priory Rd.**

--- **City Centre** – Lindsy (C), Stephen E, Simon, Lyn, Johnnie, Jody, Jon B. <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24082815.drivers-still-going-portland-terrace-bus-zone/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=300124> Echo says: **More than 50 drivers have been spotted driving through a city centre bus zone, months after the scheme was introduced.** Cllr says: **"We shouldn't treat all car drivers like they are the enemy, which seems to be the case for this city council"**

--- **Eling** – John H (C), Jim, Johnnie, Ben (Waterside), others when necessary. **Ben shared response to increase in Eling Bridge toll. Discussion & feedback on the Totton by-pass works (email from Johnnie 11.1.24).**

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

--- **Northam Rail Bridge** - Lindsy (C), Lyn, (See Jan, Feb, March, June 2022 minutes as soon as we hear consultation dates. Also Nov 23 - second item in CoSS news says it's been added to the "Heritage At Risk" list - so we can rely on CoSS support if the proposals become a reality and we need to campaign.)

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

--- **Oaklands/Fairisle Rd area** - Lindsy, Jim, Pete. Communication about [A3057 Junction Improvements: Redbridge Lane/Bakers Drove & Nursling Street/Horns Drove | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport-and-roads) & our queries in 2023 (see Jim's email 23.1.24)

--- **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). **Echo emails – scheme reduced due to inflation – buildings and number of tennis courts etc. We hope Dale Valley Rd etc won't be affected. "The scheme is being financed by the government's levelling up fund, the Football Foundation, British Cycling, and the council."**

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24103662.southampton-sports-centre-pledge-deliver-overall-scope-plan/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=110224>

--- **NEW Itchen Bridge/Saltmarsh junction** – Johnnie (C), Jody, Chris T, Alistair, Lindsy. **Confidential plans seen and comments sent (email 9.2.24). Cycle only traffic lights and lanes are the main issue again. Aim and budget is National Road Safety. Site visit soon.**

Non-location working groups:

--- **Kidical mass** – Jody (C), Bridie, Sharon, Marty, Ruth, Lyn, (Kate). **Jody & Lyn had Teams call 5-2-24 with Cyclewright group planning to start up. Jody has made detailed "6,4,2,1 weeks to go" check-list.**

--- **Mapping [& Signage]** – Angela (lead liaison with SCC), Johnnie (lead on plot-a-route), Lyn, Lindsy, Jim, Stephen E, Eleanor, Eric, Tina, Pete, John F, Chris T. **Asking if can map can go on line, even if not printing it.**

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

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

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

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

7. Updates

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

SCC CEO & SCC budget update: <https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/24075330.southampton-city-councils-new-ceo-andrew-travers/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=290124>

Answers to last meeting's emailed questions – Greg's replies in red (previous replies in green):

December

Who clears abandoned bikes? Eg there's a very well locked up frame outside Waitrose on Portswood Rd that has been there ages. I am not aware of an SCC process to clear abandoned bike. There have been previous clean ups but these are adhoc with removed bikes and parts being recycled where possible. Raised with colleagues who would discuss with land owners / police about future clean up. Is the general form to place to report it? <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/potholes/other/> then "something else"? Can't see a better option. (Tried to park on High Street outside Coriander Lounge and the rack had a part of an abandoned bike on it. The next rack up also had a part-bike, but space for a bike on the other side.)- Yes that will get to the right person however I have also reached out to Police contact who would assist in the process of alerting to the removal and then doing so.

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23947376.happening-meridian-waterside-site-southampton/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=271123>

Can it be noted that when/if a new company take over, can the proposed ramp be altered as per all our previous requests! It's long unfinished business and an opportunity to improve the plans. – raised with Planning to note when development hopefully gets going again.

<https://www.dailyecho.co.uk/news/23940945.planning-approved-20-bedroom-hotel-bassett-southampton/?ref=ebln&nid=1092&u=7e746df7d2718f3b53b97b98a91c2176&date=241123>

Could we confirm there's a wide cycle route allowed for on this corner, or do we assume there is as we were told before - section 106? It is boarded off now, rather than bushes hanging over the pavement, but zero visibility as boards. – Yes widened footway secured as part of development.

