

# Monday 13th May 2024 meeting

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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), 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, Simon W (can't do Mondays); Hu D, Su W

Apologies

Bethany, Sien vdP

## 2. Attendees

Lyn B, Johnnie D, Daniel B, Katherine B, Angela C

## 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 & communications

Monthly ride – a good ride to Titchfield Village – thanks Lindsy for leading this new ride with a lovely coffee stop.

Tues 23rd April – good chat at social at Beards & Boards.

Th 25<sup>th</sup> April – Tim went to Barton Earth Day to represent us and Bike Kitchen: “The event at Barton Peveril went well. Thanks for the SCC banner and leaflets. I wore the tabard - very good for putting items in the large pocket. There seems to have been a reasonable amount of interest.”

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May – Kidical Mass International weekend – thanks to the 10 marshals plus front rider! From Guildhall Sq to St James Park event. Rainy but over 50 people, with lots of children riding own bikes.

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)

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

@sotonkidicalmas Jody is doing a great job.

More “thank you” photos please for Twitter, to via Lyn.

Anyone else willing to share things on Twitter, fb or start Instagram??? Please? Thanks Bethany for taking over from Pete Dar – thanks Pete for setting up and posting for a few years!

Autistici Mailing list: Various including “Takes a few minutes to let MPs know about your experiences of LTNs ahead of a petition debate on 20 May” - going straight to debate with just 15,000 signatures, the attempt at being a balanced petition was pretty loaded, so hope they look at the positive responses properly;

Newsletter: will do before bike week – anything to Lyn before Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Responses to queries: none

## 5. Future events

2<sup>nd</sup> Mon of month - Zoom meeting 7.20 for 7.30pm-9pm (**maybe different** due to Bike Week – tbc)

**Social - Tues 14<sup>th</sup> May** – “Chasing the Sun” bike film at Harbour Lights. Meet 7ish for pizza/drink and hand out leaflets etc before film. Kidical mass route chat at 6.45pm.

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> June** - Fossilheads Climate Crisis Cabaret at Arch 4, Arches Studios, along with some local music.

**Can anyone do a stall? Lyn will be there** doing another stall.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/291898693934902>

**Sun 9<sup>th</sup> June** – Kidical mass ride – please say if you can marshal or do just come along!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1125026342083805>

**June Bike Week socials** – Sun 9th noon & Fri 14th 6pm – more info see below.

BIKE WEEK – June - see below.

World Naked Bike Ride is also in June! A Friday eve.

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.

When lighter evenings do CC (& kidical) **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? **Park run?**

WC 19<sup>th</sup> 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)

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

[Wed ....Sept – Q&A with Greg & ..... (SCC officers) 5.30 for 6-7pm; 7-8pm (bring & share) food social; at St D Community Centre Priory Road, SO17 2JZ. A good chance to find out more, so do come along with or without questions. You may only have one question each, and more only if time. 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).]

17<sup>th</sup> 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, 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** – Lyn (C), Johnnie, Stephen E, Joanne (grzy...@), Angela, Lindsi, John F, Simon, Bart, Pete, Tina, Bethany.
- SCN5 **Portsmouth Rd / Woolston** - Jody (C), Johnnie, Andre, Chris T, Pete D, Lindsi.
- SCN6 **Portswood/Swaythling/Stoneham Lane** - Angela (C), Ian R, Johnnie, Lyn, Simon, Ian L, Chris. Steering Group meet on 16th May with Johnnie representing CC. Q: will the new trial version will include the extra disabled spaces, or will these be on the extra bit of Portswood Rd now not included in the closure? Safety for peds & cyclists on the bus-only bit by Trago Lounge, which cars do use. Needs continuous crossing? Generally – could add more pedestrian sequences to all the lights at cross-roads at junctions.
- 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. J sent another update on 26.1.24 on wands and advanced release at Priory Rd.
- **City Centre** – Lindsi (C), Stephen E, Simon, Lyn, Johnnie, Jody, Jon B.
- **Eling** – John H (C), Jim, Johnnie, Ben (Waterside), 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. 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** - Lindsi (C), Colin, John H, Katherine, Andre, Ian R.
- **Oaklands/Fairisle Rd area** - Lindsi, Jim, Pete. C
- **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). Tony said "I've asked the Sports Centre project team for a response to your query. I am reviewing the transport schemes related to the project and will be back in touch with you after the election."
- **Itchen Bridge/Saltmarsh junction** – Johnnie (C), Jody, Chris T, Alistair, Lindsi. No updates since election.

#### Non-location working groups:

- **Kidical mass** – Jody (C), Bridie, Sharon, Marty, Ruth, Lyn, (Kate).
- **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) is trying to get the map on line, but the Key wasn't made by Pindar. In theory could we add to existing maps?
- **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.
- **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.

## 7. Updates

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

From Councillor Lorna Fielker, Leader of the Council, on document written by Southampton Cycle Campaign about the big issue of bike theft and vandalism in Southampton. "The collective efforts of Cllrs Savage and Bunday will get back to you."

### Answers to last meeting's emailed questions – Greg's replies in green.

No reply from Greg – probably partly due to election.

Q:

Bike thefts doc attached. (Also sent to Cllrs J Savage & EK & council leader LF & Ruth for Accessibility forum).

BEFORE Itchen Bridge shuts over the summer, will there be targeted promotion of active travel?

LEAFLET/POSTER/MESSAGING: We offer to draft a poster/leaflet and hand it out at the toll booth queues, if not being done already. (If SCC print & give us permission to hand out.) Poster could be displayed in toll booths. Active travel options message on all the big electronic signs. SCC e-mails bulletins. Eg "Summer is the time to try cycling or walking over the bridge". Vouchers to try scooters and bikes on the leaflet? Repair shop link for "old bikes needing to be fixed before the bridge closes". Bike shops. Montys. Bike doctors.

BUSES: Will buses have bus lanes to speed them up moving to other bridges? Promote buses (& the £2 bus fare) from other side of bridge? Can people get buses from close to Bridge, before Ocean Village? How frequent into town? In London a £1.85 ticket is valid for an hour so you can switch buses – could people have a ticket to town that stops at Woolston but then continues other side of bridge? (& also useful for other people who have to go into town to change – so journeys cost £4. Lucky if have direct long bus – and half the price. London tickets valid for hour make so much fairer.)

PAVEMENTS: Will both pavements on the bridge be open? Allowed to cycle on both pavements? Thought about one side for walking & one for cycling, or one way pavements? More Voi scooters/electric bikes on Woolston side of bridge in mornings/rush hour times?

TRAIN: Woolston train – is it one an hour still or will the Brighton train be stopping at Woolston by July? Publicise train especially if 2 an hour.

Before starting Lover's Lane work – there's a stream constantly over path (mid-way past actual university site) and path seems dipped. Also at entrance to Common at end of Khartoum Rd the puddle is pretty constant and has big dips so is dangerous.

Following on from Accessibility forum, they said on the Sustrans report ... looking at potential new areas for funding and identifying new radial routes. Could we be consulted? Also on cycle awareness for bus drivers?

February Q3,4,5 not answered yet:

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.

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

Lindsay contacted Cllr Keogh about incorrect info in the Echo about e-scooters. He replied that he would get the team to contact the police to clarify, as worrying that Hampshire Constabulary don't seem to know the regulations.

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

b) [Lyn] **Discussion at socials** – Kidical mass and social media issues.

c) [Stephen] **Please email Stephen any Bike Week events that you are happy to run.**

Johnnie looked at the bike leader training at <https://www.cyclinguk.org/news/cycling-uk-launches-new-online-ride-leader-training-course-member-groups> but implies you do have to pay unless through CTC. Daniel & CTC are trying to get more people trained up. Johnnie might be persuaded.....

Stephen putting rides on Let's Ride site, and contacted Jez, & Greg about a talk. Jez has an event in Bike Week and Greg has vaguely agreed to a Q&A session.

tEC offering talks on air quality (focus on wood burners) – Angela followed up, but won't happen in Bike Week.

Previous Bike Week ideas:

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, CTC)

Monty's

**Bike Week 9 - 16 June 2024 Draft Programme** – thanks Stephen

**Sun 9 June:** Kidical Mass Ride. Meet at 10.15 for 10.45 departure from Guildhall Square, and ending at the Hawthorns on the Common. See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1125026342083805>

**Sun 9 June,** 12 noon: Social get-together for new members and those interested in the Southampton Cycle Campaign or local cycling issues – meet outside the Hawthorns Café on the Common. Bring picnic food and drink if you would like, plus your bike so we can go for a short ride. Lyn, our Chair, will be there to chat with everyone. The Hawthorns will be our fallback if it rains.

**Mon 10 June?** at 7.30? (TBC by Greg): Talk and Q & A with Greg Churcher (or one of the SCC transport team about cycling schemes/issues) at St Denys Community Centre, Priory Rd (bottom of Horseshoe Bridge). This will replace our usually monthly campaign meeting.

**Tues 11 June,** 6pm: Ride to Hamble for a pub stop at The Victory. Meet at the Bandstand, Palmerston Park (or Southampton Sailing Club on Weston Shore 6.30 approx) and don't forget to bring your lights! Leader: Hugh Davis

**Fri 14 June** 6pm: Social get-together for new members and those interested in the Southampton Cycle Campaign or local cycling issues – meet outside the Hawthorns Café. Bring picnic food and drink if you would like, plus your bike so we can go for a short ride. Lyn, our Chair, will be there to chat with everyone. If the weather is bad we will decamp to Harbour Lights.

**Sat 15 June:** Learn to Ride and bike skills with Jez Hart at St James Park Summer Festival (10am – 2pm)

**Sun 16 June**, 9.45 for 10am start: Cycle Campaign bike ride to Braishfield starting from the Chilworth roundabout at the top of the Avenue. Our regular family friendly rides take place on the 3rd Sunday of each month and are usually no more than 20 miles.