Bus gate – we assume bikes would always be allowed, although it says in SCC employee email: "We will evaluate and monitor the scheme using a range of methods, such as reviewing signage. Driver behaviour will be monitored through CCTV and warning notices will be issued prior to enforcement starting (in accordance with government guidance and council policy). If there is a high level of contraventions, we will consider a bus-only restriction. Currently: Buses, Southampton licensed taxis on duty, Cyclists (not motorcycles/mopeds), Emergency vehicles, Any service vehicle, carrying out a statutory duty e.g. refuse collection, that cannot use another route and where the driver requires constant use of the vehicle.

https://transport.southampton.gov.uk/portlandterrace?fbclid=IwAR3Bhsq8fo6oJ8_YY1NdH1PrYjI7anNiA2b2QMvxs58ijlWp2E8uLzD4G0&utm_ID=&utm_medium=email&utm_name=&utm_source=govdelivery

There's obviously no other route for cycling (especially at night) so we hope "bus-only restriction" doesn't literally mean "bus-only" and no cycles. – cyclists are and will be permitted to use this route.

January

Zebra crossings do work better than traffic lights in many places – it's worked in Belmont Rd and Cemetery Rd and near Cutbush Lane. So much cheaper and much less disruption and it works. – Decisions around the crossing type factor in things like level of

ped / cycle use, passing traffic flows, passing traffic speeds, approaching visibility of crossing and what other types of crossings are already in place locally. Unfortunately, zebra crossings are not formally for cycle use however we have been using parallel crossings of late where space allows. An example of this is a crossing I am looking at on Mousehole Lane where going into design I would have liked to have achieved a zebra crossing however the current design proposed is push button due to visibility on driver approaches and driver speeds. A zebra / parallel crossing is the desired crossing when starting design as it provides the shortest delay to users, however these factors listed all play a part in determining the safest, feasible, and most appropriate facility to provide for future users.

Still not heard back from Stoneham Lane email. Another member says cycling towards Eastleigh works fine at 6.30am but doesn't work after 7am on workdays. It usually works coming back from Eastleigh to Southampton. - The original proposal was to look at improvements to the (SCN6) route between the junction and the city boundary/Hampshire shared use facility. There are various constraints that prevented us providing infrastructure that was of sufficient quality. It was subsequently discussed that we add advanced cycle lights to the Stoneham Lane arms of the junction. This was before we started using the signals widespread in the city and as there were also concerns over the impact on junction capacity it was only ever suggested for the arms of the two arms of the junction forming SCN route. Our approach several years later (and with various forms of the technology rolled out on several junctions) is to add the cycle lights to all arms of the junction we are working on when possible. The ITS equipment at the Stoneham Lane/Bassett Green junction was fully upgraded to benefit all users with on crossing detection cancelling out calls that were not being used by pedestrians who had already crossed with traffic. We have asked BBLP if there is the potential to fit cycle lights to the Bassett Green Road arms of the junction retrospectively at a low cost and await to hear. There is no further budget allocated to this work currently however we will investigate what is possible and cost so I can confirm to you next steps when we have more information.

Members are getting frustrated by the number of new advance stop cycle lights that don't work – despite us reporting them again and again. We are willing to help but it just comes up again and again that the detail on these lights is just not working. Cycles then get moaned at as cycles are getting fed up waiting. So much money must be being spent on these lights. – Understood, still working to improve with supplier. I'll provide an update when I know more. (and see below)

Bike parking was hidden by Christmas market, despite us being reassured that bike parking wouldn't be hidden. – I have spoken to our Events Team and they apologise for the loss of parking during Christmas. We are on the verge of appointing a new Service Provider to organise and manage the Christmas Market from 2024, and this provision of cycle parking was included in the agreement. Any cost to retain existing provision or temporarily relocate during event will be at cost of event organiser and not SCC. This item is also added to the items to agree in advance of event during planning meetings over course of the year.

On Burgess Rd, between Broadlands Rd and University Rd https://maps.app.goo.gl/j33zzyDwKLTLXXfB7?g_st=ic there are now construction hoardings up. Presumably there's going to be some new university building here. This is an opportunity to consider a revision of the on-road cycle lane here. Can this stretch be improved? Are you considering any improvements as part of the planning process? Yes – nothing confirmed as yet, but we are discussing opportunity to improve cycle lanes here and cycle facility through junction of Broadlands Road and Burgess Road.

Wands get damaged again and again, eg St Denys Rd. Please learn from what happened outside Avenue Church on The Avenue and just put in a more sturdy wand at the start of each set of wands. - noted

The cycle signs are still not up at the north of the station, even we saw the designs ages ago! - Cycle signage roll-out halted due to supplier issues. Progressing again now. This sign is part of the Hill Lane corridor so will be installed at same time.

Some weird signage of routes, eg Onslow Rd to stadium via Rockstone Lane is a very bizarre route to get to stadium. Could routes and signs be checked with people who cycle? There's also misleading signs near Boardwalk. – **always happy to discuss signage routes but there will normally be a reason. The signage for stadium up Rockstone is not the most direct route but due to space between buildings we were not able to provide any cycle facility on Onslow Road. Therefore the signed cycle corridor routes up Rockstone where it meets The Avenue Corridor and then continues back down Dorset Street to St Marys.**

Greg requested a catch-up so on 24/1/24 Lyn & Johnnie met Greg. We had plenty of time so were able to ask lots of questions too.

There are various confidential plans going to working party leads soon - including both ends of Itchen Bridge (Woolston Working party and a new working party).

We discussed trying glue on signs that get rotated. Screws been suggested many times before.

We discussed detection loops v new high detection. Greg may take the team to the worst examples to demonstrate how frustrating the detection is - Greg has kind-of done this before but may do a team outing.

We discussed that Glen Eyre residents did get a letter drop to a wide area and that's how the consultation for the plans were made for Glen Eyre - and why south and north ends are different. Greg has been there a lot by bike and car to meet residents since the scheme's been in.

Padwell Rd/Avenue green strip and more kerbs etc going in soon.

Stag gates east-west crossings being planned.

Inner Ring Rd roadworks for pocket park, pinch points, etc - accessibility for bikes. Map looks like cycle access will be ok but Greg will check.

Cedar Rd/Lodge Rd junction - plans done but no funding.

"A" roads being 20 mph - in theory St Denys Rd could be. In win-win zones "A" roads are part of zones.

Where parapet wall gone on St Denys Rd, the queues don't hold up the traffic - it still flows - so evidence that a cycle lane can continue all the way to the cycle slip road. Plan is that cycle lane goes most of the way. (Archer's Rd was closed with traffic going on Banister Rd and no one complained - again evidence that roadworks can prove useful in showing traffic flows.)

Carolyn & Martina now Portswood scheme – James' contact ended. Echo exaggerated protest numbers.

Greg & Tony will meet us before AGM on March 20th.

We asked Greg his opinions on CC: Greg is very happy with communication with CC so would like it to continue as it is now. i.e. after each meeting, a monthly email from CC via chair. Direct contact with working party leads to relevant officer. Ask members/people who contact us to report things on SCC website. Greg would like to continue the one hour meeting in person with him and another officer, each March (before AGM) and Sept - members would need to know they may only have one question each, and more only if time. Meetings in-between with Greg and chair/vice chair if Greg requests. Site visits when needed.