**Please also note: Monty's Bike Hub**, Stanford Court, Scout HQ, Sullivan Rd, Southampton, SO19 0QX <https://montybikehub.org>: Mon: Toddler's bikes; Tues: Adult social ride; Weds: Adult bike workshop 6-8pm; Thurs: Ladies ride; Thurs: Youth bike workshop; Fri: Pump track

d) [Angela] Portswood **Steering group** – this is relevant to all, especially due to **how SCC choose to do Steering groups** and who can be on etc – previously in St Denys/Glen Eyre. Johnnie representing CC on steering group.

e) [Bethany] **List of Cllrs** being kept updated of those who have had a cycle tour around routes that they want to know. Hopefully the Cllrs in Millbrook, Coxford, & Pete Dar's two have had tours. Now it's after the election, Bethany will contact any new cllrs.

f) [Lindsj] Next time:

No response yet 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. See email 16.2.24.

"I recently agreed to submit Cycling UK's standards for roadworks to Hampshire CC and ask that the highways dept and contractors should as far as possible implement these recommendations whenever road works are undertaken. I have not been able to locate Cycling UK's standards but I have found the new TfL guidance. I haven't yet had a chance to read it as it's 44 pages long, but I notice that Reading Cycling Campaign has asked Reading Council to adopt it. It would be helpful if anyone interested in this matter could have a look at the TfL recommendations. If there is general agreement with the TfL guidance, we could ask SCC and HCC to consider adopting it."

Jon B: Sustrans have some guidelines for NCN routes

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/for-professionals/infrastructure/temporary-diversions-of-national-cycle-network-routes/>

Lyn: <https://x.com/activetraveleng/status/1771464328882868591?t=sUtqySbTMne93cUJaGA2Ug&s=08>  
Manchester's zebra crossings

We have asked Greg to meet up about traffic lights, as suggested when we last met with him.

g) [Lyn] David has edited **web page**, & Lyn then spotted lots more (sent 16/4), so please take a look as should all be up to date now! Thanks David. (check "join" page & if anything else needs changing due to constitution use of "member" "supporter" etc.)

h) Daniel, the new chair of Southampton CTC, introduced himself at start. He met others at Kidical mass ride. Daniel has lots of plans and ideas. He has met the Head of Public Relations at Uni of Southampton – third biggest employer in the city - and they are about to look at their transport strategy, active travel etc. Daniel is hoping to link up with Adam Tewksbury (from uni). (Maybe our Cycle Codes could go up in bike sheds – as agreed many years ago.) Also Danile told us about the Cyclist Welcome Scheme that will give accreditation for cafes etc if bike friendly (place to hang wet clothes, will fill water bottle, cycle stands, etc). He is linking with Sotonia too – they have very active youth section. Breeze – shorter slower rides.

Daniel is keen to forge links between all the Southampton cycling tribes!

Discussion included: Southampton University Cycling Group. Both universities. Big employers! Parking is such an issue for uni and hospital. Now can't put bikes in student houses. But more private halls now – do they have secure bike parking? Any expectations for this? Planning applications do have to have cycle parking. Students and others could do with secure on-road bike parking – other cities have these in single parking spaces. Not secure if others have keys anyway.

Hospital cycling group – Marty - BUG?

Monty's – short rides.

Kidical – slower shorter.

Eastleigh and New Forest assisted bike groups - probably slower and shorter.

Lyn asked Jody if made a list of groups & if Marty in a hospital group.

Daniel came to meeting with no expectations but happy and learnt lots! Would love to see more CTC members marshalling Kidical mass etc and will promote. Will come to our meetings when can and is now on autistic list. Thanks Daniel!

p) [Lyn] - **To ask Greg:**

Shipping containers still on Woodcote Rd – are these allowed to be like parked cars? Should these ones have been there this long? Less safe as there!

Grosvenor Sq is still shut to cycles but we don't understand why – will it be opened again asap?

No signage at Redbridge station other than "Southampton" – needs sign to Totton/New Forest/SCN cycle route etc. Or needs "All directions - SCNx north & south".

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

- a)
- b)
- c)

**9. Last thoughts...**

New members – please speak! Should be on supporter mailing list to get infrequent newsletters. Join Autistici if want regular emails and be a "member".

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 2025 - St Denys Community Centre, Priory Road, SO17 2JZ - big room available on Wednesdays

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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/>

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](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lxbske6W_sFIMFe_x-r5dcPxxNM_2gUZBnFNpiNEeNo/edit?usp=sharing)

3 Ian L & Lindsa – big ride next yr bike week with live music in trailer/tandem, invite cllrs, NHS, MPs, Breeze riders? Naked Bike Ride? Breeze rides – British Cycling – south coordinator (Vicky Smith). Monty's rides. Critical Mass again? See notes from Cycle Winchester on Feb 2024 minutes. Or just wait for DJ @DomWhiting to visit again. (His route was worked out with ..... and we were happy it included Portswood.)

4 **Accessibility forum** (no Cycle Forum since Covid19) 2023 - 25th Jan, 12th July & 6th Nov on Teams.  
2024 – 14th March (Johnnie),

5 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.