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

b) [Lyn] **Discussion at socials** – tempted to make (waterproof) signs that say “road open to” And “you'd be over the bridge by now if you were on a bike!” so if anyone feels they want to do this, do ask others (unofficially).

c) [Lyn] **AGM** is March 20th. Lyn & Johnnie have been chair/vice chair for 5 years so would be very happy to pass on to others. If carry on, will carry on as we are now. If pass on, Lyn would step back from having a role (other than helping if requested). **If anyone wishes to stand for any roles, feel free to let us know. 2023 AGM minutes are here:** <https://www.southamptoncyclingcampaign.org.uk/2023/minutes/minutes-from-march-2023-meeting-agm/>

d) [Bethany] **List of Cllrs** being kept updated of those who have had a cycle tour around routes that they want to know. Bethany has emailed individual cllrs again (who hadn't responded before), to try again to make contact before next local election in May. **Currently need people to meet cllrs in Millbrook (asap) and Coxford (in a while).**

Pete Dar: I have contacted Peter Baillie and Alex Houghton again but have not received any reply.

e) **Signs:** Sien asks whether SCC/HCC have considered using "cyclist in road" signs when they do roadworks, for example in Redbridge when they shut the cycle path and only offer a pedestrian diversion. Other UK councils that do use them. Discussed. If we see incorrect or absent signs (including Dismount signs), report as in PS at very end of here, and could suggest "Cyclists in road" signs (seen elsewhere in UK). We have recently sent the Cycling UK diversion info to SCC. And asked SCC about signage many times. Lindsi will send Cycling UK diversion to HCC.

f) **Invite** to 1.5 hr event: Southampton **Citizens' Climate Assembly – Launch Event Invitation**. "We've committed to work together with residents and businesses to tackle climate change and reach our own targets for net zero by 2035. Our Climate Assembly brought together 40 randomly selected residents in Nov/Dec 2023. These members explored issues around climate change and transport in our city to reach shared recommendations about the future of our **transport** system. We would like to invite you to hear our assembly members present their recommendations, ask questions, and listen to how we can move forward together. Thurs 7 March 16:00 – 17:30, Central Southampton, location to be confirmed RSVP: [On the ticket tailor website here](#) Our climate assembly was run in partnership with the University of Southampton, University of Oxford and public participation charity Involve. Watch this short video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HjNLpuioHCo> to see what our assembly members had to say.

Invite: [Southampton Climate Commission is recruiting](#) **Would you be interested in representing your organisation on the Commission? Apply by 31st March.** Do you live or work in Southampton and have an interest in Sustainability and Climate Change? Southampton Climate Commission are looking to expand their membership. [Southampton Climate Commission | Building consensus on Southampton's transition to Net Zero](#). They are interested in individuals that can represent their business or community group and the current minimum commitment is the quarterly main group meeting, held virtually. We will also be setting up working groups based on our 5 priority areas of retrofit, energy, ecology, transport and the circular economy. If you think this is you, please email greencity@southampton.gov.uk by 31st March 2024, with your name, organisation you represent [Imk if want to represent CC], and what you can bring to the commission (in less than 100 words). The Commission will review any submissions and confirm if your application has been successful.

g) For a laugh (or cry) - Couldn't make it up: <https://cyclingeurope.org/2024/02/10/brompton-bikes-meets-car-centric-mindsets/>

h) Sharing ideas with **Cycle Winchester**, like we did with Waterside & hopefully IoW next time. Andy & Rob share with us:

Rob: How do they get 400+ people on mass ride?

Building on a number of years of events. Had many mass rides that have all been kid-friendly. Last one was first one labelled as Kidical mass.

Once a year so one bigger one-off event.

Had 5 feeder rides – furthest one from Colden Common & Twyford. Community has developed around the feeder rides (sandwiches in Twyford pub before the ride) 125 people from that feeder ride.

Social media – around 1000 people, over 700 on fb, mailing list, insta, twitter. Posters and flyers in cafes, bike shops etc, and previously done 1000-2000 door-to-door flyers.

After-ride event: bike doctor, refreshments, talks. Kidical mass (last ride) had obstacle courses and colouring etc for children.

Each feeder ride is marshalled by 3 or 4 marshals. Then come together for in town mass ride.

Tell authorities – safety audit group. PCSO on bikes last 3 rides and they are now involved in the planning. Might need temporary road closures as victim of own success – so police support with planning now.

Q: How many are activists or regular cyclists? We want to get more people who barely use their bikes. Families come along for the social atmosphere. Many then head into cafes etc in town centre.

Q: Is Winchester council supportive? They let us use the Abbey Gardens after. Leader of City Council and others do turn up. Current MP has taken part in most. In S'ton we had Sky Ride and HSBC ride etc – but no more. Can do without sponsor. We didn't want closed roads before – the point was to use the streets. If do decide closed roads it will be light touch.

Andy: **Cycle Winchester** – meet in pub and hybrid. Main campaigning – bike theft – especially at rail station – Winchester is always in top 10 worst stations. Planning applications. Try to work with city and HCC. Strategic transport. Meeting with them next week but not expecting much.... Winchester district more widely – partly due to pressure from Cycle W. Routes in etc. Successes: supporting bike buses to schools. Twyford run an impressive Bike Bus to Winchester. Cycle W got grant for tabards and signs that people can borrow to try out Bike Bus. W cycling charter – what they want to see – now signed by 857 individuals and 85 organisations <https://winchestercyclingcharter.org.uk/> Idea was to get beyond the cyclists. Membership scheme to raise cash and engage people – so modelled on ours – a donation. About 6 discounts from cycle shops etc. Got 80 members now so got income of c£1000 a year. Issues with big development – staying neutral but if it happens making sure it adds value for cycling.

Q: Idea of charter? York have made a hefty doc. Winchester's is one page.

Q: Track fatalities/bad injuries? Southampton's are mainly lorries. Often at crossings. Someone hurt recently on NCN23 from Otterbourne. Other routes are better in some ways. People doing Twyford Bike Bus are pushing for better route. Have helped cyclists who had been injured etc.

j) **Consultation on EVs** – could say need safer bike parking more urgently and should be more of a priority???

“... public consultation on an electric vehicle (EV) charging strategy which aims to offer wider sustainable transport options, reduce carbon emissions, and improve air quality. Transport emissions from road vehicles account for approximately one third of total carbon emissions in the city and road transport is the largest source of key air pollutants. As the city grows, it is crucial to embrace new technologies and strategies to mitigate the impact of emissions.

Approximately 16,500 homes are expected to be built by 2040 to accommodate the anticipated increase in Southampton's population, so adopting a comprehensive and forward-thinking EV charging strategy is of utmost importance. The council recognises the role of electric vehicles in combatting climate change and reducing pollution alongside the implementation of active travel and public transport initiatives. By encouraging and facilitating the uptake of EVs, Southampton aims to build integrated transport solutions that address the diverse needs of its residents.

*Southampton residents and businesses are invited to provide their **feedback, suggestions, and concerns** to help shape the final electric vehicle charging strategy [via this link](#) before the closing date on Monday 18 March 2024.”*

k) [Jelmer/Lyn] **Bike thefts and bike parking hubs:** please read and we can edit and send to Greg next month. Could do a presentation at council or?

Secure bike parking in So'ton.

Bike theft in Southampton is a huge issue: around 5000 (?? verify - from hearsay) bikes get stolen each year, which puts people off using their bikes for travelling around the city. Theft happens everywhere: from people's garages and sheds, at flats without secure storage space and also out and about, even in clear daylight on a busy shopping streets.

Endorsing cycling is great, but with the high value of e-bikes and (e-)cargo bikes that are ideal for shopping trips, people are very reluctant to leave their precious bikes behind in the open. Even the best locks do not seem to stop thieves, is the unfortunate reality. Encouraging people to cycle without the worries of theft could be achieved through secure bike parking at some key locations in town, ideally with a more pro-active approach by the police to focus on organised crime (gangs) that focus on bicycles. Some solutions that Southampton Cycle Campaign endorses, will be addressed below.

Secure bike parking is quite common in some countries like Netherlands and Denmark, especially near train stations, big shopping centres and flats. It has also been introduced in various British towns such as Reading: <https://www.ethicalreading.org.uk/programmes/sustainability/cycle-security>. A great inspiration is the world's biggest secure bike parking near Utrecht Central Station: <https://www.utrecht.nl/wonen-en-leven/verkeer/fiets/fiets-stallen/fietsenstalling-stationsplein-utrecht-grootste-ter-wereld/> that also provides bike rental, service and even an underground cycle lane.

New developments such as West Quay, restaurants and cinemas around Western Esplanade, theatre and gallery around Guildhall Square would be ideal places to provide bike hubs, either manned or automated. A lot of these new developments have car parking as integral part in the design, whereas bicycle parking is either not thought of or only added as a quick after thought.

Local governments could and should provide guidance to developers on that matter.

Bike security at older flats can be increased without people having to take their bikes into their homes by providing secure bike parking with only access for residents and permanent security cameras installed. New residential high rise development and flats should always provide residential storage boxes at ground floor level or basements. This is not very common in the UK unfortunately.

When space and budget are limited, creative solutions could be thought of such as using premises near or on shopping streets that can be converted, such as in Reading (<https://www.getreading.co.uk/news/reading-berkshire-news/new-reading-cycle-hub-given-25474927.amp>) and Poole (<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/news-hub/news-articles/the-dolphin-cycle-hub-officially-opens>, <https://www.spokesafe.com/dolphin-cycle-hub>) where a parking and maintenance hub are combined.

Funding for the bike hubs in Reading and Poole was obtained from the Department for Transport (DfT) or the council's Department for Transport's Active Travel Fund. Collaboration with shop owners and businesses like supermarkets is strongly advised as they would generally benefit from a wider (fixed) customer base when secure cycle parking is provided. The same applies to train stations where people generally don't feel comfortable to leave their bikes overnight or for long periods of time due to the risk.

Southampton Cycling Campaign very much welcomes the opening of secure bike hubs and offers its support in coming up with suggestions for locations and how the bike hubs could be organised.

[Add that flats need individual secure places as shared ones aren't safe – eg 2 friends - & also cargo bike spaces.

Could do a presentment to council?]

More info:

https://www.cyclinguk.org/cycle-magazine/justice-cycle-theft?utm_source=cycleclips&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_campaign=magazine-content&utm_content=justice-cycle-theft#msdyntrtid=qsTvblRgcuhLkFCY3VGCjIG3IN3VebQSk5R-VXNp-ls

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

<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.bpcouncil.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>

I) For AGM. Add things we own to AGM minutes so that all members see it annually.

Things CC own – update/stock-check each AGM:

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

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

Design manual – Jon B (out of date?).

Books - Lindsy has Mark Brummel's old books and a design manual (even more out of date?).

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.

Anything else?

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), linking up with other local groups (2023/4 linked with Waterside, Cycle Winchester & CycleWight).

Is there anything else we need to check each year?

2024 AGM – constitution amendments - any other changes needed since 2018? Scroll down on

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

To be amended at AGM as below unless any other edits noted before March meeting.

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 plans to Autistici.

Where should we have list of clarifications etc, eg: 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.

m) [Lyn] - To ask Greg:

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Is the map going to go on-line even if not paper copy?

Is Echo correct that Sports Centre scheme cuts only affecting buildings and tennis courts? Please let us know when we can be involved etc.

Stoneham Lane - a neighbour has raised safety issues re the 2 lanes of traffic (he is also concerned about speeding). Who deals with safety issues please?

On Glen Eyre Road can we suggest again that there are Cycle Priority signs.

Can we join you to visit to review the worst traffic lights (as suggested when we met you) – asap please?

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

a) Lindsy has had response to Fol wait times at pedestrian and toucan crossings – ones where you cross part-way then wait then cross next bit then wait. Thomas Lewis Way, Bitterne Triangle, etc. (We did ask Greg last month if they get audited and if they get reset.) Other cities have maximum times.

b)

c)

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

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/>

My Journey: [Contact Us](#) | [My Journey Southampton](#)

CLLrs: [Your Councillors](#) | [Southampton City Council](#)

Abandoned bikes, especially on bike racks: <https://www.southampton.gov.uk/travel-transport/report-issue/potholes/other/> then “something else”

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

3 Ian L & Lindsy – 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? See notes from Cycle Winchester on Feb 2024 minutes.

4 **Accessibility forum** 2023 - 25th Jan & 12th July & 6th Nov (no Cycle Forum since Covid) on Teams. Then none due to budget issues.